

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2021

SAT 00:00 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqz9)

The Red Planet
20. Return to the Moon
Captain Jet Morgan and his crew must battle to outrun the Martian Spheres in their bid to escape...

Conclusion of Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beeby

John Cazaban Various

Announcer/Various David Jacobs

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00j4hsc)

So Bad It's Good

Dominic Arkwright, Bidisha, Toby Young and Safraz Manzoor

discuss bad taste and guilty pleasures. From March 2009.

SAT 01:00 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b042m3e2)

5. Appointment in Zurich

The 'King of Diamonds' stays in Amsterdam, whilst Galbraith chases the 'Queen of Hearts'.

A quiet retirement still eludes veteran detective Bill Galbraith. His criminal mastermind foe, Cater, sets an intricate plan in motion.

Starring Bernard Hepton as Galbraith, Richard Davies as Tom Evans, Tom Watson as Cater, Peter Dineley as Gelder, Eva Haddon as Anne-Marie, Francis Jeater as Betty Van Druen, Peter Hawkins as Lander, Cyril Shaps as Lindemanns and Bruce Alexander as Milne.

Robert Barr also wrote TV scripts for the BBC's Z Cars and

Softly Softly, as well as being a prize-winning TV producer.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.

SAT 01:45 Rumpole for the Defence (m000s3nd)

Rumpole and The Boat People 2/3

The fearsome wife continues to persecute Rumpole's fat, while he delves into marital murder by the sea. Read by Leo McKern.

SAT 02:00 The Muse by Jessie Burton (b07k0m84)

Episode 10

When on a summer's day in 1967, Odelle Bastien climbs the steps of the Skelton gallery in London to take up a position as typist, she little realises how significantly her life is about to change. For there she meets the glamorous and enigmatic Marjorie Quick, who soon takes Odelle into her confidence and encourages her to pursue her dream of writing. But Odelle senses there is something that Quick is holding back, and when 'Rufina and the Lion', a lost Spanish masterpiece is brought to the gallery, Odelle begins to suspect that the mystery behind the painting's origins and her mentor's secrecy may be somehow connected.

The truth about 'Rufina and the Lion' lies in 1936 and a large house in rural Spain, where Olive Schloss, the daughter of renowned art dealer Harold Schloss and his beautiful but fragile wife Sarah, is harbouring artistic ambitions of her own. When artist and revolutionary Isaac Robles and his half-sister Teresa come into their lives, passion, art, and politics collide, with explosive and devastating consequences for them all.

Weaving between events in 1967 and those of 1936, a powerful story of love, obsession, identity, authenticity and deception unfolds in this highly anticipated new novel from Jessie Burton, author of the best-selling The Miniaturist.

Written by Jessie Burton

Abridged by Doreen Estall

Read by Martina Laird

Read by Jessica Raine

Produced by Heather Larmour

SAT 02:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08lk3jk)

1960. Lost and Found

By Anne Tyler dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz.

Episode 5 - 1960, Lost and Found

The ragged marriage of Michael and Pauline is further strained by the extreme actions of a difficult teenage daughter.

CAST:

Pauline (older) Sara Stewart

Michael (older) Ian Porter

Narrator Barbara Barnes

Lindy Sarah Ridgeway

Cabbie Nicholas Murchie

Becoming Finlay Robertson

Destiny Chetna Pandya

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017

SAT 02:30 Fixing A Hole (b00b1nrb)

The life and times of the great British roadworks, and those

who dig and despair of them.

Reporter Sara Parker travels from Cumbria to London via the M25 seeking those for whom a freshly-dug hole in the road is a wonder and a delight but a source of desperation for road users and dwellers.

Copenhagen Street is allegedly Britain's most dug-up thoroughfare. It's in North London, and is regularly the subject of the attentions of gas, electricity and cable TV folk who just

love to trouble its tarmac. Reporter Sara Parker hails a taxi on Copenhagen Street, where its driver actually lives and feels the rock-and-roll ride across the patchwork quilt of the capital's roads with an expert's commentary in her ears. Meanwhile, in the depths of a Lake District winter, Sara goes out on call with the boys from the blackstaff as they try to keep the hilly roads from cracking in the frost and being washed away by torrents. She joins the men training to dig a decent hole at a hole-in-the-road training centre whose instructor in his spare time loves nothing more than ballroom-dancing the night away while Strictly come digging by day. And out on the M25, the cones are out in force to protect the workforce from the speeding traffic.

Produced by Simon Elmes.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 03:00 Don Taylor - The Jacobean Box (b01gjybr)

Shakespearean academic, Brian Blake, receives a message that a large item awaits his collection at a remote northern station.

He little suspects that it could lead to his own literary immortality...

Don Taylor's drama stars Stephen Moore as Brian Blake, Peter Vaughan as the Station Master, Michelle Newell as Penelope, Steve Hodson as Ackroyd and Teresa Gallagher as Mary.

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

SAT 04:00 Say the Word (b00764r2)

Episode 3

Frank Delaney's panel game revolving around the English language.

From the Cheltenham Festival of Literature, Gloucestershire. With Pam Ayres, Adam Hart-Davis, Sue Limb and John Julius Norwich.

Plus resident jesters - the Nimmo Twins

Producer: Simon Elmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

SAT 04:30 The Sit Crom (b00ly7z6)

The General Inspection

Cromwell arrives, weeps and investigates as well he might since Father Francis has donned a night shirt and taken to the roof leads singing Ave Maria.

Mercy's disguise is revealed, Father Francis is perplexed in his hole, Tobias denigrates the vegetables, Arise Higgs and his platoon are billeted on Firebasket Hall and Gazebo has lethal orders.

Sue Limb's six-part comedy set during the English Civil War.

Sir John Firebasket Joss Ackland

Lady Anne Firebasket Denise Coffey

Tobias Thynne Clive Merrison

Mercy, alias Melissa Miriam Margolyes

Father Francis Nickolas Grace

Gazebo Fogg Jack Klaff

Captain Arise Higgs Alun Armstrong

Posthumous Nicky Henson

Counter Tenor Peter Hayward

Cromwell Bert Parnaby

Colonel Thundery Peter Howell

Music by Colin Sell.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

SAT 05:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00xppb0)

Series 3

"It's A Family Affair"

Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham.

While attempting a bit of spring cleaning, Adam discovers a bundle of long lost love letters addressed to his late Mum - and they're definitely not from his Dad.

Adam Lenny Henry

Rudy Larrington Walker

Richie Joe Jacobs

Tasha Natasha Godfrey

Clifton Jeffery Kissoon

Doreen Claire Benedict

Written by Paula Hines

Script Edited by Danny Robins

Produced by Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000s171)

Gemma Arrowsmith: Emergency Broadcast

A sketch show from The Now Show's Gemma Arrowsmith Gemma Arrowsmith presents a lockdown sketch show, trapped inside Broadcasting House. With Tom Crowley, Adam Courting, Hugh Dennis & Susan Harrison.

Gemma Arrowsmith, a familiar voice on The Now Show and

BBC One's Tracey Breaks the News, presents her very own

sketch show, while trapped in Broadcasting House.

Written by and starring Gemma Arrowsmith, with Tom

Crowley, Adam Courting, Hugh Dennis and Susan Harrison.

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production

SAT 06:00 Van der Valk - King of the Rainy Country (b01p6tkh)

A handsome middle-aged millionaire disappears - along with a naked girl. Amsterdam's Commissaris Van der Valk tracks them across Europe.

Nicolas Freeling's award-winning novel dramatised by Philip Martin.

CAST:

Van der Valk Martin Jarvis

Anne-Marie.... Jackie Smith-Wood

Canisius Michael Fitzgerald

Arlette Sunny Ormonde

Lira Roger Hume

Heinz Stossell Alan Devereux

Miss Kramer Gillian Goodman

Commissaris Geoff Serle

Serrailleur Leon Tanner

Wollek Simon Carter

Doctor David Vann

Director: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b07875z7)

Series 39

Sudha Bhuchar chooses the life of Zohra Sehgal

She was known as 'the grand old lady of Indian cinema' who starred in many Bollywood films famous in India, but not at first in Britain. We got to know her best in her later years when Zohra Sehgal starred in the TV series - 'The Jewel in The Crown' and films such as 'Bend it like Beckham'. When interviewed aged 101 and asked what she had enjoyed most in her life she said 'Sex, sex and more sex'.

Nominating this week's Great Life is actress and playwright

Sudha Bhuchar who along with the expert witness, Film Historian Lalit Mohan Joshi, tell the presenter Matthew Parris, how Sehgal broke boundaries to become the first Indian actor to have an international career.

The producer is Permitter Khatkar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (b0075wz8)

Series 2

Episode 4

Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game with Gyles Brandreth, Hugh Dennis, Jeremy Hardy and Arthur Smith. From February 2000.

SAT 08:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0080jmp)

Series 1

Episode 1

Dr Strabismus sets a trap for a mouse, Colonel Wretch gets a visit from Hercules the Mighty, and Mr Justice Cocklecarrot encounters the notorious 12 red-bearded dwarfs for the first time.

Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions and Patricia

Routledge recreate the world of the JB Morton.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 - JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

SAT 09:00 Listening to Les Dawson (b03b2n4d)

Ray Peacock is joined by Ken Dodd, Neil Innes, Lee Mack, Robin Ince, Gillian Reynolds and David Nobbs, introducing rare interviews, routines and programmes including In The Psychiatrist's Chair, Les reading his own novel, Come Back With the Wind, Marriott's Monologues, Whirligig and Listen To Les.

Producer: Laura Baron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in Sept 2013.

SAT 12:00 The Jack Benny Program (m000s8kv)

Return to Paradise

Jack and friends interpret a Hollywood classic set in the South Seas.

On radio, The Jack Benny Show ran from February 1932 to May 1955. From that date, new shows were produced for television but there were re-runs on radio until 1958. Over the years, the programme was sponsored by a diverse range of products from jelly, to tyres and cigarettes.

With a fine cast of supporting players Benny made his show into one of the all-time great radio comedies, portraying him as likeable character, despite being vain, argumentative and a skinflint. It's classic comedy that stood the test of time.

With Eddie Anderson as the irrepressible Rochester, Mary Livingstone, Dennis Day, The Sportsmen Quartet, announcer Don Wilson and orchestra conducted by Bob Crosby.

First broadcast on the CBS Radio Network in September 1953.

SAT 12:30 Boswell's Lives (b0741lv3)

Series 2

Boswell's Life of Muhammad Ali

Banned from boxing and in the wilderness, can Boswell help Muhammad Ali out of it and make 'The Greatest - Greatest?' Jon Canter's sitcom sees James Boswell become a time-travelling biographer - doing for other celebrities what he did for Dr Johnson.

James Boswell Miles Jupp

Muhammad Ali Lenny Henry

Boxing Commentator Ewan Bailey

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b08k15lh)

Seventy Years in the Planning

Will Self walks the London green belt in search of the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act which optimistically tried to end the post-war British conflict between field and city.

He retraces a countryside ramble he took with his father, the journalist, town planner and political scientist Peter Self - a leading exponent of the principles enshrined in the '47 Act. Will argues that the public consensus to build a New Jerusalem has

been squandered in the past seventy years, leading to the present day housing crisis.

He goes back to first principles and argues that the offer made in 1947 by the Minister of Town and Country Planning, Lewis Silkin to build a better Britain is as relevant today as it was then. Will says that if it was an opportunity missed, then the fault doesn't lie exclusively with the planning system, rather with our lack of desire to make the planning system work.

Producer: Andrew Carter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

SAT 14:00 On the Hour (b007k3g0)

Series 1

Episode 1

From disasters and corruption to beachcombing and medical mayhem.

All the news as it happens, if it happens.

Plus all the sport from Alan Partridge

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.

With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.

Editor: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

SAT 14:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00nvwg8)

Series 3

Episode 1

Perrier Award-winning comedian Laura Solon presents her third series of sketches, monologues and one-liners.

With characters ranging from infuriating call-centre staff, drunk mothers intent on ruining everyone else's Christmas and recently deposed ex-soviet tyrants trying to settle in the British suburbs, Laura Solon continues to turn the things that most irritate us all into sharply observed and occasionally surreal comic gems.

Laura is joined once again by Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond.

Produced by Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

SAT 15:00 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b007jvkb)

Episode 1

The Urban Warrior clambers on to his soapbox to impart more undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and guidance.

The comedy and music mix includes a cure for apathy, if he can be bothered.

Written by and starring Simon Munnery.

With Peter Serafinowicz.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in February 1995.

SAT 16:00 Van der Valk - King of the Rainy Country (b01p6tkh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b07875z7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Red Moon (m000s8kx)

Phase 2: Umbr

Uncertain who to trust, former MI5 agent Eddie Slopers' clandestine investigation draws him into the shadows. Stars Philip Bulcock.

An alternative-history, Cold War thriller, where American and Soviet Moon bases aim their nuclear missiles at targets across the planet.

Winner of Best Online Audio Drama at the BBC Audio Drama Awards, 2019.

CAST:

Eddie Slopers Philip Bulcock

Dr Susan Madison Yasmine Holness-Dove

Quirke Joe Riley

Murray Greg Page

Benji/Lou/Mystery Caller Richard Reed

Margaret Thatcher Georgina Periam

Embassy Receptionist Sarah Whitehouse

Lieutenant-General Atherton William Hope

Music composed and performed by Francesco Quadraruopolo. Story by Jack Bowman and Robert Valentine.

Written, directed and produced by Robert Valentine.

A Wireless Theatre Production recorded at the RNIB Talking Book Studios.

SAT 18:30 John Wyndham - Trouble with Lichen (b007k3cz)

Episode 2

Perturbed by her boss's silence over the mysterious properties of the lichen, biochemist Diana Brackley secretly begins her own investigation

The scientific world, government, media and the beauty salon collide in John Wyndham's 1960 sci-fi novel.

Read by Joanna Tope.

Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2007.

SAT 19:00 Listening to Les Dawson (b03b2n4d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Party Party (b007w2z5)

Episode 3

Will Sir Lord Knight's campaign over the danger of ads do the business? Stars Hugh Laurie and Clive Mantle. From May

1987.

SAT 22:30 Elastic Planet (b007k2h5)

The Babies

Links between cheese sculpture, pavement privatisation,

skirting boards and the great knitting reform act.

Animator and voice of Bagpuss and the Clangers, Oliver

Postgate island-hops through a stream of bizarre coincidences.

Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections with Miriam

Margoyies, Dan Strauss, Kerry Shale, Michael Simkins, Gary

Waldhorn, Alan Dedicat, Hugh Scully and James Naughtie.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

SAT 22:45 We Know Everything (b082qz7c)

Episode 1

What is the best aphrodisiac - oysters or a naked woman? Dan

Gaster and Paul Powell tackle audience quirky questions. From

June 1995.

SAT 23:00 Tina C (b06qmpqw)

Tina C: Herstory

Episode 1

Country music star Tina C presents her life story, starting with her humble origins in deepest Tennessee and taking us all the way to where she stands today - a global feminist icon, and political powerhouse. And she can still knock out a tune or two too.

Tina will be joined on stage by a three-piece band who will help her recreate her biggest hits, and a special guest interviewer who will talk to her about her struggles.

In this first episode, Tina recalls her childhood. A humble start in life provides a rich seam of stories which fed into her early work. Family has always been important to Tina - as tracks like Hard Times, Don't Be Afraid to Start Crying, and Tramp on a Trampoline show.

From the moment her second album No Dick's As Hard As My Life was released, the world took notice of country music singer Tina C. Since then she has become a global brand. Following 9/11 she has been travelling the world 24/11 working for peace and being a poster girl for American democracy, selling that unique vision of hope to the rest of the world whether they want it or not. Seductive and persuasive, she is here to recruit you to her world view. She is the living embodiment (and what a body) of soft power. Tina C. has performed in venues all over the world, with her own TV show and five series on BBC Radio. You can run but you can't hide from Tina C.

Tina is the creation of Christopher Green, a multi-award winning writer and performer.

"Tina C is one of my favourite performers. She is witty, often outrageous and always in tune! I can't wait to see what Chris Green comes up with next" Sir Ian McKellen
"Christopher Green's Tina C is one of the great comic creations of the age. A genuinely fine country singer, but with a twist of satire and insight which is rare and to be highly prized".
Stephen Fry

Written & performed by Christopher Green.

Additional voices: Debra Baker & Leo Wan.

The Band: Duncan Walsh-Atkins, Mark Hardisty & Phil

Wraith.

Special guest interviewer: Dr Raj Persaud.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b0118rbv)

Series 8

Rebecca Front interviews Chris Addison

Rebecca Front talks to her Thick Of It co-star and fellow Nude-a-phobe, comedian Chris Addison about working with Armando Iannucci and embracing his middle-classness through stand-up

Producer Carl Cooper

"In an unclothed state I look like a child has done a collage with some Twiglets".

Chris Addison

Other episodes in the chain include:

Rebecca Front being interviewed by the man who knows her best, her big brother, Jeremy Front.

Chris Addison in a rare interview with the actually-really-nice-and-he-doesn't-do-any-of-that-weird-stuff-in-real-life, Derren Brown;

Derren Brown chatting hair, beliefs and Tim Minchin with comedy musical megastar and fellow sceptic Tim Minchin;

A poorly Tim Minchin being handed tissues whilst attempting to interview with no questions a not-at-all-poorly and hilarious Caitlin Moran.

Caitlin Moran getting to spend time and talk shoes, Bananarama and women with her comedy hero Jennifer Saunders.

And.

Jennifer Saunders turning up a week later to find the series had

ended. Probably. We weren't there because the series had

ended.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b07875z7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 The Muse by Jessie Burton (Omnibus) (b0715gk3)

Episode 2

1967: An exhibition of Lawrie's newly discovered Robles is mooted. Read by Martina Laird and Jessica Raine.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b05qdqss)

Fatboy Slim

DJ and musician Fatboy Slim chooses 'Something' by the

Beatles and 'Sowing the Seeds of Love' by Tears for Fears.

SUN 07:20 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (Omnibus) (b08mjcgj)

Episode 1

An unexpected romantic encounter over first aid between Michael and Pauline is the beginning of this story of a turbulent

partnership.

Pauline (young) Julianna Jennings

Michael (young)/George Tom Forrister

Pauline (older) Sara Stewart

Michael (older) Ian Porter

Narrator Barbara Barnes

Mrs Anton Pandora Colin

Wanda Bryk Sarah Ridgeway

Mrs Brunek /Mrs Pozniak/Mrs Barclay Sanchia

McCormack

Katie Vilna/Karen Maeve Bluebell Wells

Mrs Golka/Destiny Chetna Pandya

Mrs Kowalski Georgie Glen

Officer John Bowler

John Piazyl/Alex/Police/Man/Becoming Finlay Robertson

Eustace David Sterne

Lindy Kayla Gal

George Finn Monteath

Cabbie Nicholas Murchie

Written by Anne Tyler

Dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz.

Directed by David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017

SUN 08:30 Meet the Huggetts (b00nhq58)

Loser Pays

Joe and Fred's attempt to teach their wives a lesson backfires.

The popular working-class Huggett family first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and

1949. Their subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to

1962.

CAST:

Joe Jack Warner

Ethel Kathleen Harrison

Bobby George Howell

Jane Marion Collins

Fred Stebbings Charles Leno

Clara Molly Lumley

The Insurance Salesman Kenneth Connor

Scripted by Eddie Maguire.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1957.

SUN 09:00 The TV Lark (b01ckddl)

Ship Ahoy

Troutbridge TV's new naval show is set to film a mine sweeper sailing to the breakers' yard.

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?

However, after just ten episodes, this proved to be only a temporary change of course for the crew of HMS Troutbridge - as the crew were soon back aboard 'The Navy Lark'.

CAST:

The Producer Stephen Murray

The Floor Manager Jon Pertwee

The Director Leslie Phillips (The Director)

Henry Povey, The Deputy Controller of Programmes

Richard Caldicote

'Fats' Johnson/Commander Stanton Ronnie Barker

The Admiral/Taffy Goldstein/ Uncle Ebenezer Pertwee

Teniel Evans

DG/Rear Admiral Ironbridge Michael Bates

Janet Janet Brown

TTV Continuity Announcer Robin Boyle

Scripted by Lawrie Wyman

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1963.

SUN 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008ggct)

Series 2

A Green Unpleasant Land

The couple's German friend Heinrich reveals his thoughts about the war. Written by and starring Kay Stonham and Simon

Greenall. From June 2003.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000s908)

Castaway Novelists

Philip Pullman

From Bach to Dean Martin. His Dark Materials author Philip Pullman makes his castaway choices. With Sue Lawley. From 2002.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mlxpv)

Series 1

Bird's Nest Soup

Filming the birds that make the nests of saliva so prized by Chinese gourmet chefs in the total darkness of a Borneo cave proved difficult, until a conical mound of bat guano provided a natural platform.

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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0007pyk)

Series 9

In Famiglia

Jay Allison introduces tales about family life: from sibling high jinks to the difficulties of having children (and parents).

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room.

The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world. The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

First heard on PRX in February 2019.

SUN 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b05qdqss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000s90b)

The Echo Chamber - Ocean Vuong and Mark Pajak

Poet Daljit Nagra visits the BBC's poetry archive and selects

The Echo Chamber featuring the Vietnamese-American poet and the Manchester-based poet Mark Pajak.

Paul Farley meets the Vietnamese-American poet and essayist Ocean Vuong, who was awarded the Felix Dennis Prize for Best First Collection for his remarkable debut collection *Night Sky with Exit Wounds* at the 2017 Forward Prizes, and who is shortlisted for the 2017 T.S. Eliot Prize. And talks to Manchester-based Mark Pajak, a rising talent to watch, about his pamphlet *Spitting Distance*.

Ocean Vuong's writings have been featured in *The Atlantic*, *Harper's*, *The Nation*, *New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Village Voice*, and *American Poetry Review*, which awarded him the Stanley Kunitz Prize for Younger Poets. Selected by *Foreign Policy* magazine as a 2016 100 Leading Global Thinker, alongside Hillary Clinton, Ban Ki-Moon and Warsan Shire, Ocean was also named by *BuzzFeed Books* as one of "32 Essential Asian American Writers". Born in Saigon, Vietnam, he lives in Northampton, Massachusetts, where he serves as an Assistant Professor in the MFA Program for Poets and Writers at Umass-Amherst. He is currently at work on his first novel.

Mark Pajak was born in Merseyside. His work has appeared in *The London Review of Books*, *Poetry* London, *The North*, *The Rialto* and *Magma*. He has been awarded a Northern Writer's Award, an Eric Gregory Award, first place in *The Bridport Prize* and has been commended in the National Poetry Competition. His first pamphlet, *Spitting Distance*, was selected by Carol Ann Duffy as a Laureate's Choice and is published with *smithdoorstop*.

Producer: Mair Bosworth.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

SUN 12:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07f16sk)

Series 2

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Paul Sinha returns for a second series of his History Revision, the show that uncovers the fascinating stories that we've forgotten in our onward march of progress. In the last series we learned how Alexander Graham Bell did NOT invent the telephone, and that the World Cup final of 2014 could only have happened because of the 1415 invasion of Morocco.

In this episode, Paul asks "How did we get here?", quite literally, getting the studio audience to tell him how they got to the BBC Radio Theatre, and then regaling them with stories from the history of transport. From the area of London that became a Russian train station, to the man who revolutionised both the motor industry and the music charts, to the names of airports around the world, this programme about the world of planes, trains and automobiles will provide fascinating facts and surprising stories (unless you listen on a weekend, when a bus replacement service is in operation).

"Sinha's gift for finding humour in it all makes him worth a listen" - *The Telegraph*

Written and performed by Paul Sinha

Produced by Ed Morrish

A BBC Radio Comedy Production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

SUN 13:00 Van Gogh's Ear: The True Story (Omnibus)

(b07mm587)

Bernadette Murphy's account of her mission to solve one of 19th century's most perplexing art mysteries. Read by Rebecca Front.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06kp9zq)

Kate Mosse

The author chooses Nancy Sinatra's 'These Boots Were Made For Walkin' and Jacques Brel's tender 'La Chanson Des Vieux Amants'.

SUN 14:20 Jon Canter - Holmes and Watford (Omnibus) (b09jvks7)

Comedy about two policewoman crewing in a small village. For PC Sue Holmes policing is about keeping the peace but PC Tina Watford yearns for excitement and she'll stop at nothing to ensure some action. Today a teenager runs out of a shop surely he must have done something wrong?

Jon Canter is an award winning comedy writer. He won the Prix Europa for Boswell's Lives and an Audio Comedy award for 'Believe It'.

He has written for Lenny Henry and is the author of several comic novels.

Jessica Ransom won a Children's Bafta for her work on *Horrible Histories* and is best known for her role as Morwenna, the receptionist in *Doc Martin*.

Susan Wokoma is an award winning actress best known for her work on *Crazyhead* and *Chewing Gum* and is appearing on stage with *Martin Freeman* and *Tamsin Greig* in James Graham's play 'Labour of Love'.

CAST:

Sue Holmes Jessica Ransom

Tina Watford Susan Wokoma

Dwayne Campbell Joivan Wade

Sheila Campbell Ellie Darvill

Rosemary Rosie Cavaliero

Mother Julie Teal

Carl Samuel James

Shelley Abbie Andrews

Russ Matthew Marsh

Michael Gary Duncan

Felicity Louise Ford

Written by Jon Canter

Director Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017

SUN 15:30 Falling for Francoise (b0118bgw)

It was on a language-learning trip to Paris that John Andrew first heard the music of Francoise Hardy and fell for the sexy but shy singer. He was not alone - she was the dreamgirl of many an English schoolboy in the early 1960s.

In 'Falling for Francoise', he revisits Paris and the streets in which he first lost his heart and he talks to others who've suffered the same fate - the Hardy fan website curator, Yorkshireman Warren Gilbert; musician Ben Christophers, who's written songs for the mature Francoise; journalist Laura Barton, who's besotted with the whole French 60s 'ye ye' scene... and in a real coup, John gets to meet the singer herself, falling for Francoise all over again!

Producer: Alan Hall

A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SUN 16:00 Robert East - A Slice of Life (m000s90d)

Connie is at crisis point. The last thing she needs is an old admirer turning up on her doorstep. Stars Brenda Bruce.

CAST:

Connie Brenda Bruce

Don Denis Lill

Thelma Auriol Smith

Mandy/Nurse Alison Reid

Roger Robert East

Derek Peter Gunn

Margaret Cherith Mellor

Brian John Webb

Mr Osborne Peter Penry Jones

Director Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000s90b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07f16sk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Bram Stoker - The Lair of the White Worm (b07lp80p)

It's 1870 in Derbyshire's High Peak district. While on a visit to his elderly uncle in the tiny village of Penda's Dale, Adam Salton - already shocked by the oppressive melancholic atmosphere in the village - quickly realises that the disappearance of several local men is not accidental.

His investigations lead him to the discovery of a terrifying and ancient secret: a malevolent force is at work in Penda's Dale. Bram Stoker's gothic tale of horror adapted by Brian Wright. Starring Jimi Mistry as Adam Salton, Peter Marinker as Dr Daniel Salton and Ben Crowe as Frank Davenport.

Soundtrack specially commissioned from the San Francisco-based sound sculptors Matmos.

Producer: Rishi Shankar

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2004.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0007pyk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 Inheritance Tracks (b05qdqss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 20:00 Robert East - A Slice of Life (m000s90d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000s908)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mlxpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07f16sk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 I, Regress (b01bb70f)

Series 1

Episode 5

A dark, David Lynch-ian comedy, ideally suited for an unsettling and surreal late night listen. 'I, Regress' sees Matt Berry (The IT Crowd, Garth Marenghi's Dark Place, Snuff Box) playing a corrupt and bizarre hypnotherapist taking unsuspecting clients on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.

Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different problem (quitting smoking, fear of water, etc). As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream- (or nightmare-) like trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.

Ep 5: Dr Berry's latest patient, Christian Parcel (Nick Lucas) finds himself in the worst place on the planet thanks to some 'experimental hypnotherapy'. But events take a twist that even Dr Berry himself finds hard to control, thanks to a football pitch, a nightclub and a very unusual tattoo...

The cast across the series include Katherine Parkinson (IT Crowd), Morgana Robinson (The Morgana Show), Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge), Jack Klaff (Star Wars, For Your Eyes Only), Tara Flynn (The Impressions Show, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle), Alex Lowe (Barry From Watford, The Peter Serafinowicz Show), and Derek Griffiths (Playschool, Bod, and The Royal Exchange).

A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!

Produced by Sam Bryant.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SUN 22:45 The Shuttleworths (b008tzyt)

Series 3

John Le Shuttle

When his agent Ken adopts a high-tech lifestyle, can John Shuttleworth keep up? Stars Graham Fellows. From November 1997.

SUN 23:00 The Brig Society (b082hzzh)

Series 4

Newspaper Editor

Extra! Extra! Brigstocke starts own newspaper shock! Read all about it on Radio 4 Extra! Plus we reveal the headline of the year that you'll never get to read.

Uh-oh - Marcus Brigstocke has decided to sort out the press as he plunges headfirst into the contents of the great British newspaper and comes up smelling of Daily Mail.

Helping him to hold the front page will be Margaret Cabourn-Smith ("Miranda"), William Andrews ("Sorry I've Got No Head") and Colin Hout ("Derek").

Written by Marcus Brigstocke, Jeremy Salsby, Toby Davies, Nick Doody, Steve Punt and Dan Tetsell.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.

SUN 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007t32k)

Series 1

Love

The sci-fi star and his crew set sail on a romantic cruise. With Tom Baker, Richard Herring and Stewart Lee. From November 1992.

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2021**MON 00:00 Bram Stoker - The Lair of the White Worm (b07lp80p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Van Gogh's Ear: The True Story (Omnibus) (b07mm587)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06kp9zq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

MON 02:20 Jon Canter - Holmes and Watford (Omnibus) (b09jvks7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Falling for Francoise (b0118bgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Robert East - A Slice of Life (m000s90d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000s90b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07f16sk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b042m84m)

6. The Last Move

All the cards are played, and the spotlight falls on the Joker. Retired detective Bill Galbraith is powerless to stop Cater - but a new arrival changes the game.

Starring Bernard Hepton as Galbraith, Richard Davies as Tom Evans, Tom Watson as Cater, Peter Dineley as Gelder, Eva Haddon as Anne-Marie, Francis Jeater as Betty Van Druten, Peter Hawkins as Lander, Cyril Shaps as Lindemanns, Bruce Alexander as Milne, Mary Galbraith as Katharine Page and Robert Gillespie as the Gunman.
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.
MON 06:45 Rumpole for the Defence (m000sc03)
 Rumpole and The Boat People 3/3
 Leo McKern reads the final part of the latest case for John Mortimer's eccentric lawyer.
 6: Rumpole and the Boat People.
 Rumpole causes confusion trying to clear his client and is almost disowned by his own side.
 Will the case be dismissed - or is more crime afoot?
 Abridged by Bob Sinfield
 Producer Ken Phillips
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1997.
MON 07:00 Boswell's Lives (b074wb57)
 Series 2
 Boswell's Life of Marx
 Boswell attempts to write a biography of Karl Marx, but before he can start must help Marx pen his meisterwerk Das Kapital. Jon Canter's sitcom sees James Boswell become a time-travelling biographer - doing for other celebrities what he did for Dr Johnson.
 James Boswell Miles Jupp
 Karl Marx Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Producer: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000s1sr)
 Series 25
 Episode 5
 David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
 Sindhu Vee, Lloyd Langford, Zoe Lyons, and Henning Wehn are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as goats, sound, fighting and ghosts.
 Produced by Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4
MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t391f)
 Series 2
 The Siege of Steptoe Street
 Albert and Harold are besieged by all their creditors demanding money.
 Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert, Harry H Corbett as Harold and Robert Dornier as Mr Stacey the butcher
 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 was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.
 Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.
 Produced by Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.
MON 08:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1yv)
 Episode 6
 Edgar Finchley meets a one-man band, is put in the picture and all is revealed.
 Victor Canning's novel about the adventures of a man and his horse-drawn caravan touring the 1930s countryside of Kent.
 Richard Griffiths stars as Mr Finchley.
 With Peter Vaughan as Turk, Robert Gill as Robert Finchley, Dinah Sheridan as Mrs Finchley, Richard Ridings as Duffy, Ian Bartholomew as Jenks, Bill Wallis as Joe Turnbull, Geoffrey McGovern as James Grimes, Sebastian Brennan as Clarence Armitage and Jacqueline Tong as Mrs Armitage.
 Concluding episode narrated by James Villiers.
 Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1993.
MON 09:00 Act Your Age (b00fr1tp)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Simon Mayo discovers which generation is the funniest. With Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker. From December 2008.
MON 09:30 Crowned Hudds (b00qh0lv)
 Grecian 2001
 Liberation for Helen of Troy? Roy Hudd's historical royal romp, with June Whitfield and Chris Emmett. From September 1995.
MON 10:00 Rosamond Lehmann - Invitation to the Waltz (b007628p)
 Olivia wakes up on her 17th birthday knowing that something's changed - but what exactly she doesn't yet understand.
 Her very first dance, a week later, is her opportunity to try her wings in the wider world.
 Rosamond Lehmann's tender classic about a young girl's adolescent rite of passage dramatised by Tina Pepler.
 Olivia Curtis Mary Nighy
 Kate Curtis Rosie Giarratana
 Mrs Curtis Diana Quick
 Mr Curtis Andrew Collins

Uncle Oswald ... David Lloyd
 Monsieur Berton Mark Meadows
 Miss Robinson Carol Brannan
 Major Skinner Mark Buffery
 Marigold ... Nicole Arumugam
 With Josh Boyden, Sophie Clarke, Jenny Coverack, Tom Espiner, Chris Garner, Ben Tinniswood, Chris Yapp and Oliver Zimmermann
 (Olivia's story continues in 'The Weather in the Streets')
 Director: Sara Davies
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000sc06)
 Series 7
 Digital Manipulation
 A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
 Guy Raz explores how technology has reshaped our lives in amazing ways. But at what cost? Can we avoid digital manipulation?
 First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019.
MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000s8zx)
 Sheila Ferguson
 American soul singer chooses What Are You Doing New Year's Eve by Nancy Wilson & When Will I See You Again by The Three Degrees.
MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t391f)
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MON 12:30 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1yv)
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MON 13:00 Robert Barr - Galbraith and the King of Diamonds (b042m84m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:45 Rumpole for the Defence (m000sc03)
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MON 14:00 This Orient Isle (b074w30m)
 Episode 1
 Professor Jerry Brotton, one of the UK's leading experts on cultural exchange, examines Queen Elizabeth I's fascination with the Orient. He shows that England's relations with the Muslim world were far more extensive, and often more amicable, than we have ever appreciated, and that their influence was felt across the political, commercial and domestic landscape of Elizabethan England.
 Derek Jacobi reads the captivating account of how Britain sent ships, treaties and gifts to the royal families of Morocco and Turkey, including a gold carriage and a full-size pipe organ.
 In this episode, we discover the origins of our taste for Oriental imports - including the sugar which rotted the teeth of our sovereign.
 Producer: David Roper
 A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.
MON 14:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08m9h2k)
 1972, It Has Not Been Fun
 By Anne Tyler, dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz
 Episode 6 - 1972, It Has Not Been Fun
 The celebration of Pauline and Michael's 30th Wedding Anniversary triggers a momentous decision.
 CAST:
 Pauline Sara Stewart
 Michael Ian Porter
 Karen Maeve Bluebell Wells
 George Tom Forrister
 Radio Announcer Nicholas Murchie
 Pagan Finn Monteath
 Donna Sanchia McCormack
 Narrator Barbara Barnes
 Director: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2017
MON 14:30 White Stiletto Dreams (b01ks8v7)
 Romford Market was vibrant in the 1980s. Now it is struggling to survive - a victim of supermarkets and cut-price stores.
 Presenter Cathy FitzGerald bought her first - and last - pair of white stilettos in the market as a teenager. David Eldridge worked on the shoe stall. He's now one of Britain's leading playwrights, with credits that include In Basildon at the Royal Court and Market Boy, a play about Romford that premiered at the National Theatre. Selling espadrilles isn't obvious training for a playwright, but in the 1980s the market was a stage. There were the characters (the Fruit & Veg Man, the Leather Boys, and the Lampshade Man) and the dialogue - bantering with the customers was rude, funny, and definitely an art. Cathy and David return to Romford to weigh up what's been lost - and see if the stiletto still fits.
 Producers: Cathy FitzGerald and Matt Thompson
 A Rookhouse production for BBC Radio 4
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
MON 15:00 Rosamond Lehmann - Invitation to the Waltz (b007628p)
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MON 16:00 Act Your Age (b00fr1tp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Crowned Hudds (b00qh0lv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Boswell's Lives (b074wb57)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000s1sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 The Price of Fear (b01nt0ry)
 Remains to Be Seen
 Two emaculated husbands - one a lover of gardening, the other of chess, and both with nagging wives - plan to restore peace to their lives and enjoy their retirement at leisure...
 Horror legend Vincent Price introduces another dark tale starring Mervyns Johns, Michael Gwyn, Clive Swift, Avril Angers, Diana Bishop and Robin Browne.
 Jack Ritchie's short story dramatised by William Ingram.
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b015p5g2)
 Mary Beard & Bidisha at The Cheltenham Literature Festival
 The classicist Mary Beard and writer Bidisha talk to Harriett Gilbert about their favourite books, in an edition recorded in front of an audience at the Cheltenham Literature Festival.
 Books discussed:
 The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
 Publisher
 Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons
 Publisher
 The Odyssey by Homer
 Publisher
 Producer: Beth O'Dea
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.
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MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000s1sr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 The Pick Up (b08f1sq6)
 Episode 4
 Beth has agreed to accompany her estranged father on his roadtrip to pick up his Russian mail order bride, but before they get to Moscow she insists they must attempt some emotional healing exercises that will help them move on with their relationship and allow her to commit to her boyfriend.
 The exercises, however, don't quite go to plan.
 Vinnie David Threlfall
 Beth Kimberley Nixon
 Yuri Samuel James
 Margaret Sanchia McCormack
 Chris Stephen Wight
 Written by Sarah Carwright
 Director Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
MON 22:45 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b01sdmzn)
 Series 2
 About Money
 The series is a mix of Nathan's stand-up intercut with scenes from his family life.
 Janet a.k.a. Mum - loves Nathan, but she aint looking embarrassed for nobody!
 Martin a.k.a. Dad - clumsy and hard-headed and leaves running the house to his wife (she wouldn't allow it to be any other way).
 Shirley a.k.a. Grandma - How can her grandson go on stage and use foul language and filthy material... it's not the good Christian way!
 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing - tells the story of young, up-and-coming comedian Nathan Caton, who after becoming the first in his family to graduate from University, opted not to use his architecture degree but instead to try his hand at being a full-time stand-up comedian, much to his family's annoyance who desperately want him to get a 'proper job.'
 Each episode illustrates the criticism, interference and rollercoaster ride that Nathan endures from his disapproving family as he tries to pursue his chosen career.
 Episode 3: About Money
 In a mix of stand-up and re-enacted family life - Nathan Caton finds out how his loved ones would react if he were rich. But, sadly, he isn't.
 NATHAN NATHAN CATON
 MUM ADJOA ANDOH
 DAD CURTIS WALKER
 GRANDMA MONA HAMMOND
 LAYLA CHIZZY AKUDOLU
 REVEREND WILLIAMS / MR DANIELS DON GILÉT
 SHIFTY OLA
 Written by Nathan Caton and James Kettle
 Additional Material by Ola and Maff Brown
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000s3q7)
 Series 104
 Episode 7
 A satirical review of the week's news with Andy Zaltzman and guests Felicity Ward, Anand Menon, Jessica Fostekew and

Simon Evans.
This week the panel mull over prison sentences for going on holiday, not being allowed to go on holiday in the first place and euphemistic food names.
Written by Andy Zaltzman with additional material from Madeleine Brettingham, Max Davis and Alice Fraser.
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01f9sm2)
Series 2
Parents
Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne's lowdown on what being a mum and dad means.
Stand up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Anna Bengo.
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021

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TUE 05:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m000s1sr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1vx)
1. The Curious Case of the Curs'd Quayside
Why do so many English warships sink for no apparent reason, and what does a certain jar contain?
Christopher Marlowe gets a job, hires a servant - and inherits a mystery.
First of four historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London - scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues...
Starring Dominic Jephcott as Marlowe, Bill Wallis as Ratsbane, Paul Brooke as Sir Francis Walsingham, Garard Green as Admiral Downing, Brian Bowles as Captain Curtis and Julian Dutton as Captain Barnaby. With Sarah Thomas and Victoria Carling.
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993
TUE 06:30 P Division (b00rdypv)
Two Way Cut
Episode 1
Discovering a corpse early one morning on Glasgow's Maryhill Road is not out of the ordinary - but one that PC Hamilton finds very different.
Stars Martin McCaig as PC Phil Hamilton, Jake D'Arcy as DS Sussock, Crawford Logan as DI Donoghue, Edith Ruddick as Mrs MacIntyre and Joyce Falconer as Mrs Douglas.
Published in 1988, this is Peter Turnbull's fifth 'P' Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.
Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.
Producer: Hamish Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.
TUE 07:00 The Break (b0b4ztdm)
Series 2
Monday on the Beach with George
Andy helps Jeff track down a vital document. Thanks to a rapacious seagull, the quest ends in a literal cliffhanger. Philip Jackson, Tom Palmer and Shobna Gulati star.
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 07:30 Victoria Wood - From Soup to Nuts (b0b2mrc5)
From Soup...
A two-part look back at Victoria Wood's stand-up and songs using her own archives and tapes, including never-heard-before material. Presented by Rebecca Front.
With unprecedented access to Victoria Wood's own boxes of battered cassette tapes, this programme is a shameless chance to hear some wonderful stand-up comedy, characters and songs, mixed with a look back at what made her so funny and so universally loved.
Presented by Rebecca Front
With thanks to:
Libby Gregory

Lucy Ansbro
Phil McIntyre Entertainments
Executive Producer: Geoff Posner
Produced by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jpgm)
Series 8
King Solomon's Mines
Neddie Seagoon loses at roulette, so heads off in search of legendary African riches. Stars Spike Milligan. From December 1957.
TUE 08:30 Winston (b007m660)
Series 1
Whacko Jolly Dee
The wily village poacher and handyman's plans for a life of bliss with Nancy hit a snag.
Peter Tinniswood's sly comedy.
CAST:
Winston Bill Wallis
Father Maurice Denham
Nancy Shirley Dixon
Rosie Liz Goulding
William Christian Rodska
Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1989.
TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000s3q7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cbtk)
Series 3
Episode 6
Murray worries that his tubby dad Tommy and Sheila have more rolls than roles.
Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr continue their second stab at fame.
Series 3 of Mike Coleman's showbiz sitcom.
CAST:
Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
Sheila Parr June Whitfield
Hetty Stark Pat Coombes
Murray Franklin Julian Eardley
Louis Elstein Edward Halsted
Naomi Shae - Tracy-Ann Oberman
Music by Frido Roth.
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.
TUE 10:00 Rosamond Lehmann - The Weather in the Streets (b007669m)
Olivia - whose rite of passage into adulthood was revealed in 'Invitation to the Waltz' - is now living a faintly bohemian life in London in the early 1930s.
When she meets up again with Rollo, the handsome and unhappily married son of Lord and Lady Spencer, she falls prey once more to his charm and confidence, and they embark on a passionate and secret affair.
Rosamond Lehmann's classic account of the joy and anguish of an illicit love affair dramatised by Hattie Naylor.
Olivia Eve Best
Rollo Jonathan Firth
Lady Spencer Diana Quick
Kate Jenny Coverack
Anna ... Dee Sadler
Simon ... Ben Tinniswood
Mrs Curtis Jacqueline Tong
Marigold Rachel Lewis
With Paul Dodgson, Joshua Boyden and Olivia Crook
Director: Sara Davies
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2002.
TUE 11:00 Out of this World: The Colin Pillinger story (p064nm11)
Professor Colin Pillinger, the Bristol-born scientist is best known as the leader of the Beagle 2 project, the attempt - in the face of opposition - to land a British spacecraft on Mars. He was involved in ground-breaking scientific research for over 40 years.
He analysed the original Apollo 11 moon rocks, was one of the first to classify asteroids as being from Mars and with the Beagle 2 mission reignited the United Kingdom's love for space exploration.
Told through archive interviews and recordings of Colin plus new interviews with those who knew him best - "Out of this World" tells Colin's incredible life.
Narrator Jon Culshaw.
Producers Pete Simson and Tom Ryan.
First broadcast on BBC Radio Bristol in May 2018; 4 Extra Debut in February 2020.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jpgm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 Winston (b007m660)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1vx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 P Division (b00rdypv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 This Orient Isle (b074x4t5)

Episode 2
Professor Jerry Brotton, one of the UK's leading experts on cultural exchange, examines Queen Elizabeth I's fascination with the Orient. He shows that England's relations with the Muslim world were far more extensive, and often more amicable, than we have ever appreciated, and that their influence was felt across the political, commercial and domestic landscape of Elizabethan England.
Derek Jacobi reads the captivating account of how Britain sent ships, treaties and gifts to the royal families of Morocco and Turkey, including a gold carriage and a full-size pipe organ.
In this episode, one merchant voyage ends in tragedy when the English crew are captured and turned into galley slaves.
Producer: David Roper
A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.
TUE 14:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08mb1fp)
1978, The Piano Teacher
By Anne Tyler, dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz
Episode seven - 1978, The Piano Teacher
An unexpected encounter with Anna strikes just the right note for Michael.
Michael ... Ian Porter
Anna ... Georgie Glen
Pauline ... Sara Stewart
Pagan ... Noel Brooke
Karen ... Maeve Bluebell Wells
Narrator ... Barbara Barnes
Author Anne Tyler
Adaptor Rebecca Lenkiewicz
Director David Hunter
Director: David Hunter.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 2017.
TUE 14:30 Mapping the Void (b03s6mf0)
Dr Kat Arney meets the people trying to change the world one map at a time. These are volunteers who use their free time to map the world's unmapped places and people.
She sees how being on a map affects people's work, education and rights. And in extreme weather or after a natural disaster, she hears how mappers might help us to find the people who have fallen off the maps. She also hears from crisis mappers, people who source any information they can after tragedies to document what is happening on the ground as fast as possible. This story starts in January 2010, when a huge earthquake hit the island nation of Haiti. Thousands of miles away, a group of American students heard about the damage, logged onto their laptops and started mapping any post-disaster information they could find online. Their aim was to help the rescue and relief services save as many lives as possible.
Four years on, international contingents of cartographers now deploy after every natural disaster, and in areas of political unrest and civil war. They scour the internet for cries for help on social media, then mark them on maps to try to get help to people who need it most.
There's also a project making a continual effort to make the most accurate physical map of the globe. Contributing could mean joining a mapping party in London. Or cycling around rural Uganda with a GPS device.
Thousands of volunteers are now spending their spare time contributing to these efforts. Some of those who started it all have become internationally recognised in a new area of expertise. As volunteers assemble around the world, Dr Kat Arney asks how powerful these maps can be and also assesses the problems that come with them.
Produced by Clare Salisbury and Jolyon Jenkins.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
TUE 15:00 Rosamond Lehmann - The Weather in the Streets (b007669m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 Dilemma (b05qg5jh)
Series 4
Episode 2
Sue Perkins presents another edition of the show that puts the big moral and ethical questions to a mixed panel. This week, it's the turn of comedians Lucy Porter and Andy Zaltzman, BBC 6Music DJ Shaun Keaveny, and food writer Jack Monroe, who debate letting your children play with the offspring of racists, going on the minimum wage in exchange for other people's living standards being raised, and how to react to discovering infidelity just before you get married. Episode two of six. Dilemma is presented by Sue Perkins, and was devised by Danielle Ward.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.
TUE 16:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cbtk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 17:00 The Break (b0b4ztdm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Victoria Wood - From Soup to Nuts (b0b2mrc5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 The Price of Fear (b01nt4qh)
Cat's Cradle
A small party of tourists visit an old castle in Bavaria - unaware of a horrifying series of events awaiting them in a dank and dismal torture chamber...
Fright master Vincent Price introduces a tale of horror starring Kenneth J Warren, Frederick Schreckner, John Samson and Bonnie Hurren.
Bram Stoker's story 'The Score' dramatised by Richard Davis.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00r6029)

Series 9

Dido's Lament

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Dido's Lament is a popular name for a famous aria, 'When I am laid in earth', from the opera Dido and Aeneas by Henry Purcell, with the libretto by Nahum Tate. Mezzo soprano Sarah Connolly talks about why she finds the piece, sung by the likes of Janet Baker and Emma Kirkby, so extraordinary, and the skill it takes to perform it. Composer and cellist Philip Sheppard's musical life was transformed when he was part of the rock singer Jeff Buckley's performance of the piece at the 1995 Meltdown Festival.

Contributors:

Alison Moyet

Sarah Connolly

Jeremy Sumner

Graham Jones

Sheryl Sarnet

Nicholas Witchell

Philip Sheppard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jggm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Winston (b007m660)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1vx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 P Division (b00rdypv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Out of this World: The Colin Pillinger story (p064nm11)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Victoria Wood - From Soup to Nuts (b0b2mrc5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 The Big Booth (b007jryj)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 6

Half an hour of mistaken identity, stolen photographic negatives and songs about anglepoise lamps

With Big Al, Stephen Frost, Rich Hall, Vivienne Soan, Jim Sweeney and Mariella Frostrup -who is not Magnus Magnusson.

Or James Mason.

Boothby Graffoe concludes his series of surreal laughs.

Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

TUE 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b044h6nv)

Series 3

Adam Buxton

Alex Horne and his five-piece band tackle the theme of money, shopping and consumerism with an advert for milk, a sea shanty and a song about cheese dreams.

Special guest comedian Adam Buxton.

Band: Joe Auckland, Mark Brown, Will Collier, Ben Reynolds, Ed Sheldrake

With Saxophonist Pedro

Producer: Charlie Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

TUE 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqh)

Series 3

The Masterson's Magical Marquee, pt 1

The improvised historical family saga's two-part romp about a Victorian travelling circus. Stars Paul Merton. From July 1995.

WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021

WED 00:00 The Price of Fear (b01nt4qh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b00r6029)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1vx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 P Division (b00rdypv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 This Orient Isle (b074x4t5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08mb1fp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Mapping the Void (b03s6mf0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Rosamond Lehmann - The Weather in the Streets (b007669m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Dilemma (b05qg5jh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cbtkl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 The Break (b0b4ztdn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Victoria Wood - From Soup to Nuts (b0b2mrc5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1vx)

2. The Turbulent Tale of the Troubl'd Tragedy

Why does an unknown patron fund the worst play ever written, and what has become of Mighty Meg?

Historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London - scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues...

Starring Dominic Jephcott as Marlowe, Bill Wallis as Ratsbane, Paul Brooke as Sir Francis Walsingham, Roy Hudd as Peek, Simon Godley as Fortescue, Lionel Jeffries as Trump, Daniel Strauss as Squires and Victoria Carling as Gloriana Nonesuch.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

WED 06:30 P Division (b00rfgz6)

Two Way Cut

Episode 2

A headless body without a speck of blood on it has Glasgow's 'P' Division cops puzzled. Just who was the strange hunched figure that PC Hamilton saw running along by the canal...? Stars Alec Monteath as DCI Finlater, Crawford Logan as DI Donoghue, Andrew Conlan as DC Tony Abernethy and Robert Carlyle as DC King.

Published in 1988, this is Peter Turnbull's fifth P Division novel about his Glaswegian police force.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

WED 07:00 Start/Stop (b04prb93)

Series 2

Pregnancy

Hit comedy about three marriages in various states of disrepair.

In this week's episode Cathy reveals to a shocked Barney that she is pregnant. Fiona suggests to a shocked Evan that he get a vasectomy. And David suggests to a shocked Alice that they adopt.

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman

Evan John Thomson

Fiona Fiona Allen

David Charlie Higson

Alice Sally Bretton

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

WED 07:30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000s214)

Episode 1

Granny Kumar is back! Meera Syal's glorious comedy creation returns, with her great granddaughter Maya (Ambreen Razia) and arch nemesis "frenemy" Geeta (Harvey Virdi) to chat with the sisters.

Left alone while her family are stuck in quarantine on a world cruise, Granny Kumar decides to host her own series, born out of frustration at seeing or hearing the same old parade of guests on chat shows (mainly male, pale and stale).

She wonders why no one interviews any of the sisters and asks them about their extraordinary, complex and uplifting stories.

So, Gossip and Goddesses is born – Ummi Kumar gathers together her favourite inspirational women at Wembley Community Centre, aided by her millennial great granddaughter Maya and her arch nemesis "frenemy" Geeta, leader of the local Asian Ladies Silver Bats community group.

The show is a women-only party, where they share stories,

laugh loads and chew the fat/dish the dirt/eat the biscuits...

A blend of sitcom, silliness and improvised chat, led by the best kind of interviewers who know how to make anyone talk - two really nosy old Indian women.

Guests:

Multi-award winning journalist Samira Ahmed and BAFTA winning actress Thandie Newton.

Cast:

Ummi Kumar – Meera Syal

Geeta Bhandari – Harvey Virdi

Maya Kumar – Ambreen Razia

Written by Meera Syal

Music by Sanjeev Bhaskar and Meera Syal

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 The Missing Hancocks (b08hnpmg)

Series 3

A Holiday in France

The Missing Hancocks recreates those episodes of the classic Hancock's Half Hour that have been wiped or lost from the archive. Something else has gone missing in this episode from the second series - the lad 'imself, who had absconded to Rome.

In 1955, he was replaced for the first three episodes by the Goon Show's Harry Secombe. In this recreation, he has been replaced by Andy Secombe - Harry's son. Not heard since then, this is a real piece of comedy history.

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 on one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history. But 20 episodes of the show are missing from the BBC archives. Now, after two highly successful series, another five of those episodes have been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.

A Holiday In France:

Harry Secombe and Bill leave for a holiday in Southend but they get on the wrong train and end up in Paris where they first meet Andree.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, and with the classic score newly recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, the show stars Andy Secombe, Kevin Eldon, Simon Greenall, Robin Sebastian and Susy Kane. A Holiday In France was first broadcast on the 19th April, 1955.

Produced by Ed Morrish & Neil Pearson.

Written by Ray Galton & Simpson

Music recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.

A BBC Studios Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

WED 08:30 No Commitments (b007jv5t)

Series 1

Empty Vessels

Anna's evening turns erratic while babysitting for Charlotte.

Stars Rosemary Leach, Celia Imrie and Nicola Pagett. From January 1992.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b06s1bnp)

Series 2

Episode 5

Dr Phil Hammond chairs the debating game with Hugh Dennis, Jon Plowman, Jenny Eclair and Nick Revell. From February 2000.

WED 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0081b4f)

Series 1

Episode 2

Moonlight on Mrs Parsons, news in Lord Shortcake's trouser turn-ups, and the police - as ever - on Captain Foulenough's tail.

Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions and Patricia Routledge recreate the world of the JB Morton.

Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 – JB Morton's surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a great deal of modern humour.

Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.

Announcer: Brian Perkins

Producer: Harry Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

WED 10:00 Classic Serial (b00d6432)

Tobias Smollett - The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Episode 1

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life,

dramatised by Yvonne Antroubus.

Squire Bramble and family embark on their whistle-stop tour of Great Britain. They encounter adventure, mayhem and the enigmatic Humphry Clinker.

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony

Talbitha Bramble Marcia Warren

Lydia Melford Helen Longworth

Jery Melford Dan Starkey

Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page

Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin

Sir Ulic Mackilligut Sam Dale

John Thomas Ben Crowe

Barton Nyasha Hatendi

Lord Newcastle John Rowe

Other parts played by Stephen Critchlow, Liz Sutherland and Chris Pavlo.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

WED 11:00 Hardware, Software, Anywhere (m000s9hy)

1. Hardware

Nick Baker's three-part collection of programmes and interviews reflects on how the impact of technology has changed, from the dawn of language to the age of virtual reality.

This first episode, Hardware, features Stephen Fry along with an edition of Fry's English Delight about the physicality of written language, from its earliest scrawlings to the digital age.

Also, in The Persistence of Analogue, tech writer Leigh Alexander says despite all the boundless conveniences of the digital world, it can sometimes feel as if something has been lost in the transition to an always-on virtual society.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2019.

WED 12:00 The Missing Hancocks (b08hnpmg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 No Commitments (b007jv5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1vx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 P Division (b00rfgz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 This Orient Isle (b074xg5f)

Episode 3

Professor Jerry Brotton, one of the UK's leading experts on cultural exchange, examines Queen Elizabeth I's fascination with the Orient. He shows that England's relations with the Muslim world were far more extensive, and often more amicable, than we have ever appreciated, and that their influence was felt across the political, commercial and domestic landscape of Elizabethan England.

Derek Jacobi reads the captivating account of how Britain sent ships, treaties and gifts to the royal families of Morocco and Turkey, including a gold carriage and a full-size pipe organ.

In this episode, we are taken into the sights and sounds of a royal pageant held in Whitehall in the year 1600 for the Moroccan ambassador.

Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.

WED 14:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08mbgxf)

1984, No Hot Water

By Anne Tyler dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Episode eight - 1984, No Hot Water

After 13 years as a divorcee Pauline still finds living by herself difficult

Director: David Hunter.

Pauline ... Sara Stewart

Karen ... Chetna Pandya

George ... David Sturzaker

Dun ... David Sterne

Katie ... Georgie Glen

Marilyn ... Sanchia McCormack

Author: Anne Tyler

Adaptor: Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

WED 14:30 Walter Kershaw: The UK's First Street Artist? (b01mk8zs)

Years before the super-cool graffiti of Banksy and his ilk, guerrilla art was being pioneered on condemned buildings in Rochdale. Walter Kershaw brightened up bridges, transformed toilets and glorified gable-ends. His work was large scale.

Poppies the size of a house and a portrait of Alvin Stardust that covered an old shop (it WAS the 1970s).

Kershaw's art upset local authorities but delighted many locals.

Wherever he painted he drew a crowd and soon residents were requesting him to paint their houses. He sought no fee and knew that his work would fade or be bulldozed, but he persisted.

There were no slogans, no protests and nothing overtly political. This really was art for art's sake.

Mark Hodgkinson, who grew up around Rochdale, meets Walter and takes him back to his old haunts. He meets Walter's accomplices and the art historians who put his work in context. He discovers what makes Walter tick and what he thinks of the current crop of graffiti artists.

Producer: Ian Bent

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

WED 15:00 Classic Serial (b00d6432)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Motion Show (b06s1bnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0081b4f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Start/Stop (b04prh93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000s214)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Price of Fear (b01ntkt4)

Meeting in Athens

A young film director mysteriously disappears while holidaying in Greece.

But when his girlfriend enlists Vincent Price to help her find him, they only succeed in uncovering the latest commodity on the black market - death...

Vincent Price introduces another chilling tale starring Kate Coleridge, Steve Plytas, Robin Browne, Michael Deacon and Charles Birkin.

Maurice Travers story 'So Cold, So Pale, So Fair' dramatised by Charles Birkin.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (b0b7fj32)

Series 16

The Other Side

Josie Long hears stories of crossing over to the other side - from radio waves permeating political barriers to the migratory routes of eels.

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Featuring Leslie Rosin, Cornelia Saxe and Gregor Schuster

Produced by Leo Hornak

The Other Side

Featuring Laura Barton

The Last Night

Featuring Anny Shaw

Produced by Andrea Rangecroft

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 19:00 The Missing Hancocks (b08hnpmg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 No Commitments (b007jv5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1x8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 P Division (b00rfgz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Hardware, Software, Anywhere (m000s9hy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000s214)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 On the Hour (b008pbcq)

Series 1

Episode 2

Tackling dangerous dogs, TV evangelism probe - and a surprising new role for Margaret Thatcher.

All the news as it happens, if it happens – plus sport from Alan Partridge.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris. With Steve Coogan, David Schneider, Rebecca Front, Patrick Marber and Doon Mackichan.

Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.

Editor: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

WED 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00nyw10)

Series 3

Episode 2

Perrier Award-winning comedian, Laura Solon continues her series of sketches, monologues and one-liners.

Olga the ex-tyrant takes on a British Post Office, a man tries to buy his mother a gift in an expensive department store and Sandrine, the Parisien radio host, chats about why French culture is much better than the culture of say, Britain.

Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

WED 23:30 Vent (b00szjy0)

Series 1

Wouldn't You Like to Get Away

Mary and Mum have a break when Ben's unconscious body gets driven to a medical conference in Birmingham. But they can't quite bring themselves to leave the hospital.

Meanwhile, Ben's mind also takes a trip. Unfortunately, it's a trip back to the hotel in Paris, where he had the most miserable night of his life.

Dark sitcom written by Nigel Smith.

CAST:

Ben Neil Pearson

Jean/Mum Josie Lawrence

Mary Fiona Allen

Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash

with Dave Lamb, Mark Perry, Jo Martin, Hils Barker, Giles New, Lucy Montgomery, Scarlett Milburn-Smith and Elizabeth Bell.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

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THU 00:00 The Price of Fear (b01ntkt4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Short Cuts (b0b7fj32)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1x8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 P Division (b00rfgz6)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Start/Stop (b04prh93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000s214)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk)

3. The Perplex'd Plot of the Perilous Plague

Can the hub of government survive the plague?

As London is ravaged by an epidemic - the playwright spy is on the case of a double-crossing.

Historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London - scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues...

Starring Dominic Jephcott as Marlowe, Bill Wallis as Ratsbane, Paul Brooke as Sir Francis Walsingham, Garard Green as Beaumont, Ronald Herdman as Faversham, Richard Bonneville as Ripley and Hugh Dennis as Dr Valentine.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

THU 06:30 P Division (b00rfz3b)

Two Way Cut

Episode 3

Samuel Lurinaky was a law abiding accountant and deeply in love with a lady from the Orient. So why was he murdered and

what does the owner of the Zambesi nightclub have to do with it?

Stars Eliza Langland as WPC Elka Willems, Jake D'Arcy as DS Ray Sussock, Frank Gallagher as DC Malcolm Montgomery, Paul Morrow as PC Wanless, Sedhar Chozam as Chi Chiu Lorinksi and Crawford Logan as DI Donoghue.

Published in 1988, this is Peter Turnbull's fifth P Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

THU 07:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b068vymj)

Series 4

The Wedding

Damien recounts the events leading up to his marriage to long term partner Anthony, when not everything went exactly according to plan...

Starring:

Miles Jupp as Damien Trench

Justin Edwards as Anthony

Philip Fox as Ian Frobisher/Damien's Dad

Selina Cadell as Damien's Mum

Brendan Dempsey as Mr Mullaney

Jessica Turner as The Celebrant

and

David Acton as Gavin Fox

Producer was Sam Michell

THU 07:30 Elephant in the Room (m000s2rm)

Series 2

Episode 6

Sarah Millican's hit panel show returns, using surveys to discover who is the most Average Jolene and who is the most Maverick Matilda. This week's sparkling panel features Ninia Benjamin, Bethany Black, Cal Wilson and Gary Delaney.

Surveys on subjects including childhood, daily rituals and favourite cheese are the basis for Sarah's questions to the panellists, discovering who is the closest to, and furthest from, the average. Surprising quirks, hilarious insights and unexpected anecdotes are revealed along the way.

The winner will be the most average. But joint winner will be the most different - the furthest from the norm.

A little bit like a dinner party, but one where you know all of the spoons.

Written by Sarah Millican, Gabby Hutchinson Crouch, Juliet Meyers and Sindhu Vee.

Produced by Lianne Coop.

A Chopsy production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00j05wn)

Series 1

Episode 6

Complaints to the BBC - and Kenneth Horne heads to a new bona bistro courtesy of Julian and his friend Sandy.

Starring Kenneth Horne. With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London.

Announcer: Douglas Smith

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer,

Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1965.

THU 08:30 Living with Betty (b09h74f1)

Episode 3

Harold gets caught in the shed with Betty...

The East End meets Cheshire in Arline Whittaker's six-part sitcom.

Stars Barbara Windsor as Betty, Peter Sallis as Harold, Glynn Edwards as Bill, Rosalind Knight as Muriel, Simon Molloy as Trevor, Diana Mather as Katherine and Peter Wheeler as Sergeant Grimshaw.

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1986.

THU 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000cn46)

Sir Tim Rice, Robin Stevens, Shazia Mirza

Quote ... Unquote, the popular celebrity quotations quiz,

returns for its 55th series.

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

Across forty years, Nigel Rees has been joined by writers, actors, musicians, scientists and various comedy types. Kenneth Williams, Judi Dench, PD James, Sir Ian KcKellen and Peter Ustinov... have all graced the Quote...Unquote stage.

Episode 5

Lyricist and author Sir Tim Rice

Novelist Robin Stevens

Stand-up comedian and writer Shazia Mirza

Quotes read by Charlotte Green

Production Coordinator: Candace Wilson

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4

THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008h4qy)

Series 2

About Some Boys

Robin is soaking. Derek is excited. Maureen is furious.

Whatever next? Stars Kay Stoham and Simon Greenall. From June 2003.

THU 10:00 Classic Serial (b00d8h6p)Tobias Smollett - The Expedition of Humphry Clinker
Episode 2

The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life, dramatised by Yvonne Antroub.

The family is stranded. Bramble is keen to continue their grand tour, but how can they leave London when Humphry is in gaol?

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony

Tabitha Bramble Marcia Warren

Lydia Melford Helen Longworth

Jery Melford Dan Starkey

Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page

Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin

Lieutenant Lismahago John Rowe

Mr Martin Chris Pavlo

Mr Micklewhimmen Sam Dale

Dutton/Wilson Nyasha Hatendi

Gaoler Stephen Critchlow

Directed by Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000s908)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mlxpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00j05wn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 Living with Betty (b09h74f1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk)

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Derek Jacobi reads the captivating account of how Britain sent ships, treaties and gifts to the royal families of Morocco and Turkey, including a gold carriage and a full-size pipe organ. In this episode, Queen Elizabeth I's advisers debate how to satisfy yet again the sultan of Turkey's demands for elaborate royal presents.

Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.

THU 14:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08md6hb)

1990, His Voice Had Changed

By Anne Tyler dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Episode nine - 1990, His Voice had Changed

After many years George Anton has a surprise visitor.

Director: David Hunter.

George ...m David Sturzaker

Lindy ... Jane Slavin

Pagan ... Tom Forriester

Michael ... Ian Porter

Gina ... Sarah Ridgeway

Karen ... Chetna Pandya

Narrator ... Barbara Barnes

Author: Anne Tyler

Adaptor: Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 14:30 The Art of Home (b03y36w2)

How does an artist's sense of home shape and direct their work?

Do they need to be rooted in a familiar place where ideas and have personally been shaped? Or can being cast far from home galvanise an artist's work, giving them a fresh perspective?

Author Rosie Dastgir explores the importance of roots and home on the work of an artist in this authored programme. She meets different artists from diverse places across Britain.

Clio Barnard is one of Britain's rising filmmakers and her work made Rosie wonder about her roots and sense of place. Much of Barnard's film work is centred in Yorkshire and her movies The Arbor and the latest, BAFTA nominated The Selfish Giant reflect a social realism that could only come from an intimate knowledge of the area.

Going home to Wolverhampton, was something that Sathnam Sanghera felt compelled to do to write his funny and moving memoir The Boy with the Top Knot - as he had learnt his father was a schizophrenic, explaining some of his family's strange behaviour while he was growing up. The memoir takes him on an extraordinary journey from his father's harsh life in rural Punjab to the steps of the Wolverhampton Tourist Office.

Simon Stevens is an award-winning playwright. His writing is characterised as part of a new generation of gritty realism and is widely performed, not only in the UK but also throughout Europe. His work and writing grapple with his past of growing

up on the streets of Stockport. The playwright believes that writers and artist invariably reflect back on their past, hoping to resolve conflict, upheaval and other events - a futile endeavour but, as we hear, an exercise that has resulted in some wonderfully creative energy.

Producer: John Sugar

A Sugar production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2014.

THU 15:00 Classic Serial (b00d8h6p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Quote... Unquote (m000cn46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008h4qy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b068vymj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Elephant in the Room (m000s2rm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jn6j)

The Man Who Hated Scenes

On a train journey across the USA, Vincent Price orders breakfast in the deserted restaurant ...

But then he encounters a meek millionaire with an alarming tale to share...

Vincent Price introduces another tale of horror starring Peter Cushing as Harry, Diana Olsson as Marilyn and Steve Preston as Chuck.

Robert Arthur's story dramatised by William Ingram.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b078y4tv)

Series 39

Graeme Lamb on Christine Granville

Lt-Gen Sir Graeme Lamb, former head of British special

forces, champions the life of wartime spy Christine Granville,

assisted by her biographer Clare Mulley.

Christine, born Kristina Skarbek, was a glamorous

swashbuckling heroine who skied into occupied Poland to

distribute Allied propaganda, and parachuted into southern

France to work with the Resistance after D Day. Murdered after the war by a jilted lover, she is little known today - thanks partly to the efforts of a group of men she had been close to,

who formed a committee to "protect her reputation" from suggestions of sexual impropriety.

Matthew Parris chairs the discussion.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00j05wn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Living with Betty (b09h74f1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 P Division (b00fr3b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000s908)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mlxpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Elephant in the Room (m000s2rm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Old Harry's Game (b007jvix)

Series 4

Beauty

Satan introduces the Professor and Thomas to Helen of Troy and her plain friend, Daphne. Stars Andy Hamilton. From May 2001.

THU 23:00 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b052jkbh)

Series 3

Love

In the first of a series, Tim Key grapples with the concept of love by telling the story of one man's romance with a beautiful cashier. Musical accompaniment is provided by Tom Basden.

Written and presented by Tim Key

With Tom Basden and Katy Wix

Produced by James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales Production

The Edinburgh Comedy Award-winning comedian returns for a third series of his Late Night Poetry Programme. Since series two Tim has been busy touring his latest acclaimed live show, Single White Slut, thrilling audiences at the Old Vic in Daniel Kitson's Tree, as well as filming movies such as Steve Coogan's Alpha Papa and Richard Ayoyade's The Double. But now he's back on late night Radio 4 doing what he does best - attempting to recite poetry whilst tormenting his friend and musician, the equally brilliant Tom Basden.

Praise for Tim Key

"...You never know when Key will suddenly toss you a fantastic joke or startlingly well-constructed line." Radio Times

"The show... has a kind of artistry and strange beauty that makes it unlike any other hour of stand-up you are likely to see." The Observer

"In any other sphere apart from comedy, we'd probably class this way of looking at the world as certifiable. Here it feels like genius." The Telegraph.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

THU 23:15 iGod (b00wr7v2)

Food

iGOD is a highly original and funny new late-night comedy

series for Radio 4. It stars Simon Day (The Fast Show) and David Soul (Starsky & Hutch) and is written by one of the head writers of the BAFTA award-winning The Thick Of It, Sean Gray and produced by Simon Nicholls (Ed Reardon's Week / News At Bedtime).

We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms everyday. iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as pointless as moisturising an elephant's elbow.

In each episode, an unnamed, all-seeing narrator (David Soul - Starsky and Hutch) shows us that it is stupid to be worrying, as he looks back at some of the most entertaining apocalypses on parallel Earths. Each week our case study is a normal bloke called Ian (Simon Day) who manages to accidentally initiate the apocalypse of a different parallel world through a seemingly harmless single act (telling a lie, being lazy, cooking some lambshanks). A succession of comic vignettes ensue that escalate to the end of a parallel world.

With a full-range of sound effects and wonderfully funny and surreal twists, iGOD will be a true aural extravaganza.

Written by Sean Gray

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

THU 23:30 The Headset Set (b01p436v)

Series 2

Episode 6

EPISODE 6

Audience sketch show set in the world of a call centre called Smile5, a company that sells anything and everything. The call centre installs a thermostat, which causes conflict.

Aleesha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu

Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith

Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Hout

Various Lucy Montgomery

Sailesh, Bradley and other characters Phaldut sharma

Writers Various

Producer Tilusha Ghelani.

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2021**FRI 00:00 The Price of Fear (b007jn6j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b078y4tv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 P Division (b00fr3b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 This Orient Isle (b074yzwm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08md6hb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The Art of Home (b03y36w2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Classic Serial (b00d8h6p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Quote... Unquote (m000cn46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008h4qy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b068vymj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Elephant in the Room (m000s2rm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1zy)

4. The Murky Mystery of Murder at St Mark's

Can a college murderer at large be outwitted?

The eloquent Elizabethan spy heads to Cambridge, where

college professors are dropping like flies.

Historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London - scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues...

Starring Dominic Jephcott as Marlowe, Bill Wallis as Ratsbane, Paul Brooke as Sir Francis Walsingham, Peter Serafinowicz as Darus, Gordon Reid as Sir Hubert and Sarah Thomas as Mistress Parker.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

FRI 06:30 P Division (b00rgnxh)

Two Way Cut

Episode 4

Donoghue has enough evidence to arrest Stein - but where is he? Louise wants to make a statement about the murder and Elka Willems is going to tell Mrs Salisbury about her daughter's illness.

Stars Frank Gallagher as DC Malcolm Montgomery, Robert Carlyle as DC King, Eliza Langland as WPC Elka Willems, Ginni Barlow as Mrs Sailisbury, Mary Ann Reid as Mrs Steen, Jake D'Arcy as DS Ray Suscock and Crawford Logan as DI Donoghue.

Published in 1988, this is Peter Turnbull's fifth P Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

FRI 07:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00y2cvn)

Series 3

Redemption Song

Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham.

Thanks to some dodgy paperwork, Adam and Rudy are faced with the prospect of losing the lease on their shop in less than a year. Inspired by Rudy's claim that Bob Marley once cited Rudy's Rare Records as having the best toilet facilities in Birmingham, they take extreme action.

Written by Danny Robins

Produced by Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

FRI 07:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000s85m)

Rachel Parris: Austensibly Feminist

Comedian Rachel Parris, a Jane Austen fan and geek, assesses one of our greatest writer's feminist credentials.

Although Jane Austen wrote about a particular class of women at a particular period in our history, the portraits she drew have resonated with millions of subsequent readers. But rarely is she considered from a feminist perspective.

In this stand-up comedy show recorded in front of a live, virtual audience, Rachel Parris asks us to re-appraise Jane Austen's work and see it in a new light. Albeit a little irreverently.

Do Austen's books pass the Bechdel test? What do her sisters tell us about the sisterhood? What have her women got in common with women today and what can we learn from what Jane Austen had to say about marriage, men and money?

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b010nrtn)

Bringing the House Down

A new office block is on the agenda. But it's a bit too close to home for Mildred.

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

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma

Ronald, John Graham and Ronald Baddiley.

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 Radio 4 in September 1970.

FRI 08:30 Second Thoughts (b00fnfp1)

Series 2

Love and Hisses

Faith is worrying about money, when Bill gets an unexpected offer...

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyshot 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, Kelda Holmes as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Belinda Lang as Liza, Jo Kendall as Marjorie and Christopher Good as Richard. 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 December 1989.

FRI 09:00 Say the Word (b00764vn)

Episode 4

Frank Delaney's panel game revolving around the English language.

With Christopher Cook, Miles Kington, Valerie Grove and Carol Boyd

Plus resident jesters - the Nimmo Twins

Producer: Simon Elmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

FRI 09:30 The Sit Crom (b00m0zyl)

Thick Fog in All Areas

Tobias Thynne finds an unusual way to avoid the Devil's vegetables and all is confusion upon the heath.

Sue Limb's six-part comedy set during the English Civil War.

Sir John Firebasket Joss Ackland

Lady Anne Firebasket Denise Coffey

Tobias Thynne Clive Merrison

Mercy, alias Melissa Miriam Margolyes

Father Francis Nickolas Grace

Slow Ned Chris Emmett

Gazebo Fogg Jack Klaff

Captain Arise Higgs Alun Armstrong

Posthumous Nicky Henson

Counter Tenor Peter Hayward

Lettice Jane Whittenshaw

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

FRI 10:00 Classic Serial (b00dcdgw)

Tobias Smollett - The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Episode 3

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life, dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus.

The Bramble family's adventures continue as they begin the long trip home, a journey full of surprises and unexpected revelations.

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony

Tabitha Bramble Marcia Warren

Lydia Melford Helen Longworth

Jery Melford Dan Starkey

Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page

Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin

Lieutenant Lismahago John Rowe

Sir Thomas Bullford Trevor Peacock

Oxmington/Denimson Sam Dale

Wilson/French valet Nyasha Hatendi

Frogmore Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Joan Walker and Ben

Crowe.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000sbb9)

Parenting and The Family

Amanda Litherland and Chrystal Genesis find the best podcasts on parenting and the family.

FRI 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b010nrtn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b00fnfp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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FRI 13:30 P Division (b00rgnxh)

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Derek Jacobi reads the captivating account of how Britain sent ships, treaties and gifts to the royal families of Morocco and Turkey, including a gold carriage and a full-size pipe organ.

In this episode, we visit the London stage to discover the Elizabethan fascination with the little-known world of Islam, particularly by Shakespeare and Marlowe.

Producer: David Roper

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2016.

FRI 14:15 The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (b08md9xc)

2001, An Extra Marriage

By Anne Tyler dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Episode ten - 2001, An Extra Marriage

Michael returns to his old neighbourhood and old loves.

Michael Ian Porter

Narrator Barbara Barnes

Radio Interviewer Finlay Robertson

Anna Georgie Glen

Lindy Jane Slavin

Young Pauline Julianna Jennings

Ex-soldier Nicholas Murchie

Pauline Sarah Stewart

Pagan/Young Michael Tom Forrister

Director: David Hunter.

FRI 14:30 The Map That Made Manhattan (b04fy2bq)

Over two hundred years since the beginning of its construction, this feature explores the New York grid system as real and imagined - architectural matrix, psychic space and site of continuing cultural-political argument.

The Commissioners' Plan of 1811 divided the island of Manhattan into an orthogonal grid of intersecting avenues running North-South and cross-streets running East-West, from river to river. Attacked for being nothing more than "a grid of money making", it was in fact a great democratic leveller. And if it fostered what de Tocqueville viewed as relentless monotony, its coordinates also enabled drivers and pedestrians to figure out where they stood, physically and metaphorically. The debate continues. Urban critic Tony Hiss ('In Motion: The Experience of Travel') has written about the grid's primal orderliness: "I still think it distances us from our natural surroundings and it has given us a spurious and diminished mental geometry".

Condemned for dehumanizing and mechanising the city's inhabitants (Henry James, writing in the grid-free enclave of Greenwich Village, called it "a primal topographic curse") others saw it as a modern, rational system in step with the ethos of a young republic.

And New Yorkers themselves are of course a great source of wit and comment on the grid system.

Filled with the sounds and atmosphere of New York, and hearing entirely from its residents - from city architects and historians to taxi drivers and subway engineers - this programme considers the geometry of the grid as the brilliant intersection of architectural vision with psychic and cultural space, and as footprint for the awesome city skyline.

Producer: Simon Hollis

A Brook Lapping Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000s85m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Price of Fear (b007jshy)

Lot 132

Horror legend Vincent Price tells the artistically horrifying tale of a painting. With Douglas Blackwell, Alexander John, Elizabeth Morgan and Vincent Price

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00j7ty0)

One Big Happy Family

Dominic Arkwright, John O'Farrell, Kathryn Flett and Andi Oliver discuss how family life shapes up to the ideal. From March 2009.

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FRI 20:30 P Division (b00rgnxh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000sbb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000s85m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b00yjvx4)

Episode 2

The urban warrior's comedy-music mix includes a how-to guide to seeing gigs for free.

More undeniable truths to a nation crying out for direction and guidance.

Written by and starring Simon Munnery.

With Peter Serafinowicz and Mandy Knight.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in February 1995.

FRI 23:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b07myxkp)

Series 3

Episode 3

Simon Evans' comedy lecture on four of the big life stages that mark our journey through life and how economics is part of every one of those stages, whether we like it or not.

As always, he is joined by Financial Times columnist and presenter of Radio 4's 'More or Less', economist Tim Harford, and by financial guru and editor of Money Week, Merryn Somerset Webb.

This week Simon looks at Birth.

Also on stage are Andy and Sophie who are thinking about having children. From an economic point of view, should they at all? If they do, how many should they have? And when should they have them?

This week's special guest is Professor James Sefton who talks about the optimal birth rate for the country, economically-speaking.

Presenter: Simon Evans, with Tim Harford and Merryn

Somerset Webb

Guests: Professor James Sefton, Sophie Richardson

Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge, Andy Wolton and Guy Venables.

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.