

**SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2021**

**SAT 00:00 Guy de Maupassant - The Hand (b0074lx)**  
 1880's Corsica: Reminded by a gruesome trophy of his days in Africa, Sir John Rowell awaits the return of his nemesis...  
 Starring Denis Quilley.  
 Guy de Maupassant's story dramatised by Michael Robson.  
 Sir John Rowell ..... Denis Quilley  
 Bermutier ..... Cyril Shaps  
 Olivier ..... Edward Seckersn  
 Audas ..... David Strong  
 Chavanne ..... Hector Ross  
 Devised and directed by Derek Hoddinott.  
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in February 1976.  
**SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0011qvz)**  
 Trivia  
 What turns a fact into knowledge, and did you know that Pete Conrad was the first man to dance on the moon?  
 Dominic Arkwright debates elitism in education with Kathryn Hughes, Francis Gilbert and Mark Mason, author of *The Importance of Being Trivial*.  
 Produced by Miles Warde.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.  
**SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jrcx)**  
 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair  
 3. Mr Carl Latham  
 Despite an attempt on his life, debonair detective Paul Temple remains hot on the trail of the elusive 'Alex'.  
 Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.  
 Paul Temple .... Peter Coke  
 Steve .... Marjorie Westbury  
 Sir Graham Forbes .... James Thomason  
 Inspector Crane .... Haydn Jones  
 Wilfred Davis .... Basil Jones  
 Dr Kohima's Maid .... Ann Murray  
 Carl Latham .... Simon Lack  
 Mrs Trevelyan .... Barbara Mitchell  
 Ricky Henderson .... Frank Henderson  
 Dr Kohima .... Rolf Lefebvre  
 Webb/Shaw .... Ronald Herdman  
 Producer: Martin C Webster  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.  
**SAT 01:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr3t)**  
 Episode 5  
 Still on the run from foreign agents, the Englishman is pursued through the deep tunnels of the London Underground.  
 Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.  
 Read by Michael Jayston.  
 Producer: David Jackson Young.  
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2004.  
**SAT 02:00 The Running Hare by John Lewis-Stempel (b079rrbb)**  
 Episode 5  
 A close up and intimate natural history by John Lewis-Stempel. By taking an abandoned field close to his farm, he observes in minute detail the behaviour of plants, birds and animals that are being displaced by agribusiness. In telling the story of one field, he tells the story of our countryside, our language, our religion and our food. But in transforming one field, he creates a haven for one particular animal close to his heart - the brown hare. The final episode brings mixed emotions - the field awaits a new use and a new owner.  
 Writer: John Lewis-Stempel  
 Abridger Barry Johnston  
 Reader: Bernard Hill  
 Producer: David Roper  
 A Heavy Entertainment Production  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.  
**SAT 02:15 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b091wby0)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 5  
 Having failed to secure Beth's release from the clutches of Moses Lipski, Meg decides to take matters into her own hands - with dramatic results.  
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 Megan Evans ..... Bettrys Jones  
 Samuel Singer ..... David Horovitch  
 Beth ..... Kerry Gooderson  
 Dora Lipski ..... Chetna Pandya  
 Moses Lipski ..... Brian Protheroe  
 Annie Riley ..... Alice Haig  
 Iolo Jones ..... Philip Fox  
 Major Arthur Eden ..... Simon Ludders  
 Directed by Marc Beeby.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.  
**SAT 02:30 Invalid Password - The Password, A History Of Failure (b03g9dgg)**  
 Passwords have never been weaker and hackers have never been more powerful. In 2012, a computer cluster was unveiled that can cycle through as many as 350 billion password guesses per second.  
 For most people, passwords are the first and only line of defence for confidential information online. We've been taught that passwords are the answer - as long as they are elaborate enough.

Passwords:  
 \* must not follow any predictable pattern  
 \* must not reference any events you have personally witnessed  
 \* must be a closely guarded personal secret  
 \* must not be something you would use as a password just to get past a password reset check  
 \* must be impossible to remember  
 But, today, that's becoming a fantasy - businesses, banks, schools, governments and individuals have all been hacked.  
 In this social history of the password, Tim Samuels travels to Las Vegas for a password conference. Here he meets the man responsible for the most popular cracking software, a former US Army interrogator who now builds super computers and a passionate Norwegian who believes passwords are here to stay.  
 Discover how easy it is to crack Tim's password and witness the elaborate steps some people go through to protect their online information.  
 Have we reached a stage where passwords that are secure enough to resist hacking are too hard to remember? If passwords are living on borrowed time, what can protect us online?  
 Producer: Barney Rowntree  
 A Hidden Flack production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2013.  
**SAT 03:00 Zoe Fairbairns - The Belgian Nurse (b0072vr)**  
 The story of a friendship that created one of the 20th century's best-selling novels and films.  
 When American writer Kathryn Hulme meets a Belgian nurse on a UN Relief Programme after the Second World War, she doesn't understand why Marie-Louise Habets is so unwilling to talk about herself.  
 It's only later that Marie-Louise admits she has recently left her convent - a confession that reaches a worldwide audience through the book and then the film of *The Nun's Story*.  
 Written by Zoe Fairbairns.  
 Kathryn Hulme ..... Debora Weston  
 Marie-Louise Habets ..... Rachel Atkins  
 Pierre ..... John Moraitis  
 Fred Zinneman ..... Garrick Hagon  
 Audrey Hepburn ..... Christine Kavanagh  
 Mother Benedict ..... Jane Ridley  
 Director: Sara Davies  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.  
**SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b01c7snf)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 1  
 Rachel Johnson, Desmond Lynam and Mark Steel nominate one of their nearest and dearest to answer a selection of questions. Anything from "Who would you like to be stranded on a desert island with?" to "What is your favourite film?" to "How much is a pint of milk?"  
 Then they attempt to second-guess how their nominee responded. If they can get it right, or come close, they get points.  
 Miles Jupp takes the chair.  
 Plus special guest - renowned film director and food critic, Michael Winner gives answers which the panel must try to predict.  
 Producer: Sam Michell  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.  
**SAT 04:30 The Sit Croom (b00mf205)**  
 The Wasps' Nest  
 The search for enemies leads to love triumphing over fire.  
 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  
 Posthumous .... Nicky Henson  
 Counter Tenor .... Peter Hayward  
 Captain Arise Higgs .... Alun Armstrong  
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1990.  
**SAT 05:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00yqsj3)**  
 Series 3  
 Girls and Boys  
 With Rudy about to tie the knot, it's party time - Adam style.  
 Adam has created a wedding spreadsheet, and it's down to Richie to intervene to ensure that both the Stag Do, and Doreen's hen night, go off with a Rudy Sharpe Sizzle.  
 Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham.  
 Stars Lenny Henry and Larrington Walker.  
 Written by Danny Robins and Paula Hines  
 Adam ..... Lenny Henry  
 Rudy ..... Larrington Walker  
 Richie ..... Joe Jacobs  
 Tasha ..... Natasha Godfrey  
 Clifton ..... Jeffery Kissoon  
 Doreen ..... Claire Benedict  
 Producer: Lucy Armitage.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.  
**SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000sxxgq)**  
 Stephen Buchanan: Talking Shop  
 BBC New Comedy Award winner Stephen Buchanan's debut stand up show for BBC Radio 4.

In Talking Shop, Stephen outlines his chequered work history from shop worker to human ping pong ball. At home Stephen lives with his mum and a Vietnamese refugee Dove. Can Stephen help Dove onto the career ladder and can they both move up in the world?  
 Stephen Buchanan - Talking Shop encapsulates the trials and tribulations of his life so far, alongside the true story of Stephen and Dove's developing friendship - all of which have led to this very moment: Stephen's debut Radio 4 special.  
 Written and Performed by Stephen Buchanan.  
 Producer: Adnan Ahmed  
 A BBC Studios Production  
**SAT 06:00 Dodie Smith - Dear Octopus (b06qjp4l)**  
 1938: Charles and Dora Randolph are celebrating their Golden Wedding.  
 A chance for four generations of the same family to be together – sparking all the problems and surprises that such a gathering inevitably causes...  
 Dodie Smith's play enjoyed a hugely successful run in the theatre before and during the early years of the Second World War.  
 Charles Randolph ..... Michael Denison  
 Dora Randolph ..... Dulcie Gray  
 Belle ..... Mary Wimbush  
 Margery ..... Annette Badland  
 Edna ..... Frances Jeater  
 Nanny ..... Dora Bryan  
 Cynthia ..... Penny Downie  
 Laurel ..... Trevyn McDowell  
 Hilda ..... Joanna David  
 Nicholas ..... Nicholas Gecks  
 Fenny ..... Charlotte Attenborough  
 Hugh ..... Joshua Towb  
 Kenneth ..... Michael Tudor Barnes  
 Bill ..... Mark Burrows  
 Scrap ..... Sara-Jane Derrick  
 Flouncy ..... Bernadette Windsor  
 Gertrude ..... Becky Hindley  
 Producer: Glyn Dearman  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995  
**SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b07bzdcl)**  
 Series 39  
 George Fox  
 George Fox, born in 1624 in Leicestershire, is best known as the founder of the Quakers. In early life he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, and for a while he worked as a shepherd as well. But it was as a preacher travelling widely across the land that he made his name, and also received the most abuse. As he writes: "... the people fell upon me in great rage, struck me down and almost stifled and smothered me. And I was cruelly beaten and bruised by them with their hands, Bibles and sticks."  
 Nominating the dissenting George Fox is Ann Limb, chair of the Scout Association. Also in studio, Jonathan Fryer, editor of *George Fox and the Children of the Light*.  
 Matthew Parris presents, and the producer in Bristol is Miles Warde.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.  
**SAT 08:00 Heresy (b07c2t5p)**  
 Series 10  
 Episode 2  
 Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show which dares to commit heresy.  
 Her guests this week are Alex Horne, Jonny Woo and Richard Osman. Together they discuss money, dress codes and sexy TV dramas.  
 Producer: Daisy Knight  
 An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.  
**SAT 08:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0084hyx)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 5  
 Lady Cabstanleigh holds a party, Mrs McGurgle gets into an argument, Chief Inspector Blunderton follows up a few leads, and Justice Cocklecarrot has to contend with the antics of the Filthistrian trio.  
 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 Ross Noble's Newcastle (b0755pvx)**  
 From the bistro bar of Newcastle's Tyne Theatre, where he performed his very first hometown gig – Ross Noble explores Georgie comedy past and present.  
 Featuring a candid interview with Sarah Millican, an exploration of happiness with Jason Cook and a trip back in time to the humour of old with Percy Douglas and Bobby Thompson.  
 Self-deprecating, quick witted and warm, there's much to be said for Georgie humour that sets it apart from the comedy in the rest of the British Isles. Newcastle is a city of almost pathological friendliness - no-one takes themselves too seriously and everyone is as quick to poke fun at themselves as at others. Whether you put it down to the cheeriness of the accent or the egalitarian mentality of your average Novocastrian, there's no

denying Geordies want people to enjoy themselves as much as they do, and that true homespun North Eastern humour has its tongue placed firmly in its cheek.

Multi-award winning Cramlington born stand up comic Ross Noble is one of British comedy's biggest household names – a TV and radio regular, with numerous sell-out stage shows.

The carefully selected archive includes:

- \* Ross Noble On....
- \* Jason Cook, Gavin Webster and Kai Humphries, MacAulay & Co at the Edinburgh Fringe
- \* The Geordie Game
- \* Knitted Trunks, Woman's Hour
- \* Sarah Millican, Funny Friends
- \* Ant and Dec, Desert Island Discs
- \* Jason Cook and Chris Ramsey, Jason Cook's Happiness HQ
- \* Fireside Tales
- \* Percy Douglas, Wot Cheer Geordie
- \* Bobby Thompson, Turns of the Century
- \* Jesting About

Producer: Anna Miles  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Radio Scotland  
**SAT 12:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09h2rby)**  
Series 2  
Mutton Rissoles  
Spring 1965. Trisha moves into a new bedsitter with the toast-loving Moira.

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Tedder's romantic comedy, inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic.

Extracts from Cooking in a Bedsitter are read by Eleanor Bron, Trisha....Beattie Edmondson  
Deepak....Nikesh Patel  
June....Ellie Darvill.  
Director: Emma Harding  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.  
**SAT 12:30 Life With The Lyons (m0001st3)**  
Accidents Will Happen  
When Bebe runs into a car driven by boxer Freddie Mills, Ben sets out to teach her a lesson....  
Starring Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon.  
With:  
Barbara Lyon  
Richard Lyon  
Horace Percival  
Doris Rogers  
Molly Weir  
Hugh Morton,  
Special guest Freddie Mills.  
Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury.  
Incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson. The BBC Variety Orchestra are conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.  
Producer: Tom Ronald.  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1951.  
**SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b09kpmys)**  
Good Luck Professor Spiegelhalter  
Whether we believe in luck or not, we do use the word- a lot! More as a figure of speech than an article of faith perhaps, but some do pray for luck, others fantasize about it - and bad luck or misfortune is a staple of comedy.

Can luck be said to exist as some force in our lives and if so, what is its nature? How have people thought about luck in the past and what's changed today? Can you bring good luck upon yourself - there's a school of thought these days that thinks you can without appealing to the divine or supernatural.

Professor Spiegelhalter, the Winton professor for the public understanding of risk at Cambridge University looks at notions of luck in gambling, traces the origins of how we think about fate and fortune, the religious and psychological view of luck and how the emergence of theory of probability changed our view of it.

He is convinced by the philosopher Angie Hobbs that there is one form of luck it is rational to believe in and by psychologist Richard Wiseman that there is a secular solution to bringing about good fortune in your life.

Produced in Salford by Kevin Mousley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.:  
**SAT 14:00 On the Hour (b007k45s)**  
Series 1  
Episode 5  
The latest on the 'Penelope Keith riots', and just 38 weeks to Wimbledon.

All the news as it happens, if it happens – and the sport with 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 September 1991.  
**SAT 14:30 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b00757wk)**  
Episode 1  
A five pound deal of sketches, monologues and weird soup. Originally broadcast LIVE from London's exclusive Imperial Rooms, Mayfair.

Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick.  
Featuring:  
Peter Serafinowicz  
Emma Clarke

Steve Brody.  
Producer: Phil Bowker.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.  
**SAT 15:00 Pleased to Meet You (b007k35j)**  
Series 1  
Episode 3  
90-something good-time girl Dora Dale spills the beans spills the beans on the Rat Pack, John and Yoko - and the subtext of Right Said Fred sung by Bernard Cribbins.

Betraying confidences and breaking unwritten rules galore, the friend of the stars reveals some surprising and salacious secrets. Written by and starring Martin Kelner and Jake Yapp.  
Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in August 2006.  
**SAT 15:30 Chain Reaction (b01m19nz)**  
Series 8  
Tim Minchin talks to Caitlin Moran  
Comedian and musician Tim Minchin is not well but still has a great time putting the world to rights in his attempt to interview journalist and author, Caitlin Moran, despite having no questions and no voice.

The talk tag show where the guest is the next interviewer.  
Producer: Carl Cooper  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.  
**SAT 16:00 Dodie Smith - Dear Octopus (b06qjp4l)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b07bzdcl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 18:00 Red Moon (m000t4mc)**  
Phase 6: Darkside  
Eddie and Susan are embattled at a Cumbrian RAF base, hoping to avert disaster.

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.  
Eddie Sloper .... Philip Bulcock  
Dr Susan Madison .... Yasmine Holness-Dove  
Mrs Jones .... Georgina Periam  
Quirke .... Joe Riley  
Liz .... Sarah Whitehouse  
SAS Captain .... Greg Page  
Base Commander .... Richard Reed  
Lt. Gen. 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 Alex Jones - Lightbulbs (b038xn76)**  
Steve returns from abroad after a year away to discover there's something nasty in the shed...  
Alex Jones's tale of the supernatural starring Terry Molloy.  
Steve .... David Holt  
Joan..... Jillie Meers  
Bill..... Terry Molloy  
Karen... Lorna Laidlaw  
Aunt Dot...Joyce Gibbs  
Mrs Stanley...Sunny Ormonde  
Vicar...Richard Curnow  
Felicity... Mia Busby  
Music by Alex Jones.  
Producer: Sue Wilson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.  
**SAT 19:00 Ross Noble's Newcastle (b0755pvx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 22:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b01r11x0)**  
Series 1  
Episode 1  
After noticing that misogyny, like shiny leggings, had made an unexpected comeback - comedian Bridget Christie wonders did it ever really go away?

In the first of her four-part stand up comedy series on the state of British feminism today, Bridget asks why feminism became a dirty word and whether the modern British woman needs it. An incident involving a man, a smell and a well-known bookstore made her ask what place feminism has in modern Britain, whether the fight has been won or is being fought on different fronts. Plus, why did Bic launch the "Bic for Her" - a pen specifically designed for a woman's hand?

Fred MacAulay helps her remember some of the key incidents which brought her to an epiphany and a call to arms.  
Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.  
**SAT 22:30 Elastic Planet (b007k399)**  
The Objects  
Revealing the links between the art of siren writing, the discovery of pants, the Church of England motorcycle display team and the flamenco guitar.

Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences in Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.

With Rebecca Front, Dan Strauss, Kerry Shale, Geoff McGovern, Ben Moor, Raymond Baxter and Caron Keating.  
Producer: Jon Naismith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995  
**SAT 22:45 We Know Everything (b0855xkm)**  
Episode 5  
Hosts Dan Gaster and Paul Powell tackle another selection of imponderable questions from the studio audience.

This week - if all the world's a stage, where does the audience sit?  
The answer to this and similar irrelevant queries will be revealed in tonight's show.

With Simon Godfrey, Clare Cathcart and Martin Hyder.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.  
**SAT 23:00 It's Jocelyn (b06snvkw)**  
Series 1  
Episode 1  
It's Jocelyn is the series from comedian Jocelyn Jee Esien (3 Non Blondes and Little Miss Jocelyn).

Back with a raft of brand fresh characters including the Overly Dramatic Family, a pair of terrible African Drummers and a bad-tempered couple who run a takeaway business, Jocelyn vents her frustrations at the world around her through sketches and stand-up. From pedantic dinner dates to coping with annoying friends, Jocelyn's life provides a rich seam of humour.

Jocelyn is delighted to be joined in the cast by Curtis Walker, Ninia Benjamin and Kevin J.  
Producer: John Pocock  
A BBC Radio Comedy production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.  
**SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b01m6cgv)**  
Series 8  
Caitlin Moran talks to Jennifer Saunders  
The interviewee on the previous show, Caitlin Moran returns to interview her comedy hero, Jennifer Saunders. They talk shoes, Bananarama and women in comedy.

Talk tag show where the guest is the next interviewer.  
Producer: Carl Cooper  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

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**SUN 06:00 The Running Hare by John Lewis-Stempel (Omnibus) (b079s5n2)**  
A close up and intimate natural history by John Lewis-Stempel. By taking an abandoned field close to his farm, he observes in minute detail the behaviour of plants, birds and animals that are being displaced by agribusiness. In telling the story of one field, he tells the story of our countryside, our language, our religion and our food. But in transforming one field, he creates a haven for one particular animal close to his heart - the brown hare.

Writer: John Lewis-Stempel  
Abridger Barry Johnston  
Reader: Bernard Hill  
Producer: David Roper  
A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.  
**SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b3g0bn)**  
Mariella Frostrup  
Broadcaster Mariella Frostrup with Leonard Cohen's Hey, That's No Way To Say Goodbye and Van Morrison's Have I Told You Lately?  
**SUN 07:20 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (b092g86d)**  
Series 2 (Omnibus)  
Megan Evans is looking to expand her dairy business but dark forces are beginning to gather and her life is further complicated by the unexpected arrival of her troubled sister.

Omnibus written by Gregory Evans.  
Megan Evans .... Bettrys Jones  
Samuel Singer .... David Horovitch  
Annie Riley .... Alice Haig  
Fred Wensley .... Samuel James  
Iolo Jones .... Philip Fox  
Dora Lipski .... Chetna Pandya  
Huw .... Tom Forrester  
Nun .... Julie Teal  
Director: Marc Beeby  
In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.

First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2017  
**SUN 08:30 Meet the Huggetts (b00ncgg1)**  
No Fear  
Huggett family chaos reigns when young Bobby sets out to play the hero.

Stars Jack Warner as Joe, Kathleen Harrison as Ethel, George Howell as Bobby, Marion Collins as Jane, Charles Leno as Fred Stebbings and Kenneth Connor as Charlie.









them about their extraordinary, complex and uplifting stories. So, Gossip and Goddesses is born – Umimi 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:  
Ex-Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq, and award winning chef and restaurateur Asma Khan  
Cast:

Umimi Kumar – Meera Syal  
Geeta Bhandari – Harvey Virdi  
Maya Kumar – Amreen 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 Life With The Lyons (m0001x1l)**  
Let Them Eat Cake  
The battle to bake the best cake sparks a menu of misunderstandings.

Starring Bebe Daniels, Ben Lyon, Barbara Lyon, Richard Lyon, Horace Percival, Doris Rogers, Molly Weir and Harry Morris. Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury. Music by the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Producer: Tom Ronald  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1951.

**WED 08:30 No Commitments (b007jmsc)**  
Series 1  
A Complete Break  
Victoria and Charlotte arrange sister Anna's holiday, but she has her own plans.

Starring Rosemary Leach.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.

**WED 09:00 Heresy (b07cx3b9)**  
Series 10  
Episode 3

Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show which dares to commit heresy.  
Her guests this week are Lee Mack, Konnie Huq and Dave Gorman. Together they talk about CGI, Air BnB and Rupert Murdoch's marriage.  
An Avalon production for the BBC.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 8th June 2016.  
**WED 09:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0085j96)**  
Series 1

Episode 6  
The First Attempt To Reach The Moon - and a slice of Edwardian life.  
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 April 1989.

**WED 10:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b012yw3g)**  
1. Challis Charm  
1943: Margaret Steggles moves to bomb-damaged London to take up her new teaching job.

Through a dropped ration book, she meets the Challises, who live at Westwood, an elegant house in Highgate. The Challis family have great charm, and, with the casual selfishness of the privileged, they soon take advantage of Margaret's slavish admiration.

Stella Gibbons' gentle comedy adapted in two parts by Lynne Truss.  
CAST:

Narrator/Lady Challis .... Rosemary Leach  
Margaret Steggles .... Juliet Aubrey  
Gerard Challis .... Michael Fenton Stevens  
Hilda Wilson .... Saffron Burrows  
Hebe Niland .... Caroline Harker  
Zita Mandelbaum .... Mia Soteriou  
Seraphina Challis .... Phyllida Nash  
Dick Fletcher .... Jonathan Nibbs  
Mrs Steggles .... Angela Barlow  
Mr Hudson .... Chris Donnelly  
Grantley .... Jacqueline Tong  
Earl .... Martin T. Sherman  
Mrs Wilson .... Barbara Kellermann  
Producer: Kate McAll  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

**WED 11:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m00005pc)**  
2. Meera and Linda

From the dawn of broadcast comedy, women played a vital but largely overlooked role; more in the background rather than the forefront. What impact did the sisters of satire from the 60's and 70's have on the comedy we know today and what was their

cultural influence? In the less enlightened sixties and seventies, women were often the joke, rather than making them. Just because they weren't the stars of the show didn't mean their influence wasn't felt. June Whitfield, Eleanor Bron and Miriam Margolyes were all quietly but firmly making their name in comedies such as The Glums, The Establishment Club and The Betty Witherspoon Show. These women paved the way for comedians and actors such as Jan Ravens, Meera Syal and Linda Smith.

Samira Ahmed in conversation with actor and director Arabella Weir, former radio producer and novelist Lissa Evans and stand-up comedian and actress Tiffany Stevenson discuss some of the best sitcoms from the Radio 4 archives and listen again to the joys of Week Ending, Goodness Gracious Me! and a Brief History of Time Wasting and assess the impact these funny women have had on contemporary comedy and the extent of their satirical legacy.

This programme takes us on a comic journey from the early 1970's to the present day and celebrates women in satire.  
Producer: Belinda Naylor

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2019.  
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Episode 3

Chris Packham is a naturalist, nature photographer and author, best known for his television work. But in his lyrical and emotionally honest new memoir, he reveals the life-events which would eventually shape him, and change him forever. Chris brings to life his childhood in the 1970s, from his bedroom bursting with birds' eggs and jam jars, to his feral adventures. But throughout his story is the search for freedom, meaning and acceptance in a world that didn't understand him. In this episode, Chris decides that animals are easier to trust than people. He makes a nocturnal escape through his bedroom window, finds treasure up a tree and falls in love.

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Read by Chris Packham and Rachel Atkins  
Abridged by Jo Coombs  
Produced by Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.  
**WED 14:15 44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh for Pretenders (b07cwzjl)**

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44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh For Pretenders by Alexander McCall Smith

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WEDNESDAY CAST:  
ANGUS LORDIE.....CRAWFORD LOGAN  
DOMENICA.....CAROL ANN CRAWFORD  
IRENE.....EMMA CURRIE  
BERTIE.....SIMON KERR  
STUART.....DAVID JACKSON YOUNG  
LARD O'CONNOR.....IAIN AGNEW  
GERRY.....SIMON DONALDSON  
Producer/director: David Ian Neville

**WED 14:30 This Is Not Magritte (b011vh4t)**

Richard Strange broadcasts from Magritte's former apartment and the Magritte Museum in Brussels to piece together the exceptional vision and by contrast, determinedly ordinary life of this outwardly conventional man who constructed intriguing and bizarre images, imploring us to "put the real world on trial". Originally broadcast to coincide with a major exhibition of Surrealist artist, Rene Magritte's work at Tate Liverpool in 2011.

Monty Python's Terry Jones holds forth about Magritte's genius for juxtaposition, eminent writer, Suzi Gablik recalls staying with the Magritte during the 1960s, Naresh Ramchandani explains why Magritte's paintings underpin advertising and artist Gavin Turk pays homage to the master.  
Ever since the 1960s, we've seen Magritte's works, eager to find hidden meanings within them. But the artist fiercely resisted interpretation, imploring us to question our own inquiry and

what reality we believe to be true.  
His famous painting - "Ceci n'est pas une Pipe", (This Is Not A Pipe), shows the image of a pipe "You can't smoke it, you can't suck it - it's no more a pipe than an apple!" inspired the artist. "My painting is visible images which conceal nothing; they evoke mystery and, indeed, when one sees one of my pictures, one asks oneself this simple question, 'What does that mean?' It does not mean anything, because mystery means nothing either, it is unknowable."

Magritte used a language of brick walls, sky, apples, rocks, bowler-hats and drawn words, to explore how images work and how strange they are. He played with scale, perspective, shadow and illusion. A rock floats, an apple fills a room, suited men rain down on a city...

He was often mistaken as a bank clerk; his external appearance (in bowler hat) at odds with his anarchist heart.

Producer: Kate Bland  
A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2011.

**WED 15:00 Stella Gibbons - Westwood (b012yw3g)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**WED 16:00 Heresy (b07cx3b9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**WED 16:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0085j96)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**WED 17:00 Start/Stop (b04vk6l2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**WED 17:30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000synt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 18:00 The Spaceship (b007w524)**  
3. Monster

What are the strange noises coming from the hold? Karen and Melissa investigate.  
A five-part sci-fi comedy series written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst for BBC7.

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CAST:  
Captain Gordon Taylor .... James Fleet  
Melissa Patterson .... Emily Joyce  
Karen .... Rose Cavaliero  
Stuart .... Paul Barnhill  
Clive .... Neil Warhurst

Trevor .... Rob Hastie  
Narrator .... Nicholas Boulton  
Director: Sally Avens  
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2005.  
**WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m0001hwm)**  
Series 17

Seasons  
Josie Long presents new short documentaries and audio adventures tied to the changing of the seasons.

Laura Barton offers an ode to the sticky heat of summer, we hear the beat of hummingbird wings in autumn and a love story tied to cold British winters and Colombia's 'spring city'.  
On Music Overheard  
Produced by Phil Smith

Heat  
Featuring Laura Barton  
Tiny Jalopy

Produced by Michelle Macklem  
Olga  
Produced by Phil Smith

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall,  
A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2018.  
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**WED 21:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m00005pc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]  
**WED 22:00 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000synt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 22:30 Elvenquest (b00yv3n6)**  
Series 2

Episode 1  
Second series of the fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth. The intrepid band of Questers, led by Elven Lord, Vidar, set off once again on their search for the Sword of Asnagar which is the only thing that can free them from the tyranny of the evil







The bitter-sweet real-life love story of Olive Garnett - sister of the famous Russian Translator, Constance - who meets and falls for a Russian expatriate whose charms hide a secret and rather sinister past...

Written by Martyn Wade.

Stars Justine Waddell as Olive Garnett, David Horovitch as Stepniak, Jennie Stoller as Connie Garnett, Elizabeth Bell as Fanny Stepniak, Jasmine Hyde as Olive Rossetti and Charles Simpson as Edward Garnett.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

**FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000t750)**

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

**FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 The Alan Davies Show (b00898wy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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Irene ..... Emma Currie

Bertie ..... Simon Kerr

Olive ..... Sophie Lawrence

Big Lou ..... Anita Vettesse

Alec ..... Simon Donaldson

The New Pretender ..... David Jackson Young

Producer/director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

**FRI 14:30 Just Like That (m000t756)**

4 Extra Debut. Milton Jones celebrates the comic genius of Tommy Cooper as the stars, friends and family recall the magical mayhem. From 2002.

**FRI 15:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfby9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:00 It's Not What You Know (b01ckr46)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 Fat Chance (b019fwxg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 Clare in the Community (b082hg9n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000t4ky)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 The Spaceship (b007jvq8)**

5. Enemies

The crew at last make contact with another race but not before a minor rebellion on board.

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Clive ..... Neil Warhurst

Ion ..... Jason Chan

The King of the Dwapeye ..... Stephen Hogan

Narrator ..... Nicholas Boulton

Director: Sally Avens

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2005.

**FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0015mhs)**

Vegas

Dominic Arkwright, Joe Queenan, Karen Marchbank and

Michael Simkins debate the excesses and quirks of Las Vegas.

From June 2009.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000t4ky)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 22:30 Alan Parker's 59 Minutes of Truth (b00zfk7g)**

Episode 6

The Che Guevara of radio, with contraband comedy, music and Mark E Smith.

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

Comedy-music mix written by and starring Simon Munnery.

With Peter Serafinowicz, Mandy Knight and Dermot Carmody.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 in March 1995.

**FRI 23:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cl6vl)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Things are looking up for Tom - he's got a new job working at the zoo, which he loves, and he's also met a rather nice girl called Pi, who works with the birds, and what's more it seems that Pi also has a band in her head.

Everything seems perfect, so surely the band in Tom's head couldn't possibly ruin things for him this time...could they?

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

Suggs ..... Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse ..... Dr Boone

Phil Cornwell ..... Bouche

Andrew McGibbon ..... Jake

Nick Romero ..... Monty DeVeré

Bill Nighy ..... Malc

Julia Deakin ..... Phelia

Toby Longworth ..... Clammy

Pi ..... Debra Stephenson

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.