

SATURDAY 03 APRIL 2021

SAT 00:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k0tb)

2. Tomb

Earth's last living man, Robert Neville, discovers that his wife's tomb is a lair for vampires.

Richard Matheson's 1954 cult classic set in 1976 USA. One of the 20th century's most significant vampire novels, combining sci-fi and horror.

Read by Angus McInnes.

Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2006.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00h453)

You're Fired!

Whether it is dressed up as 'downsizing', 'delayering', 'realigning the business' or simply having to 'let people go', firing or being fired is still a painful process.

Broadcaster Anna Raeburn, writer Jeremy Clarke and psychologist Linda Blair join Dominic Arkwright to discuss the consequences of being sacked.

SAT 01:00 Stand By For West (m000tp74)

Inspector West at Bay

4. Conflict in Kensington

Inspector West of Scotland Yard focuses on a former prison inmate and his secretary's flat.

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice

Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Det -Insp Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilerist

Jacob Kennedy Peter Williams

Clara Kennedy Margaret Woolfit

Peter Kennedy John Pullen

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on Radio 2 in May 1969.

SAT 01:30 Sherlock Holmes (b09bk193)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 1

The Noble Bachelor

The great detective is hired to find why a bride mysteriously disappeared just hours after getting married.

Starring Carleton Hobbs as Sherlock Holmes.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale originally appeared in 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' published in the Strand Magazine in 1891.

Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs

Doctor Watson Norman Shelley

Lestrade Frederick Treves

Lord Saint Simon William Eedle

Mrs Moulton Jane Jordan Rogers

Francis May Moulton Jerold Wells

Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

Producer: Frederick Bradnum

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1959.

SAT 02:00 Not Working by Lisa Owens (b079rgy5)

Episode 10

A family crisis brings Claire and her mother together, leading her to realise what she needs to do to resolve her search for her vocation.

Lisa Owens' comic debut, depicting thirtysomething Claire Flannery's life as it unravels in minute and spectacular ways.

Concluded by Emily Bruni.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

SAT 02:15 Gudrun (b096j3p)

Series 2

Episode 5

With her way of life threatened, Gudrun risks everything when she engages in a war of words with ruthless convert the Norwegian King, Olaf Tryggvason.

Starring Kate Phillips.

Lucy Catherine's re-telling of the Icelander classic, The Laxdoela Saga.

Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Frei ja Samantha Dakin

Bolli Gavi Singh Chera

Sigrid Rosie Boore

Olaf Tryggvason Samuel James

Norwegian Jarl Simon Ludders

Director: Gemma Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

SAT 02:30 Cold Water California (b048jfly)

With freezing waters and long dark winters, Ireland may seem an unlikely place to surf.

But the surfing industry is growing fast and may even aid recovery of recession hit coastal communities north and south of the border.

Mark Patterson has surfed for over 30 years, and is fascinated by the role the ocean is playing in replenishing small coastal towns like Portrush in Northern Ireland, and Bundoran in the Republic of Ireland. Once bustling seaside resorts, both have

endured a long decline, taking a hard hit during the recession.

Now they are drawing a new crowd - surfers. Many come to learn the basics, while others travel from far overseas to sample Ireland's waves, considered by many to be world-class, on a par with anything found in Hawaii, Australia or California.

Mark learns that a few intrepid souls began to explore remote waves along Ireland's coastline in the early 1960's, sometimes dressed only in jeans and t-shirt as they braved the freezing waters. Now with modern wetsuits and affordable boards, everyone wants to learn.

In Bundoran, Mark meets the surfer instructor who feels the ocean saved his life. In Portrush, he meets a six time Irish surf champion with a lifestyle that nearly destroyed him. And then there are the surfers who risk their lives for the ultimate thrill - surfing monstrous waves up to 60 feet high.

It's not The Beach Boys, bronzed bodies or bikinis - this is Coldwater California.

Producer: Conor McKay

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

SAT 03:00 Laurie Graham - Perfect Meringues (b0075m9z)

Being a cook on TV was meant to lead to fame, fortune and a rich social life.

But for miserable Lizzie Partridge, it means dinners-for-one and a stropky adolescent daughter, Eleanor.

Starring Imelda Staunton.

Written by Laurie Graham.

Lizzie Partridge Imelda Staunton

Louie Christopher Biggins

Kim Lesley Joseph

With Stephen Moore, Nina Wadia, Patricia Brake, Angela Moran, June Barrie, Christopher Grimes, Sarah Pearman and Michael Wilson.

Producer: Viv Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.

SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b01d2rz3)

Series 1

Episode 4

Miles Jupp presides over more relation revelations in the show where it's not what you know that matters, but who. And more importantly, how well you know them.

Writer and broadcaster, Emma Freud, stand-up Tom Wigglesworth and BBC 6Music's Shaun Keaveny, each nominate one of their intimate circle to answer a series of questions and the try to second-guess how their nominees responded.

Emma picks her son, Jake, Tom his dad, Richard, and Shaun plumps for younger brother, Paul.

Producer: Sam Mitchell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

SAT 04:30 Fat Chance (b01b3fp9)

Weighty Matters

A TV star turns up at Wendy Bottomley's slimming club and Graham unwisely divulges his secret to Lee...

Jenny McDade's high-fat bittersweet comedy for those believing there's a thin person inside them begging to get out.

Graham Pitscottie Gareth Corke

Wendy Bottomley Janine Duvtiski

Clive Bottomley Michael Troughton

Soo Pitscottie Anne Reid

Tina Tattersall Julia Deakin

Kelly Chambers Tilly Gaunt

Lee Dubs Harry Myers

Mrs Enright Frances Jeater

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

SAT 05:00 Clare in the Community (b083p889)

Series 11

Unfaithful

Brian's been going through Clare's emails and made an upsetting discovery.

He's insisted on a couple's therapy session although Clare isn't taking proceedings entirely seriously.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

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

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Vanessa Amita Dhiri

Clive Alex Macqueen

Producer: Alexandra Smith

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

SAT 05:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07bfmw)

Series 7

Stockport

"Welcome to Stockport - Home of Stockport College"

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

In the first programme, Mark visits the Greater Manchester

town of Stockport, once the centre of the hatting industry. He takes a trip on the infamous 192 bus, visits the world famous hat museum and tries to get to the bottom of how one of its suburbs ended up with an infestation of marauding peacocks. In this series Mark visits Stockport in Greater Manchester, Colchester in Essex, Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire, The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames, Lynton in North Devon and the British overseas territory of Gibraltar.

Written and performed by ... Mark Steel

Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair

Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Sterling

Producer ... Carl Cooper

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

SAT 06:00 Kenneth Grahame - The Wind in the Willows (b00fy18x)

Mole, Rat and Badger try to curb the wild ways of their friend, Toad as they set out on their famous adventure.

Dramatised and narrated by Alan Bennett.

Starring Richard Briers, Derek Waring, Nickolas Grace and Adrian Scarborough.

Alan Bennett's acclaimed Royal National Theatre version of Kenneth Grahame classic story first published in 1908.

Mole ... Adrian Scarborough

Rat ... Richard Briers

Toad ... Nickolas Grace

Badger ... Derek Waring

Albert ... Terence Rigby

Otter ... John Hartley

Chief Weasel ... David March

Weasel Norman ... Stephen Tompkinson

Rupert ... Graham Seed

Monica ... Allison Dowling

Magistrate ... Leslie Phillips

Narrator: Alan Bennett

Other cast members:

Amy Stanton, Belinda Baldwin, Danny Schiller, David Holt, David Sinclair, Elizabeth Mansfield, Geoffrey Matthews, Jack Stevens, James Hall, James Taylor, Jeffrey Holland., Jessie Holder, Jill Graham, Luciano Macis, Lucie Fitchett, Maria Charles, Natasha Pyne, Paul Panting, Peter Acre, Peter Kenny, Peter Whitman, Sam Gordon, Simon Treves, Stefan Arestis, Tina Gray, Tom Bevan, Victoria Gunning and Victoria Wojciechowska

Original music and songs by Jeremy Sams.

Musicians:

Sara Clarke, Williams Cox, Julia Findon, Nicola Hadley, Anna Hemery, Juliet Leighton-Jones, Christopher O'Neal, Jane Pickles, Andrew Roberts, Jeremy Sams, Jane Sebba, Kate Somerby, Missak Takoussian, Keith Thompson and Christopher Wells

Producer: David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.

SAT 08:00 Heresy (b07fg6tt)

Series 10

Episode 5

Victoria Coren Mitchell presents the show which dares to commit heresy.

With comedians Lee Mack and David Baddiel and performer and QI elf Andrew Hunter Murray.

Together they discuss Netflix, father figures and Katie Hopkins. An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2016.

SAT 08:30 Snap (b00tf82j)

Series 1

Episode 2

After their split, Molly and Doug are determined to prove they can have a life without each other.

And maybe they would, if it wasn't for Doug's elderly mum misbehaving...

Paul Mendelson's sitcom stars Rebecca Lacey and Paul Venables.

Molly Rebecca Lacey

Doug Paul Venables

Kaz Soumaya Keynes

Ryan Jessie Sullivan

Scarlet Rebecca Front

Annie Marlene Sidaway

Raymond Jonathan Tafler

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

SAT 09:00 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again, Again (b01r5495)

Bill Oddie celebrates the cult BBC radio comedy series that originated from the Cambridge University Footlights - I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again - with three hours of history and hysteria. With Humphrey Barclay.

Featuring:

* Clips of Cambridge Circus.

* I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again: Series 2 (5/9)

Singing dogs - and the tale of Martin Copperwick. Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie. From November 1965.

* I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again: Series 6 (9/13)

Worries over Bill Oddie's singing voice - and Shakespeare's funny side. Starring John Cleese, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden : Acting (adult) Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie. From June 1968.

* I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again: Series 7 (13/13)

A look at love, sex and marriage - plus the tense climax to the hunt for the Time Trousers. Stars John Cleese, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie. From April 1969.

* I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again: 25th Anniversary Edition
The original cast of John Cleese, Tim Brook Taylor, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie reunite to celebrate 25 years of the programme. From December 1989

Producer: Nick St George

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2013

SAT 12:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cz8np)

Series 4

Episode 6

It's Tommy and Sheila's anniversary – 40 years in showbiz! Lewis is hoping it'll pass quietly and cheaply. But will a short hospital stay force Tommy to start taking life easier?

Mike Coleman's sitcom starring Roy Hudd and June Whitfield.

Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr battle on with their second stab at fame.

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

Hetty Stark Pat Coombes

Murray Julian Eardley

Louis Elstein Edward Halsted

Vicky Blunt/Nurse Emma Kennedy

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

SAT 12:30 Round the Horne (b00j05x7)

Series 1

Episode 13

Kenneth Horne Master Spy gets an Eiffel while Julian and Sandy offer some animal advice at their new shop in Chelsea. Bona Pets. Rambling Sid Rumpo sings a special song of Cornwall.

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 May 1965.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b09th2km)

The Bald Truth

For thousands of years, bald men have been the subject of ridicule. As a result they've felt ashamed and have resorted to desperate measures to hide their condition.

During the decades when hair style was a cultural battleground between youth and the establishment, the balding man was at the bottom of the heap. No prime minister since Clement Attlee has been bald.

But increasingly, bald men are coming out of the closet and shaving their heads - and some women too. Research shows that bald men are perceived as less attractive but more dominant.

Now that we are more relaxed about hair style, and more willing to tolerate tonsorial diversity, are bald men finally able to shed the stigma? And could the comb-over finally make a come back?

Ian Marchant, who has shaved his head since the early 1980s, investigates.

Producer: Jolyon Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

SAT 14:00 Barry's Lunch Club (b07889gb)

Travel

Alex Lowe is 82 year old Barry, who invites an audience to his weekly lunch club where he scrutinises themes close to his heart.

With club secretary Hilary to rein him in, and club treasurer Peter providing support on the civic hall piano, this is the ultimate life-style guide for an ageing nation.

In this opening session, Barry responds to a question about travel for the over 60s and relates his disastrous holiday experiences on a cruise ship and at an activity holiday.

Barry is a cockney moved to the suburbs during the war. He is not given to looking at the old days through rose coloured spectacles, and is well up to speed with current trends. A seemingly harmless old boy, he lures people into a false sense of security, delivering hilariously stinging rebukes or erudite assessments of how the world is treating the over 60s.

Stand-up comedy crossed with sitcom, the show plays out in real time as if we are eavesdropping on a civic hall meeting group.

Written by Alex Lowe and Alex Walsh-Taylor

Barry Alex Lowe

Hilary Stephanie Cole

Peter Philip Pope

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

Executive Producer: Kevin Dawson

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.

SAT 14:30 The In Crowd (b00sbr16)

Series 3

Episode 1

Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward are the strange personalities who make up the In Crowd.

Meet the travel agent who won't let anyone go further than Lowestoft and the army officer who can't wait to offer himself up as the first to be eaten in a crisis.

Plus the cultural hooligans who smash up beautiful things, and Wendy Clapper who thinks a trip to see the Northern Lights means a weekend in Blackpool.

Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

SAT 15:00 Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack (b00w20zg)

Series 1

Episode 1

Meet a masseuse who likes to ensure her clients are relaxed and a cleaning lady who knows her place

Tim Vincent's Mum checks into a hotel - and all the way from Las Vegas, Candi Karmel the 80-year-old diva who can't stop performing.

Characters galore courtesy of Lucy Montgomery.

With Philip Pope, Sally Grace, Waen Shepherd and Natalie Walter

Written by Lucy Montgomery, Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Steven Burge, Jon Hunter and Holly Walsh

Script Editor: Dan Tetsell

Music by Philip Pope

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

SAT 15:30 Son of Cliche (b00p4mcr)

Freddie Fortune

From a spoof Melvyn Bragg to a signing chimp.

Featuring 'The Further Reasonably Exciting Adventures of Captain Invisible and the See-Thru Kid'.

Sketch comedy starring:

Chris Barrie

Nick Maloney

Nick Wilton.

Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

SAT 16:00 Kenneth Grahame - The Wind in the Willows (b00fy18x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:00 Nightfall (m000ttvf)

Series 4

The Old Post Road

Late for a dinner engagement, Steven and Wendy take a shortcut down a deserted road where they encounter a series of increasingly bizarre paranormal events.

Nightfall is a series of supernatural and horror dramas made by Canada's CBC Radio that ran from 1980-83. It went on to become one of the most popular shows in the network's history.

During 100 episodes over three seasons, Nightfall featured a mix of original stories and adaptations of classic tales

Wendy Jayne Eastwood

Steven Geoff Bowes

Ned Archer Sandy Ramer

Other parts played by Michael Wincott, Jon Granick, Alan Fawcett and David Calderisi

Host ... Henry Ramer

Writer: William Lane

Producer: Bill Howell

First broadcast on the CBC in March 1982.

SAT 18:30 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jltw)

3. Unexpected Visitations

Believing the apparently simple-minded Flora Kierey may be the key to the strange genetic mutation they've discovered on the Isle of Luig, Professor Curtis Lark and John Cornelius persuade her to leave the island and come with them to London.

They believe that only by exhaustive laboratory tests can they ever hope to solve the mystery of her extraordinary telepathic powers...

Starring Peter Cushing and Vincent Price.

John Cornelius Peter Cushing

Curtis Lark Vincent Price

Flora Kierey Sandra Clarke

Kalman Baronek Steve Playtus

Joan Joan Mathieson

Purser Andrew Sear

Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.

SAT 19:00 I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again, Again (b01r5495)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b01rgmfd)

Series 1

Episode 4

Bridget investigates women in comedy as she answers that old chestnut 'Are Women Funny?'

Last of a four-part stand-up comedy series on the state of British feminism today.

With Fred MacAulay

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

SAT 22:30 Barry's Lunch Club (b07908hv)

Dating for the over 60s

82 year old Barry offers advice about dating for the older generation. To his amazement, Hilary is happy to discuss her recent experience in the field.

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Hilary Stephanie Cole

Peter Philip Pope

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

Executive Producer: Kevin Dawson

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.

SAT 23:00 It's Jocelyn (b06wg7rw)

Series 1

Episode 4

Meet a monosyllabic shop assistant, a pair of terrible African Drummers and a two terrible bedroom DJ's called 'Uncooth Youth FM'.

Jocelyn Jee Esien vents her frustration at the world around her through sketches and stand-up.

With Curtis Walker, Ninia Benjamin and Kevin J.

Producer: John Pocock

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2016.

SAT 23:30 World of Pub (b00cm91k)

Series 2

Episode 3

Dodgy Phil hatches a sporting scheme to improve the fortunes of Barry and Garry's bar.

Tony Roche's comedy about the world's worst pub in London's East End.

Dodgy Phil John Thomson

Barry Phil Cornwell

Garry Alistair McGowan

With Debra Stephenson, Kim Wall and Tony Roche.

Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero.

Music: Bill Bailey

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

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SUN 06:00 Lisa Owen - Not Working (Omnibus) (b076lljq)

Episode 2

Claire Flannery has quit her marketing job in order to search for her true vocation. But months have passed and she's no closer to understanding what she wants to do with her life.

It doesn't help that Luke, her long-term partner, is passionate about his job, which also happens to be one of the worthiest in the world... he's training to be a brain surgeon.

In addition, she's fallen out badly with her mother - who refuses to accept Claire's revelation that her grandfather exposed himself to her with she was little. It hadn't seemed like a big deal to Claire at the time, but her mother's reaction has left her hurt and reeling...

Lisa Owens's comic debut novel tells the story of a life unravelling in minute and spectacular ways, voicing the questions we've all asked ourselves but never dared to say out loud.

Concluded by Emily Bruni

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes abridged by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

SUN 07:10 Tweet of the Day (m000jtmd)

Tweet Take 5 : The Curlew

The bubbling calls of the curlew, the largest of our European wading birds, brings joy to a summer upland as it does to the

estuary in the depths of winter. For this episode we bring you three thoughts of the curlew gathered together in a longer format from some of the best loved editions from the Radio 4 series Tweet of the Day.

This extended version of Tweet of the Day features behavioural biologist Professor Andy Radford, writer Amy Liprot and wildlife presenter Martin Hughes-Games.

Producer Andrew Dawes

SUN 07:20 Lucy Catherine - Gudrun (b0971r1s)

Series 2 (Omnibus)

Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, forges her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Left reeling from the part she played in her lover's death she's determined to rebuild her family and win back the trust of her husband.

Starring Kate Phillips.

Lucy Catherine's re-telling of the epic Icelandic classic, The Laxdoela Saga.

Omnibus of the five episodes of Series 2.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Bolli Gavi Singh Chera

Sigrid Rosie Boore

Olaf Philip Fox

Hrefna/Gaddja Kerry Gooderson

Director: Gemma Jenkins

The first series ended with the death of Gudrun's lover, Kjartan, killed by his best friend and brother, Bolli. Bolli is married to Gudrun. He suspects his wife was behind the blood feud that led to Kjartan's death. Kjartan married into Norwegian royalty and when his wife returns to Iceland with plans to convert the country to Christianity it becomes clear her motives are far from pious.

Gudrun is under the protection of Freija, the Norse Goddess of love and war. She can sometimes be as slippery a customer as her protégée. Freija's voice cries out for a new kind of leadership. Is she really on Gudrun's side or does she have an agenda of her own?

Suspicious of how power and ambition are wielded by men Gudrun's left feeling increasingly isolated. She longs for the freedom to live her life according to her own rules, beholden to no-one.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b049y7mw)

Maxine

Shy David Bliss needs courage to pursue Maxine, while his brother-in-law Tony battles to win a contract.

George Cole stars in Geoffrey Harrison's sitcom about bashful, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss.

David Bliss George Cole

Ann Diana Churchill

Tony Colin Gordon

Psyche the Dog Percy Edwards

Maxine Sarah Lawson

TC Rowland Hugh Manning

Six series of 118 episodes of A Life of Bliss ran on the BBC Home Service from 1953. It moved to BBC TV for a run of six episodes in 1969.

Sadly very few episodes survive in the BBC archive, including the first seven starring David Tomlinson. His replacement George Cole went to star in the St Trinian's films and later as dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder.

The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1957.

SUN 09:00 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000tvp0)

Fear of Driving

Confusion reigns over Leslie's driving and his prowess in the bedroom...

Starring Leslie Phillips.

Andrew Palmer's comedy about a former property tycoon who's fallen on hard times and is now chauffeur to his wealthy ex-wife.

Leslie Duggan Leslie Phillips

Caroline Duggan Jill Bennett

Claire/Moira Norma Ronald

Dave Michael Robbins

Heather April Walker

Dr Rogers Richard Davies

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1983.

SUN 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00kfdtp)

Series 3

The Libel Action

As grumpy writer Ed updates obituaries, he produces a savage profile of an old friend.

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

Christopher Douglas stars as Ed Reardon.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Featuring:

John Fortune

Stephanie Cole

Geoffrey Whitehead

Rita May

Simon Greenall

Sally Hawkins

Philip Jackson

David Camm

Morwenna Banks

Alice Lowe

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000tvp2)

Comic Castaways 2

Matt Lucas

From Danny Kaye to Queen.

Comedy performer and writer, Matt Lucas shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

As one half of the team that created the hit TV show Little Britain, Matt has been responsible for dreaming up such characters as Vicky Pollard, the Asbo teenager who swapped her baby for a Westlife CD and Dafydd, the Welsh homosexual who is adamant he's "the only gay in the village".

When he was six years old Matt's hair fell out and as a result he acquired a certain local notoriety - from then on it simply never occurred to him that he wouldn't go on to become famous. At the start of this century, he was still struggling to have his work commissioned and thought of abandoning his career in comedy. Today, Matt Lucas is one of the most popular and recognisable entertainers in Britain.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)

Series 2

Cuckoo

The Cuckoo is one of the iconic brood parasites of the world - the bird that cons another species into taking its egg as its own and rears the chick to fledging.

In the single frame of the Cuckoo you have a long distance migrant, travelling from Africa to breeding grounds in the temperate north, and back again.

The Cuckoo does not raise its own chick and across a range of Cuckoo individuals, they parasitise several species of bird - all much smaller than they are.

Sir David Attenborough explores the world of the Cuckoo and not only marvels at their natural history but tells the story of how a wildlife cameraman resolved a scientific mystery - and how the Cuckoo itself harbours yet more secrets to science and natural history.

Producer: Julian Hector.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000tvp5)

Series 7

The Great Vaccinator

Radiolab explores the work Maurice Hilleman, who created over 40 vaccines, including one for mumps. With Jad Abumrad. Until now, the fastest vaccine ever made - for mumps - took four years. And while our current effort to develop a covid-19 vaccine involves thousands of people working around the clock, the mumps vaccine was developed almost exclusively by one person: Maurice Hilleman. Hilleman cranked out more than 40 other vaccines over the course of his career, including 8 of the 14 routinely given to children. He arguably saved more lives than any other single person. And through his work, Hilleman embodied the instincts, drive, and guts it takes to marshal the human body's defenses against a disease. But through him we also see the struggle and the costs of these monumental scientific efforts.

This episode was reported by Matt Kiely and Heather Radke, and produced by Matt Kiely.

From WNYC first broadcast in 2020 on NPR in the USA.

SUN 11:55 Tweet of the Day (m000jtdm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000tvp7)

Poems for the Spring Equinox

Daljit Nagra visits the BBC's poetry archive and selects compilation programme: Four Seasons - Poems for the Spring Equinox - a collection celebrating the arrival of spring, longer days and new beginnings.

With poems by Robin Robertson, Stevie Smith, Louise Glück, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Charlotte Mew, Ben Jonson, AE Housman and Patrick Kavanagh.

BBC Radio 4's former poet-in-residence, Alice Oswald reads a poem written specially for the vernal equinox, Jackie Kay reads Life Mask and London's Young People's Poet Laureate and Caleb Femi reads his poem about how spring arrives in a concrete environment, Anti-Winter.

Readers include, David Calder, Clark Russell, Noma Dumezweni, Harriet Walter, Simon Peters Beale, Siobhan Redmond, Bill Patterson and Anton Lesser.

Producer: Sarah Addezio.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

SUN 12:30 Polyoaks (b07bc1nz)

Series 4

Eight Days a Week

The staff of the dysfunctional West Country surgery have their work cut out to provide 'a truly 7 day service'.

TV's Dr. Jeremy has a possible solution, but it remains to be seen if it's ethical.

Nigel Planer and Simon Greenall star in the Health Service satire by Dr Phil Hammond and David Spicer.

The Polyoaks surgery is plagued by strikes, endless new management initiatives, staff shortages, militant patients, eight day weeks, privatisation - and all these things are entirely their fault, apparently.

The dysfunctional Bristol surgery run by warring doctors, brothers Roy and Hugh Thornton alternates between embracing and collapsing under reforms. They're a nurse down, they've got

to slash their budget and there's a new Head of the local Clinical Commissioning Group who eats GPs for breakfast.

The practice's calamitous 'celebrity' Dr Jeremy who doesn't know what a Clinical Commissioning Group is, continues to dodge alimony payments, malpractice suits and the new scary practice Nurse Monica

Jeremy.....David Westhead

Hugh.....Simon Greenall

Monica.....Polly Frame

Roy.....Nigel Planer

Stephanie Simons.....Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Patients.....Duncan Wisbey and Zalie Burrow

Director: Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.

SUN 13:00 The Nature of Spring by Jim Crumley (Omnibus) (m00047rt)

Nature writer Jim Crumley paints a captivating picture of Scotland's wilderness in Spring and the joys of observing its abundant wildlife.

Omnibus of five poetic vignettes read by Simon Tait.

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast in five-parts on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

SUN 14:10 Tweet of the Day (m000rv68)

Tweet Take 5 : Great Spotted Woodpecker

It was only in the 1930s that it was finally proved that great spotted woodpeckers use their bill to provide that familiar drumming sound in woodlands during late winter and early spring. These birds are one of conservation success stories as their population is increasing even in urban landscapes, as we'll hear in this extended version of the series featuring Chris Packham, naturalist Brett Westwood and Professor Chris Baines.

Producer : Andrew Dawes for BBC Audio in Bristol

SUN 14:20 Ladies of Letters (b00k1864)

Ladies Of Letters Spring Clean (Omnibus)

Spring cleaning unearths a confusing contraption, while the heart attack of a mutual suitor brings deep-seated rivalries to the fore for the proud grandmothers.

Prunella Scales and Patricia Routledge return as bickering Irene Spencer and Vera Small, and this time they're full of springtime recipes and tips for a long and healthy life.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

With:

Rachel Atkins

Christopher Kelham

Ann Beach

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013.

SUN 15:30 Spellbound: Siouxsie and the Banshees (b01n9z0v)

As the bright white heat of punk faded few bands survived and emerged from the aftermath, stronger and more unique than Siouxsie and the Banshees.

Led by the unmistakable force of Siouxsie Sioux and bassist Steven Severin, the Banshees carved a musical legacy that is without parallel.

Originally meeting as part of the 'Bromley Contingent' that gravitated around punk pioneers The Sex Pistols, Susan Janet Ballion met Steven Bailey at a Roxy Music concert at Wembley in 1975, bonding over suburban boredom, a love of Bowie, Hitchcock and 'Cabaret' style nocturnal fun.

Armed with a handful of ideas, suburban isolation, borrowed equipment, the duo entered the furnace of punk intent on smashing down the established musical order and sculpting a dark and alluring legacy.

Miranda Sawyer talks to Siouxsie about the legendary gig at the infamous 100 Club as well as her and Steven Severin's part in TV folklore by appearing on the Today show where the Sex Pistol's Steve Jones and John 'Rotten' Lydon' swore at presenter Bill Grundy revealing to the nation the filth and the fury of punk rock.

Through Banshee's biographer and fan Mark Paytress, journalist Alexis Petridis and acclaimed producer Nigel Gray, Sawyer unearths how the band quickly bolted from the fading spark of punk and carved out an unparalleled legacy of five albums in five years.

From 1978's stark, Velvet Underground inspired 'The Scream' through band fall-outs, commercial and critical success, to the neo-psychedelic, post punk of 'Kaleidoscope', the hugely influential dark wave 'Juju' and the quixotic, exotic and erotic and 'A Kiss in the Dreamhouse' this a unique insight into a genre and era defying band.

Producer: James Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

SUN 16:00 Jon Wynne-Tyson: Marvellous Party (b08n400b)

1950s Las Vegas: sparks fly as Noel Coward gets a visit from his old close friend, Esme Wynne-Tyson.

Stanley Baxter stars as Noel Coward and Dorothy Tutin as Esme Wynne-Tyson.

A child actress in London's West End, Esme became a close friend of the young Noel Coward. Here her son, Jon, imagines a meeting in the city of Las Vegas, between his mother and Coward in middle-age.

Noel Stanley Baxter

Esme Dorothy Tutin

Gary Peter Whitman

Waiter/Bellboy/Engineer David Holt

Written and adapted for radio by Jon Wynne-Tyson.

Director: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1994.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000tvp7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Polyoaks (b07bc1nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Algernon Blackwood - The Nemesis of Fire (m000tvp9)

'We are facing a mental phenomenon: it is aware of your mind as a force, a power - it is not aware of you as a person. All energy is finally controlled by the mind. Grasp this fact: and you hold the universe in your hand.'

Dr John Silence investigates the appearance of smoke and spontaneous fires at an English manor house.

One of the John Silence series of Stories of the Supernatural and the Uncanny by Algernon Blackwood.

Adapted by Shelia Hodgson.

Dr John Silence Malcolm Haves

Stephen Hubbard Fraser Kerr

Col Wragge Hector Ross

Ellen Wragge Grizelda Hervey

Dr Corbin Denis McCarthy

Jane Madeleine Cemm

Porter Jack Carr

Cabby/Waiter David Ericsson

Producer: Harry Catlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1974.

SUN 18:45 Black and White by Jan Mark (b0886z4c)

2. Old Money

Gary gets an ancient two-shilling coin in his change, but he doesn't reckon on its looming deadly effect.

Read by Malcolm Raeburn.

Written by Jan Mark and abridged by Peter Kerry.

Producer: Martin Jameson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1993.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000tvp5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

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SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000tvp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Polyoaks (b07bc1nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 I, Regress (b01rr6cg)

Series 2

Cats

Matt Berry plays a corrupt and bizarre regression therapist in this dark, Lynch-meets-Kaufman-style comedy.

Unsuspecting clients are taken 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 phobia. 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.

With:

Steve Pemberton

Daisy Haggard

Sally Okafor

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

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

SUN 22:45 Bird Island (b042z66l)

Series 2

Episode 2

Young scientist Ben tests out a new coat, suitable for the cold climate in Antarctica.

Meanwhile Jane celebrates her birthday.

Ben Reece Shearsmith

Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt

Shanghai Solitaire Voice Julian Rhind-Tutt

Jane Katy Wix

Atmospheric comedy about a cheery scientist based in Sub-Antarctica by Katy Wix.

It's Ben's trip of a lifetime, but in a vast icy landscape with dodgy internet. Feeling lonely, he shares his thoughts via an audio 'log' on his dictaphone.

Graham is a fellow nerdy scientist so their exchanges are mumbled. Ben's even more awkward around new arrival Jane, though he's not entirely sure why.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

SUN 23:00 Son of Cliche (b00p1jb9)

The Weird Dimension

Something weird is happening. Nothing is outside of the comedy team's power!

Winner of 1984 Sony Gold Award for Best Light Entertainment Programme.

Sketch comedy with Chris Barrie, Nick Maloney and Nick Wilton.

Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1983.

SUN 23:30 Radio 9 (b0419ml6)

Series 1

Episode 3

'The 'accidentalists' movement in art explained plus sponsored surgery.

Delve into the recesses of a twisted comedy brain.

Written and performed by Johnny Daukes and Hills Barker.

With Sarah Walton, John Stevenson, Stefan Frank, Janice Vee, Matt Wilkinson and Michelle Gomez.

Producers: Johnny Daukes and Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

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MON 06:00 Stand By For West (m000tw31)

Inspector West at Bay

5. Package for Peril

Chief Inspector Roger West's investigations continue - until he receives a booby trapped package.

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice

Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Hedley

Detective Inspector Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilchrist

Jacob Kennedy Peter Williams

Peter Kennedy John Pullen

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.

MON 06:30 Sherlock Holmes (b09c5440)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 1

Shoscombe Old Place

The great detective heads to Berkshire to investigate strange events at a racing stable...

Starring Carleton Hobbs as Sherlock Holmes.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's tale originally appeared in 'The

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' published in the Strand Magazine in 1891.

Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs

Doctor Watson Norman Shelley

John Mason/Coachman Frederick Treves

Mrs Norlett/Pageboy Fanny Carby

Josiah Barnes Ronald Baddiley

Sir Robert Norbarton Godfrey Kenton

Mr Norlett Robert Sansom

Stephens/Dog Frank Atkinson

Adapted by Michael Hardwick.

Producer: Frederick Bradnum

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1959.

MON 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b01ms34r)

Series 4

Spring

Popular poet Pam Ayres presents a series of poetry and sketch shows about the seasons.

Starting with Spring, Pam ponders flowers and animals, spring elections plus she has some unusual tips for spring cleaning.

Her poems include: I Was Standing by the Cow; Heaps of Stuff;

Barking; Fleeced and the Snoring Poem.

With Felicity Montagu and Geoffrey Whitehead

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in September 2012.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m000tmls)

Series 86

Episode 6

Lucy Porter hosts a special episode of Just a Minute where she challenges guests Nish Kumar, Josie Lawrence, Zoe Lyons and

Gyles Brandreth to talk on subjects including The Art of Queuing, and Oomph! Hesitation, deviation, and repetition are strictly forbidden. This episode was produced using remote

recording technology, with both panel and audience joining from their homes all over the world. Caroline Barlow blows the

whistle.

Devised by Ian Messiter

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlws)

Series 3

Death in the Family

Distraught Harold Steptoe must break some sad news to his father, Albert.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

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

The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of eight

series on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Adapted for radio from their TV scripts by Ray Galton and

Alan Simpson.

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Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1971.

MON 08:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b00g27dk)

Episode 1

Mr Finchley finds himself on his way to Paris to track down a rather irresponsible client.

But before he sets off, he has an important question to put to a certain widow of his acquaintance...

Richard Griffiths returns as shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar

Finchley.

Series two of the adventures written by Victor Cannings.

Mrs Crantel Anna Cropper

Mr Sprake James Grouit

Lawrence Hume Piers Gibbon

Mrs Patten Jill Graham

David White James Taylor

Mavis Teresa Gallagher

The Frenchman Barry Gordon

Narrated by James Villiers.

Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1994.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08n2gjl)

Series 18

Episode 4

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.

From colour and vegetables to pizza and carpets.

David O'Doherty, Richard Osman, Zoe Lyons and Marcus

Brigstocke are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate

inaccuracy.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2017.

MON 09:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076hv6)

Episode 1

Twenty years married to Catherine of Aragon - and no son for the King. Should she take all the blame?

Jonathan Coy stars as Henry VIII

An unreliable history, created and written in six parts by Barry Grossman.

Henry VIII Jonathan Coy

Catherine of Aragon Carla Mendonca

Thomas Cromwell Milton Jones

The Chronicler Alfred Burke

Donna Elvira Sheila Steafel

Cardinal Wolsey John Rowe

The Pope Stephen Gref

Music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

MON 10:00 Drama (b09jx8mp)

Steve Waters - Saving the Blue

The Large Blue was always a magnificent and rare creature but, by the early 1970s, it was very nearly extinct.

That was when Professor Jeremy Thomas, then a PHD student, was tasked with saving this iconic butterfly. And yet their numbers were critically low even as he began.

Throughout the rest of the 1970s, he spent the summer months out in the field, at a secret location on Dartmoor, attempting to

discover the reason for their decline and, if possible, to reverse it. As the population dwindled away, the professor became

locked in an increasingly desperate race against time.

This ground breaking work has been enormously influential on conservation practice to this day, having profound

consequences for other butterflies and for wider conservation practice. What started as one man, on his own, on the moors,

has grown into a group of individuals and agencies whose ongoing work remains vitally important.

Steve Waters, inspired by this work, has invented the characters and settings in this delicate and essential drama.

Michael Pennington and Joshua McGuire star as Professor Jeremy Thomas.

Older Jeremy Michael Pennington

Younger Jeremy Josh McGuire

Marston Anton Lesser
 Gough Paul Copley
 Caro Hannah Steele
 Johnny Tim Chipping
 Sound Design by Alisdair McGregor
 Assistant Producer Robbie MacInnes
 Director: Boz Temple-Morris
 A Holy Mountain production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.
MON 10:45 One Hundred and Forty Characters (b0156mnq)
 Songbirds by Oliver Emanuel
 A young man, devastated by a messy relationship break-up, finds solace in bird watching.
 Robin Laing reads Oliver Emanuel's short story.
 Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.
MON 11:00 Here's the Thing (b0b3fxcv)
 Sarah Jessica Parker and Ian Schrager
 Alec Baldwin explores the lives of the actress, Sarah Jessica Parker, and New York's Studio 54 nightclub founder, Ian Schrager.
 Award-winning actor Alec Baldwin gives the listener unique entrée into the lives of artists, policy makers and performers. Alec sidesteps the predictable by taking listeners inside the dressing rooms, apartments, and offices.
 After shooting the pilot for Sex and the City, Sarah Jessica Parker told HBO she didn't want to go through with the project. But after the first day's taping, she says, she "didn't want to be anywhere else."
 Ian Schrager is in the hospitality business. Hotels or nightclubs, uptown or downtown, Miami or Manhattan, Schrager defines luxury and leisure. In 1977, he co-founded Studio 54, which quickly became the epitome of the disco era.
 Here's the Thing has its roots in public radio. In 2009, Alec joined with producers Lu Olkowski, Trey Kay, Kathie Russo, and Emily Botein to find fresh ways to engage in conversation on the radio. The group developed the idea of a new show that at its heart would look at what makes interesting people tick and create a platform for new and emerging ideas to be presented. From WNYC Studios, New York. First heard in the USA in 2016.
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 Reality and Metaphor
 From the Garden of Eden to Monet's water lilies at Giverny - Penelope Lively considers the metaphorical garden.
 Stephanie Cole begins this intimate meditation on gardening, literature and creativity.
 Penelope Lively has always been a keen gardener. This book is partly a memoir of her own life in gardens: the large garden at home in Cairo where she spent most of her childhood, her Oxfordshire garden and the smaller urban garden in the North London home she lives in today.
 In this intimate and eloquent work of narrative non-fiction, one of the UK's most cherished and admired writers uses the garden to break open the world for us, and examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.
 Abridged by Sián Preece
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
MON 14:15 'Cherry' Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japan's Blossoms (m0003ctm)
 Episode 1
 Collingwood Ingram, known as 'Cherry' after his defining life's work, was born in 1880 and lived to a 100 years old, witnessing a fraught century of conflict and change.
 Ingram's interest was piqued by visits to Japan in 1902 and 1907, and further when he moved to The Grange in Benenden, Kent in 1919 and discovered two magnificent cherry trees in the neglected garden of his new family home. They reminded him of his Japanese trips and he fell in love with cherry blossoms - or sakura - dedicating much of his life to their cultivation and preservation.
 On a further visit to Japan in 1926, to find new specimens and meet other experts, Ingram was shocked at the loss of local cherry diversity - a consequence of industrialisation and modernisation driven by the need to rebuild after a devastating earthquake destroyed vast areas of traditional housing. There was also an unsettling political undercurrent and pernicious ideology at work. A cloned cherry, the Somei-yoshino, was taking over the landscape and becoming the symbol of Japan's expansionist ambitions.
 For Ingram, the most striking absence from the Japanese cherry scene was that of Taihaku, a brilliant 'great white' cherry tree. A proud example of this tree grew in his English garden and he swore to return it to its native home. Multiple attempts to send Taihaku scions back to Japan ended in failure, but Ingram persisted. Over decades, he became one of the world's leading cherry experts and shared the joy of sakura both nationally and internationally. Every spring we enjoy his legacy.

'Cherry' Ingram is a portrait of this little-known Englishman, a story of Britain and Japan in the 20th century and an exploration of the delicate blossoms whose beauty is admired around the world.
 In this opening episode, the author keeps seeing the name of Collingwood Ingram associated with the preservation of ancient cherries, and wants to find out more about this fascinating man.
 Written and translated by Naoko Abe
 Read by Hattie Morahan
 Abridged by Isobel Creed and Lizzie Davies
 Producer: Lizzie Davies
 A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2019.
MON 14:30 Ramblings (b07f15by)
 Series 33
 The Cotswold Way
 Clare Balding joins Graham Hoyland and his partner, Gina Waggott, as they retrace the steps they took in 2015 along the Cotswold Way as part of their three month epic walk of 500 miles, following the progress of the spring as it spread up England from the south coast to Gretna Green.
 They planted an acorn every mile and are thrilled to discover some of them have grown. They talk to Clare about the joy they felt in sharing this journey, their favourite rucksack snacks and their future walking plans.
 Producer: Lucy Lunt
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.
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MON 18:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k0wz)
 3. Vampires
 Tortured by memories, Robert Neville, Earth's last living man, steps up his fight against the vampires.
 Richard Matheson's 1954 cult classic set in 1976 USA. One of the 20th century's most significant vampire novels, combining sci-fi and horror.
 Read by Angus McInnes.
 Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2006.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b01blgsp)
 Bonnie Greer and Simon Brett
 Harriett Gilbert and her guests - writer, Bonnie Greer and scriptwriter, Simon Brett - discuss their favourite books by Alberto Méndez, Michael Green and Annie Proulx.
 'Blind Sunflowers' by Alberto Mendez
 Publisher: Arcadia Books
 "The Art of Coarse Acting" by Michael Green
 Publisher: Samuel French
 'The Shipping News' by Annie Proulx
 Publisher: Fourth Estate
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.
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MON 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04svfsc)
 Series 2
 The Separatists
 When the lights from a new zebra crossing outside Tom's parent's house causes insomnia in the Wrigglesworth household, Tom's dad is forced to take matters into his own hands and cause a fuss. Not perhaps in the way everyone else would though...
 Meanwhile, Tom is down in London preparing himself for a visit from the bailiffs.
 With Kate Anthony, Paul Copley and Judy Parfitt.
 Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000tp8g)
 Series 58
 Episode 6
 Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches in front of a remote audience - and all from their own home!
 Joining them from a safe distance is Geoff Norcott and Laura

Lexx with music supplied by Huge Davies.
 Voice Actors: Emily Lloyd-Sains and Kieran Hodgson
 Producer: Pete Strauss
 Production Co-Ordinator: Carina Andrews
 Editor/Engineer: David Thomas
 BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b0076yxx)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 Mitch Benn and his band are stranded on a mysterious desert island after an unfortunate in-flight alpaca barbecue incident. This gives Mitch an opportunity to sing a touching love song to his own guitar, for Kirsty Newton sings about bright new worlds and some of the other survivors have a very dark secret. It's music, comedy and a harsh fight for existence on a mysterious island.
 Stars Mitch Benn, with Robin Ince,
 With Brendon Burns, Tasha Baylis, Kirsty Newton and Steven Kynman.
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

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 Inspector West at Bay
 6. Shadow of Darkness
 After opening a booby trapped parcel, Chief Inspector Roger West lies in Moorfields eye hospital in London.
 Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.
 John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice Travers.
 Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen
 Janet Sarah Lawson
 Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Hedley
 Detective Inspector Bill Sloan Derek Newark
 Mark Lessing James Kettle
 Eve Wedlake Anna Gilchrist
 Charles Kennedy Ian Frost
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.
TUE 06:30 Wimsey (b007jw7f)
 Five Red Herrings
 1. The Body in the Burn
 Aristocratic sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey, goes on a Scottish fishing holiday in Kircudbright, but ends up catching more than trout - when he's called upon to investigate the death of a local artist.
 Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey.
 The British gentleman detective features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers.
 "The Five Red Herrings" was first published in 1931. Adapted for radio in eight episodes by Chris Miller.
 Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
 Bunter Peter Jones
 Murdoch Bruce Bennett
 Waters Bill Wallace
 Campbell/Dr Cameron Trevor Martin
 McAdam Alaric Catter
 Sgt Dalziel John Graham
 Mrs Strachan Hazel McBride
 Strachan Gordon Clyde
 Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.
 Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio

from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

TUE 07:00 Quanderhorn (b0bbp001)

The Quanderhorn Xperimentations

Fear! Terror! Gut-wrenching Horror! Arg Arg. Please!

It's 1952, as usual.

Having fired the Dangerous Giant Space Laser at the alien vessel containing his crew, Quanderhorn creates "improved" duplicates of them all as replacements.

Meanwhile the originals - having luckily escaped the blast by triggering the Mercurian metadrive thanks to an astonishingly angry outburst from Guuuurk - find themselves marooned in a strange forest which the Martian deduces is somewhere in the Crab Nebula.

The professor receives a dire warning from his future self, as an ancient alien ziggurat emerges at Piccadilly Circus Tube Station - just by the chocolate machine. He hastens to London to investigate with his new assistants.

Our heroes are slightly surprised when a number 43 bus to

Highgate Woods arrives unexpectedly and they race to Piccadilly Circus to confront the professor and their doppelgangers.

But Prime Minister Churchill has plans of his own to deal with Quanderhorn, and summons up his crack Lab Busting bomber squadron.

The Quanderhorn Xperimentations - an adventure beyond human understanding.

Professor Quanderhorn James Fleet

Brian Nylon Ryan Sampson

Dr Gemini Janussen Cassie Layton

Guuuurk Kevin Eldon

Troy Quanderhorn Freddie Fox

Winston Churchill/Jenkins John Sessions

Synthetic Voice Rachel Atkins

Created and written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall

Directed by Andrew Marshall

Music by Peter Brewis

Engineered, Edited and Sound designed by Alistair McGregor

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling

Produced by Rob Grant and Gordon Kennedy

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018.

TUE 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000tlw0)

Series 4

Episode 5: Have A Break

It's lunch hour at Hardacre's, and Joe (Mathew Baynton) is taking five minutes out of his day to practice mindfulness. Or he would be, if he didn't keep getting interrupted.

Amanda (Josie Lawrence) wants the conference room, Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) wants to eat Joe's lunch, and Hardacre (Nigel Havers) just wants to know what on earth he's doing.

As he attempts to negotiate himself five minutes of peace, Joe finds himself dragged into a discussion of different methods of self-improvement, self-help, and self-realisation.

Cast:

Nigel Havers – Hardacre

Mathew Baynton – Joe

Josie Lawrence – Amanda

Rasmus Hardiker – Teddy

Written by Edward Rowett

Directed by Alan Nixon

Script edited by Mark Evans

Edited and Engineered by Jerry Peal

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling

Based on an original idea by Edward Rowett and Robert

Frimstone

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios, London

Produced by Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jpr)

The Man Who Never Was

The Brits must trick the enemy. A 1958 remake of the 1956 spoof of the war film based on the 1953 book.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wallt Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1958.

TUE 08:30 Rent (b0675byd)

Series 4

Episode 6

Maria and Richard have their lives back. For Paul and Ruby, it's decision time...

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

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

Eva Sarah Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m000tp8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)

Series 1

Episode 1

A couple of years ago brothers Nigel and Michael gave up respectable careers to set up a website-design company. That was their first mistake...

Starring Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard.

First of three comedy series by Caroline and David Stafford.

Nigel Adam Godley

Michael Raymond Coulthard

Oona Pauline McLynn

Zorro Pearce Quigley

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

TUE 10:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss

Marjoribanks (b00160zl)

1. Lucilla's Revolution

Lucilla Marjoribanks, a large and determined girl, returns from school with one purpose in life - to be a comfort to her recently widowed father - and to avoid all proposals of marriage...

Starring Teresa Gallagher and Elizabeth Spriggs.

Margaret Oliphant's humorous novel dramatised in four-parts by Elizabeth Proud.

Lucilla Marjoribanks Teresa Gallagher

Dr Marjoribanks Roy Hanlon

Mrs Oliphant Elizabeth Spriggs

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Barbara Lake Elizabeth Mansfield

Tom Marjoribanks Nicholas Murchie

Mrs Nelly Woodburn Elizabeth Proud

Colonel Chiley Garard Green

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Mrs Chiley Ann Windsor

Mrs Mortimer Kate Binchy

Fanny Sirlol Jenkins

Edward David Holt

The Rev Bury John Fleming

Mrs Centum Theresa Streatfield

Maria Brown Melanie Hudson

Mr Holder Eric Allan

Nancy Joanna Wake

Music by Malcolm McKee.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

TUE 11:00 Rites of Spring (b009jbf4)

Nature writer Richard Mabey presents an exploration of the natural phenomena of spring and its connections with literature and art.

Richard has kept nature diaries since he was a teenager and retraces some of his old haunts in the Chilterns where he used spend hours walking around by rivers and woods observing spring rites.

He's also joined in Norfolk by bird expert Mark Cocker and together they will be chasing the "spring tide" in Breydon Water.

One of the most respected and senior nature writers in the UK,

Ronald Blythe shows Richard the delights of spring in Suffolk.

Ronald has been writing about the countryside for more than sixty years and he and Richard discuss how climactic change has affected the season.

Jonathan Bate explores further with Richard the literary connections with spring.

Cornish artist, Kurt Jackson is best known for his dramatic landscapes and his ecological artistic work. He discusses with Richard how spring affects him and his work as an artist.

Producer: Sarah Taylor

First broadcast on on BBC Radio 3 in March 2008.

TUE 11:45 Snowdrops by Leslie Norris (m0002lyn)

Amidst the fragility of life, a 6-year old boy eagerly anticipates the first snowdrops of spring...

Gareth Armstrong reads Leslie Norris's short story.

Producer: Caroline Sarll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jpr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Rent (b0675byd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Stand By For West (m0000vs2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively

(b09cz3m5)

The Written Garden

Penelope Lively's intimate meditation on gardening, literature and creativity continues as she turns her attention to the garden in fiction.

Read by Stephanie Cole.

Penelope Lively uses the garden to break open the world for us, and examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.

Abridged by Siân Preece

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

TUE 14:15 'Cherry' Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japan's Blossoms (m0003cyk)

Episode 2

Having decided to become a world expert in cherry trees from his home in Kent, 'Cherry' Ingram now had the daunting task of achieving that accolade.

Read by Hattie Morahan.

Portrait of a little-known Englishman, a story of Britain and Japan in the 20th century and an exploration of the delicate blossoms whose beauty is admired around the world.

Collingwood Ingram, known as 'Cherry' after his defining life's work, was born in 1880 and lived to 100, witnessing a fraught century of conflict and change.

Written and translated by Naoko Abe

Abridged by Isobel Creed and Lizzie Davies

Producer: Lizzie Davies

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

TUE 14:30 The Flower Fields (b01nb02j)

There's a gold rush in Cornwall; it's been going on for over a century - producing the first flowers of spring, daffodils especially.

Like mining, it's marked the landscape, and there are networks of tiny fields west of Mousehole and in the Isles of Scilly. Smaller than tennis courts, they nestle, safe from the wind between high hedges, warm on south facing terraced cliffs.

From these old flower fields, called quilets, came something even more valuable than the 'Golden Harvest' of early blooming daffodils - delicate Cornish violets, carnations and anemones.

From Victorian times to the 1960s fragrant bunches of these sped overnight by rail to reach the morning London markets.

Michael Bird - who lives in St Ives - listens while Bill Harvey works the plots his father tended. They are too small to admit machines and depend on the long-handled Cornish shovel. At Churchtown Farm on St Martins in the Scillies, Keith Low explains how the fields were created.

Michael walks the cliff gardens with the archaeologist Graeme Kirkham, who interprets the landscape they pass through, including the industry's mysterious skills and traditions. And he meets Bob Paterson at London's Covent Garden market who remembers selling the violets and anemones that came on the Penzance trains, and hopes he might again.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

TUE 15:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss

Marjoribanks (b00160zl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b07bthdt)

Series 6

The University of Chester

Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from the University of Chester take on their professors.

A funny and dynamic quiz show with specialist subjects including Archaeology, English and Computer Science and questions ranging from looms to Lemmy via Oscar Wilde and Microsoft Windows.

Producer: David Tyler.

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

TUE 16:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Quanderhorn (b0bbp001)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000tlw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k0y9)

4. Distraction

Earth's last living man, Robert Neville, edges towards a cure, but then he gets distracted.

Richard Matheson's 1954 cult classic set in 1976 USA. One of the 20th century's most significant vampire novels, combining sci-fi and horror.

Read by Angus McInnes.

Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2006.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00v1pk9)

Series 10

The Emperor

Beethoven's fifth and final piano concerto, The Emperor is majestic and moving in equal measure.

Richard McMahan plays extracts and discusses the virtuosic it demands.

Australian film producer, Hal McElroy, talks about using the

Adagio (the second movement) to illustrate the classic 1970s film Picnic at Hanging Rock.

That was where Andrew Law - who was Chaplain at Malvern College - first heard the piece. He describes the Adagio as being 'one of those pieces of art which it is worth being alive to have heard'.

Concert pianist, James Rhodes, describes how The Emperor was central to his childhood and his developing love of Beethoven's piano music.

Music teacher and singer, Prue Hawthorne, recalls how her father (an amateur clarinetist) labouriously transcribed by hand the horn and clarinet sections of the first movement so they

could play along with the record in their living room. Also contributing is the renowned Beethoven biographer, John Suchet.

Concert pianist Richard McMahon has now retired as a teacher at the Royal Welsh School of Music and Drama. Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Karen Gregor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jpr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Rent (b0675byd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Stand By For West (m000tvs2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Rites of Spring (b009jh4f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:45 Snowdrops by Leslie Norris (m0002lyn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:45 today]

TUE 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000tw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Danny Robins Music Therapy (b00fgts9)

Episode 1

Danny Robins harnesses the power of music to improve the world to help humanity - and a dormouse.

With Isy Suttie, beatboxer Bearydman and the Finchley Children's Music Group.

Written by Danny Robins with Isy Suttie and Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ben Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

TUE 23:00 The Allotment (b08h08rd)

Esther takes refuge from a troubled world on her allotment where she finds serenity among the vegetables and loses herself in her beekeeping.

While daughter Molly uses the shed as a makeshift study for her exams love-sick Robert has come to ask Esther to take him on a tour of her bee hive, but the spell is broken when Geoff wades in in a makeshift beekeeping outfit in search of his stolen pumpkin.

Welcome to a quirky, warm world where troubles get lost in the long grass and small things can bring contentment.

Written by and starring Esther Coles (BBC Two's 'Nurse').

Esther Esther Coles

Robert Mark Benton

Geoff Paul Whitehouse

Molly Patricia Allison

Sally Arabella Weir

Grandma Maggs Jane Horrocks

Producer: Gareth Edwards

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

TUE 23:30 The (Almost) Accidental Adventures of Bell and Todd (m0004fw9)

A Whale of a Time

Bell and Todd are all at sea - and then a whale called George appears.

Fed up with narrating the lives of two men bickering on an allotment, mischievous Diana has thrown Bell and Todd into a mad and mysterious world of her own devising.

June Whitfield in John Eggleston's adventure series.

Diana June Whitfield

Bell Matthew Bell

Todd Toby Longworth

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

TUE 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b00b0sgk)

Series 1

Episode 2

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents a selection of his work.

With contributions from Keith Moore, Susan Norton, Andrew Bailey and Nigel Piper.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.

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WED 00:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k0y9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b00v1pk9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Stand By For West (m000tvs2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Wimsey (b007jw7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09cz3m5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 'Cherry' Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japan's Blossoms (m0003cyk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 The Flower Fields (b01nb02j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b0016gzl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b07bthdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Quanderhorn (b0bbp001)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000tw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Stand By For West (m000twkn)

Inspector West at Bay

7. Bullets in Bell Street

Chief Inspector Roger West returns home from the hospital - to news of another murder...

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice Travers

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Medley

Det-Insp Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilchrist

Jacob Kennedy Peter Williams

Clara Kennedy Margaret Woolfit

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.

WED 06:30 Wimsey (b00s6492)

Five Red Herrings

2. Disappearances

As Lord Peter Wimsey investigates the mysterious death of unpopular artist, Sandy Campbell - key suspects keep vanishing.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey - the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Sir Maxwell Jameson Garard Green

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Mrs Faron Frances Jeater

Miss Selby Nell Brennan

Miss Cochran Audrey Muir

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Allcock Peter Wickham

Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong

Betty Heather Bell

Jock Graham Christopher Scoular

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

WED 07:00 Tickets Please (b00p1nm5)

Episode 3

Love among the train-staff on the 9.27 London to Exeter

flourishes, but with the unwelcome addition of Diana's amorous

num. And why is her Dad squashing Carol's muffins?

Sitcom on rails by Mark Maier.

Robin.....Jeremy Swift

Nadine.....Alex Kelly

Peter.....Malcolm Tierney

Carol.....Tessa Nicholson

Carl.....Nicholas Boulton

Diana.....Melissa Advani

Linda.....Kate Layden

Keith.....Stephen Hogan

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

WED 07:30 Future Empire-fect (m000tlb6)

Episode 2

In their previous BBC Radio 4 series, Empire-ical Evidence, comedians Andy Zaltzman and Anuvab Pal travelled to each other's home cities and walked around, taking in the sights and sounds and taste and feel of the bustling metropolises of London and Kolkata, before performing stand-up in crowded rooms full of people laughing loudly and maybe even sharing snacks.

In Future Empire-fect, their new series recorded in March 2021, they won't be doing that.

What they will be doing is looking at the future of the relationship between Britain and India in fields such as politics, medicine, cricket, culture, cricket, trade, hospitality and cricket.

In this second episode, they finally get to the important issue - cricket. And also tourism, education and comedy. But mainly cricket.

Praise for Empire-ical Evidence:

"Surprisingly successful as both entertainment and education."

The Telegraph

"I was intrigued by Andy Zaltzman and Anuvab Pal's ambition and then surprised to find myself chuckling at their chutzpah."

The Spectator

Writer/Performer: Andy Zaltzman

Writer/Performer: Anuvab Pal

Producer: Ed Morrish

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 Life With The Lyons (m00027sj)

Ben's Birthday

Ben's dropping hints about his birthday to the family, but will they remember?

Comedy with a real-life American family - starring Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon.

With:

Barbara Lyon

Richard Lyon

Horace Percival

Doris Rogers

Molly Weir

Hugh Morton

Clive Baxter

David Enders

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 February 1953

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WED 08:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2d1)

Series 1

Family Hold Back

How does Maud manage to come up trumps in the middle of the night?

Sue Limb's sitcom about events at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.

Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes star as sisters Alison and Maud.

Alison Denise Coffey

Maud Miriam Margolyes

Mr Mullett Chris Emmett

Mr Duckett Geoffrey Whitehead

Mrs Duckett Judy Flynn

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b00768f5)

Series 3

Episode 1

Debates galore over the North/South divide, glorious failure - and blowing your own trumpet.

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

With Steve Punt, Simon Fanshawe, Dan Gaster and Jenny Eclair.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000

WED 09:30 Snap (b00thqvk)

Series 1

Episode 3

Doug's furious when he discovers Molly plans to take in a lodger.

Plus their best friends having a party, so it could be awkward if both Molly & Doug get an invite...

Paul Mendelson's sitcom about life for a couple after they've split.

Molly Rebecca Lacey

Doug Paul Venables

Kaz Soumaya Keynes

Scarlet Rebecca Front

Annie Marlene Sidaway

Raymond Jonathan Taffler

Gwyneth Williams Jennifer Hill

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

WED 10:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b0016gdv)

2. Skirmishes

Lucilla's "Thursdays" has been a success, but Mr Cavendish is showing an interest in Barbara Lake and that is not part of her plan. Neither is the arrival of Archdeacon Beverley.

Starring Teresa Gallagher and Elizabeth Spriggs.

Margaret Oliphant's humorous novel dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

Lucilla Marjoribanks Teresa Gallagher

Dr Marjoribanks Roy Hanlon

Mrs Oliphant Elizabeth Spriggs

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Barbara Lake Elizabeth Mansfield

Mrs Nelly Woodburn Elizabeth Proud

Colonel Chiley Garard Green

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Mrs Chiley Ann Windsor

Mrs Mortimer Kate Binchy

Lydia Brown Sirlol Jenkins

Edward David Holt

Mrs Centum Theresa Streatfield

Maria Brown Melanie Hudson

Mr Lake Eric Allan

Rosie Lake Joanna Myers

Mr Woodburn Christopher Scott

Archdeacon Beverley Paul Daneman

Mr Centum Peter Penry-Jones

Lady Richmond Jill Graham

Music by Malcolm McKee.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

WED 11:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)

1. Great Gardens: Gertrude Jekyll

The great gardener, Gertrude Jekyll, once said:

"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."

Through her fascination with colour, cottage gardens and experimentation, it has been said she "changed the face of England more than any save the Creator and perhaps Capability Brown".

Penelope Keith explores Miss Jekyll's own 10-acre garden - the enchanting Munstead Wood in Surrey - and along the way

unearths some horticultural wisdoms and delights from the BBC sound archive.

Joining Penelope to discuss Gertrude's influence and changing horticultural fashions are broadcaster and author, James Wong, author Catherine Horwood and Munstead Wood's head gardener, Annabel Watts.

Featured BBC Archive: Great Gardens - Gertrude Jekyll meets Chris Serle from 1984

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in February 2014..

WED 12:00 Life With The Lyons (m00027sj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 12:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2d1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:00 Stand By For West (m000twkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 13:30 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 14:00 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09czrbh)

The Fashionable Garden

Penelope Lively considers gardening according to the dictates of fashion.

Read by Stephanie Cole.

Penelope uses the garden to break open the world for us, and examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.

Abridged by Sián Preece

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

WED 14:15 'Cherry' Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japan's Blossoms (m0003d6s)

Episode 3

On his 1926 trip, Ingram is invited to speak at the annual meeting of the Cherry Association of Japan.

He has grave concerns for the future of some native species... Read by Hattie Morahan.

Portrait of a little-known Englishman, a story of Britain and Japan in the 20th century and an exploration of the delicate blossoms whose beauty is admired around the world.

Collingwood Ingram, known as 'Cherry' after his defining life's work, was born in 1880 and lived to 100, witnessing a fraught century of conflict and change.

Written and translated by Naoko Abe

Abridged by Isobel Creed and Lizzie Davies

Producer: Lizzie Davies

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

WED 14:30 Living World (b010xy2r)

Dymock Daffodils

Writer and naturalist Paul Evans visits the famous daffodils of Dymock.

This corner of north Gloucestershire is home to some of the very best wild daffodil spectacles in the British Isles, plants whose pale primrose flowers with egg-yolk trumpets spill over motorway verges, infiltrate hedgerows and crowd into copses for a few precious weeks in late March and early April.

The area is also famous for hosting a remarkable collection of poets just before the First World War, lured there by the idea of a rural idyll. Among them were Edward Thomas, who was killed in action, and the visiting American poet Robert Frost, whose verse, "The Road Not Taken" includes the well-known line "two roads diverged in a yellow wood". Was this perhaps a reference to the tides of Dymock daffodils?

Paul finds out from his guides Roy Palmer, folklorist and chairman of the Dymock Poets Society, and botanist Ray Woods, who reveals the resilience and also the vulnerability of this surprising flower, which is showing promise as a relief for dementia.

Blending literature, history and wildlife, Living World takes the poets' path into the heart of wild daffodil country in this unique corner of England and revels in the coming of spring.

Producer: Brett Westwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

WED 14:55 Tweet of the Day (m000lz6l)

Tweet Take 5 : Song Thrush

Perched high in a tree the song thrush has a varied and rather liquescent call which can travel a far distance across the countryside. Listening to this song, more often a melody of two notes from the darkest days of winter, is a favourite of nature lovers and poets alike. With over 100 variations in song recorded, some have even described it as like following a small stream bubbling over uneven pebbles so providing an ever varied repertoire of sound twists and turns. For this extended version of Tweet of the Day we hear from Sir David Attenborough and from music philosopher David Rothenberg.

Producer Andrew Dawes

WED 15:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b00l6gdv)

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WED 16:00 The Motion Show (b00768f5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 16:30 Snap (b00thqvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 17:00 Tickets Please (b00p1nm5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:30 Future Empire-fect (m000tlb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b00cfzw4)

5. Hunting

Earth's last living man, Robert Neville, steps up his hunt for the root of the plague.

Richard Matheson's 1954 cult classic set in 1976 USA. One of the 20th century's most significant vampire novels, combining sci-fi and horror.

Read by Angus McInnes.

Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2006.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m0003kth)

Series 18

Early Spring

As the days lengthen and a new season approaches, Josie Long presents short documentaries and adventures in sound inspired by the Rilke poem Early Spring.

The People Who Feel

Featuring Henry Cordova

Produced by Ariana Martinez

Falling Like Blossom

Featuring Naoko Abe

Produced by Sarah Cuddon

Lilia is Listening

Originally made for the podcast Love Me

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/love-me/in-the-distance-1.4899506>

Produced by Sara Brooke Curtis, with Cristal Duhaime, Mira Burt-Wintonick and Sarah Geis

Mix by Cristal Duhaime

Readings by Stacia Brown

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

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

WED 19:00 Life With The Lyons (m00027sj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2d1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Stand By For West (m000twkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Future Empire-fect (m000tlb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Elvenquest (b00wdjz9)

Series 2

Episode 4

The search for the Sword of Asnagar is put on hold when Vidar is summoned home by his father.

Meanwhile Lord Darkness also returns home from his Necromancer's convention, proud holder of the 'Medal of Change', the prize for being 'Necromancer's Necromancer'.

However, it turns out that Lord Darkness may not have won it entirely fairly, so he sets about trying to cover his tracks.

The fates of Lord Darkness and the Questers are drawn together when they both end up having to cross the Gorge of Doom. But first they must pass the mysterious Bridge Keeper who controls the only passage across. And he charges a heavy price...

Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Sam Stephen Mangan

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

The Bridge Keeper Gus Brown

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Vidar Darren Boyd

Amis – The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Penthielsea Sophie Winkleman

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007jvcs)

Series 3

Radio Active's Funday in Blackport

Have fun and plenty of it with Radio Active's fun day out on the promenade in Blackport.

Enough games, celebrities and competitions to generate a great deal of fun. Plus, somebody MUST win a Radio Active Car Sticker.

Starring :

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. With Jon Canter, Roger Planer, Antony Nicholson, Moray Hunter and John Docherty.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1983.

WED 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00tlwzg)

Series 2

Otters

John Weak turns Smokehouse as green as the Jolly Green Giant, while saving Sir Marcus from an eco-Nazi who insists on paper underwear.

Starring Alexander Armstrong as marketing maestro and "totty" magnet John Weak.

Hayley Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters Ron Cook

Tim Ewan Bailey

Ted Kim Wall

Rebecca Colleen Prendergast

Music: David Pickvance

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

THURSDAY 08 APRIL 2021

THU 00:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b00cfzw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 Short Cuts (m0003kth)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Stand By For West (m000twkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Wimsey (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09czrbh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 'Cherry' Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japan's Blossoms (m0003d6s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Living World (b010xy2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:55 Tweet of the Day (m000lz6l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:55 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b00l6gdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Motion Show (b00768f5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Snap (b00thqvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Tickets Please (b00p1nm5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Future Empire-fect (m000tlb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Stand By For West (m000twjm)

Inspector West at Bay

8. Finale for a Vendetta

Chief Inspector Roger West and his wife Janet rush to their local school...

Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson star in the conclusion of John Creasey's detective thriller.

Chief Inspector Roger WestPatrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Hedley

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Det -Insp Bill Sloan Derek Newmark

Mark Lessinur James Kerry

Eve WedlakeAnna Gilchrist

Jacob Kennedy Peter Williams

Clara Kennedy Margaret Woolfit

Charles Kennedy Ian Frost

Benson Peter Thompson

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.

THU 06:30 Wimsey (b00s6492)

Five Red Herrings

3. Bicycles

One of six suspects over the death of Sandy Campbell, Jock Graham has let slip that he knows rather more than he pretends.

Lord Peter Wimsey investigates.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong

Jock Graham Christopher Scoular

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Jaime Mair/The Constable Jonathan Scott

Ferguson Iain Blair

Mrs McGregor Miriam Margolyes

Helen McGregor Yvonne Gillan

PC Ross Gordon Kane

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

THU 07:00 Rob Newman (m0000mrv)

Rob Newman's Total Eclipse of Descartes

Thought Experiments

Mixing stand-up and sketches, comedian Rob Newman tackles the world of philosophy, with a look at the thorniest of thought experiments through history, including a famous Shakespeare-typing monkey.

Produced by Jonathan Harvey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

THU 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (m000mr4)

Series 8

Instalment 3

What with the whole world grinding to a viral halt and everything, this special series of essays and diary entries is recorded at the Sussex home of the world-renowned storyteller.

In 2021, it's 25 years since David Sedaris first shared his very particular world view with the listeners to BBC Radio 4, having brought us The SantaLand Diaries back in 1996. In this eighth

series of Meet David Sedaris, he continues to entertain with sardonic wit and incisive social critiques. David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers and, in 2019, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he's a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today. Sedaris's first book, *Barrel Fever* (1994), which included *The SantaLand Diaries*, was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, *Naked* (1997), *Holidays on Ice* (1997) and *Me Talk Pretty One Day* (2000). He became known for his biting funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His latest international best-selling book is a collection of stories entitled *Calypso*. A feature film adaptation of his story *C.O.G.* was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival in 2013. Producer: Steve Doherty
A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00zh39)
Series 1
Episode 14
Special agent Kenneth Horne probes a pirate invasion of the BBC, while Kenneth Williams throws a hissy fit. How sure are Binkie Huckleback and Dame Celia Molestrangler about their latest movie revival?
And at the Studio Bona, is Mr Horne up to flexing his deltoids for photographers Julian and Sandy?
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 June 1965.
THU 08:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b0148r4n)
Progress Is Power
'Difficult Day? C'mon, smile it all away!'
Is smiling really the answer to Edward's troubles?
Starring Robert Lindsay.
Futuristic sitcom by Richard Turner and William Osborne with a nod to George Orwell.
Edward Robert Lindsay
Sophie Siobhan Redmond
Charles Paul Shearer
With Stephen Fry, Emma Thompson, Richard Turner, David Goodland and Christopher Barr.
Producer: Nick Symons
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.
THU 09:00 Genius (b00850j1)
Series 3
Charlie Brooker
Speeding motorway services? Two year dogs?
Dave Gorman asks writer and humourist Charlie Brooker to select the public's best loopy idea.
Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.
Producer: Simon Nicholls
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.
THU 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0132tk0)
Series 3
Alka Salsa
Maureen persuades Wendy to join her on a salsa weekend in Bognor. Robin reluctantly goes along too, so he can visit a model village.
Meanwhile, Derek has discovered a new drug - coffee. And he's already addicted.
Sitcom about the mundane lives of childless couple, Robin and Wendy and their friends and neighbours - with a twist.
Wendy Kay Stonham
Robin Brian Capron
Derek Martin Trenaman
Maureen Amelia Bullmore
Written by Kay Stonham.
Devised by Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
THU 10:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b001615)
3. Lucilla's Luck
Mrs Mortimer is surrounded by a mystery which Lucilla can't unravel. Archdeacon Beverley seems to be involved but who else? Lucilla is determined to give advice, but Mr Cavendish may not want to hear it...
Starring Teresa Gallagher and Elizabeth Spriggs.
Margaret Oliphant's humorous novel dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.
Lucilla Marjoribanks Teresa Gallagher

Dr Marjoribanks Roy Hanlon
Mrs Oliphant Elizabeth Spriggs
Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel
Barbara Lake Elizabeth Mansfield
Mrs Nelly Woodburn Elizabeth Proud
Colonel Chiley Garard Green
Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel
Mrs Chiley Ann Windsor
Mrs Mortimer Kate Binchy
Edward David Holt
Mrs Centum Theresa Streatfield
Mr Lake Eric Allan
Rosie Lake Joanna Myers
Mr Woodburn Christopher Scott
Archdeacon Beverley Paul Daneman
Tom Marjoribanks Nicholas Murchie
General Travers John Webb
Music by Malcolm McKee.
Producer: Sue Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000tvp2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00zh39)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b0148r4n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Stand By For West (m000twjm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Wimsey (b00s6brb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09d3w1j)
Time, Order and the Garden
Penelope's intimate meditation on gardening, literature and creativity continues as she presents gardening as the ultimate defiance of time.
Read by Stephanie Cole.
Penelope uses the garden to break open the world for us, and examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.
Abridged by Sian Preece
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
THU 14:15 'Cherry' Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japan's Blossoms (m0003cpn)
Episode 4
By the mid 1930s, the link between cherries and national identity was firmly established in Japan.
Yet diplomats used the blossoms as benign propaganda, hiding sinister intentions.
Read by Hattie Morahan.
Portrait of a little-known Englishman, a story of Britain and Japan in the 20th century and an exploration of the delicate blossoms whose beauty is admired around the world.
Collingwood Ingram, known as 'Cherry' after his defining life's work, was born in 1880 and lived to 100, witnessing a fraught century of conflict and change.
Written and translated by Naoko Abe
Abridged by Isobel Creed and Lizzie Davies
Producer: Lizzie Davies
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2019.
THU 14:30 A Spring Clean Symphony (b01rlsv4)
Someone, somewhere, is scrubbing, wiping, brushing or zapping.
Love it or hate it, cleaning is part of our everyday lives and, in Spring in particular, there's a surge in cleaning activities as we throw open the windows and purge our lives of the accumulated winter grime.
In this composed feature, Nina Perry brings to light the rituals and personal stories of the spring clean and interweaves them with specially composed music.
How has cleaning changed over the generations? Is our attitude to cleaning nature or nurture? To what extent are our cleaning habits indicative of an inward state? And is cleaning about goodness, purity and perfection - or about living a healthy, germ free existence?
Nina rolls up her sleeves and spring cleans with her 96-year-old grandmother, Gwen. She speaks to Angela Levin about the significance of spring cleaning within the Jewish faith. And she asks Professor Sally Bloomfield and Dr Robert Aunger, from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, what is "clean"?
Producer: Nina Perry
A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2013.
THU 15:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b001615)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Genius (b00850j1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0132tk0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Rob Newman (m0000mrv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Meet David Sedaris (m000tnr4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k10v)

6. Shock
Crushed by his dog's death, Robert's vampire quest continues, with a shock in store.
Richard Matheson's 1954 cult classic set in 1976 USA. One of the 20th century's most significant vampire novels, combining sci-fi and horror.
Read by Angus McInnes.
Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2006.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b07pgvjz)
Series 40
Dag Hammarskjöld
Sometime around midnight of September 17 1961, a plane approached an airstrip near Ndola in what was then northern Rhodesia.
The plane was a DC6, and on board the second ever secretary general of the United Nations, an aristocratic Swede called Dag Hammarskjöld. He was on his way to try and mediate a war in the Congo, but the plane crashed and Hammarskjöld was killed. Was it an accident? The debate continues to this day.
Joining Matthew Parris to discuss the life and death of Hammarskjöld are the journalist Georgina Godwin and the academic Susan Williams, author of *Who Killed Hammarskjöld?* A dramatic and detailed discussion focuses on the events surrounding his death.
Producer: Miles Warde
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
THU 19:00 Round the Horne (b00zh39)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b0148r4n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 20:00 Stand By For West (m000twjm)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m000tnr4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 The World of Simon Rich (b07f16t9)
Series 1
Episode 3
Simon Rich has been Saturday Night Live's youngest writer, a staff writer for Pixar and a regular contributor to *The New Yorker* - as well as one of the funniest short story writers of his generation.
Now the American brings his enchanting, absurd world to radio with his first British comedy show.
The series takes us across time and space, from the design of the universe and prehistoric love triangles to the terrors of life as an unused condom inside a teenager's wallet.
Performing the stories alongside Simon is a cast of UK comic talent:
Peter Serafinowicz
Tim Key
Cariad Lloyd
Jamie Demetriou
Joseph Morpurgo
Claire Price.
Producer: Jon Harvey
Executive Producer: Richard Wilson
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.
THU 23:00 Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack (b00w7c95)
Series 1
Episode 2
Meet Daisy, the chattering public school girl's, parents and find out why the Mona Lisa has been dumped by the Laughing Cavalier.
Plus, a Police Officer who can't find the right words, a street survey that probes too far and Candi Karmel's sister makes an appearance.
A multi-paced, showcase for the exceptional talent of Lucy Montgomery.
With Philip Pope, Sally Grace, Waen Shepherd and Natalie Walter.
Written by Lucy Montgomery with additional material by Steven Burge and Dan Tetsell.
Music by Philip Pope
Producer: Katie Tyrrell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.
THU 23:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000fvzp)
Series 3
Spring
Multi-award winning comedian and author Mark Watson continues his probably doomed quest to make sense of the human experience.
Expect jokes galore and a few songs with Mark aided by the sardonic musical brilliance of Flo and Joan.
And Mark has a fresh comedy friend in each show. For starters, it's Lou Sanders.
A time of new beginnings, lambs and other clichés.
Spring kicks off this series about the four seasons of the year and the seasons of a human life, as Mark - at the halfway point

of his expected lifespan - considers what might come next...

Producer: Lianne Coop

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.

FRIDAY 09 APRIL 2021

FRI 00:00 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k10v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b07pgvjz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Stand By For West (m000twjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Wimsey (b00s6brb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09d3w1j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 'Cherry' Ingram: The Englishman who saved Japan's Blossoms (m0003cpn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 A Spring Clean Symphony (b01rlsv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b0016151)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Genius (b00850j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0132tk0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Rob Newman (m0000mrv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Meet David Sedaris (m000tnr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 A Case for Dr Morelle (b007qs41)

1. Alarm Call

Cantankerous criminal psychologist Dr Morelle investigates the mystery death of a wealthy French baroness in a hotel.

Ernest Dudley's Harley Street psychiatrist-turned-detective uses psychology as well as criminology to hunt down lawbreakers by deducing their felonious personalities.

Following on from the success of the 1949 Hammer Film 'Dr Morelle: The Case Of The Missing Heiress', this is the first of 13 BBC radio episodes.

British film veteran, Cecil Parker stars as Dr Morelle with Sheila Sim as his long-suffering assistant, Miss Frayle

Dr Morelle Cecil Parker

Miss Frayle Sheila Sim

Hotel Waiter Sydney Tafler

Mlle Rolin Tonia Bern

Anthony Winter Hugh Manning

Hotel Receptionist Molly Rankin

Miss Shawcroft Kathleen Helme

Audio recovered by BBC Radio 4 Extra listener, Steve Arnold.

Director: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1957.

FRI 06:30 Wimsey (b007jw80)

Five Red Herrings

4. Bunter Investigates

As Lord Peter Wimsey continues his hunt for the murderer of Scottish artist Sandy Campbell, his manservant Bunter takes the initiative.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Parker Stephen Thorne

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Miss Selby Nell Brennan

Miss Cochran Audrey Muir

Bob Anderson Henry Knowles

Ferguson Iain Blair

Strachan Gordon Clyde

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

FRI 07:00 Clare in the Community (b084bmf9)

Series 11

Momento

Riots have broken out on the Sparrowhawk estate and ruined the team's family fun day.

In all the chaos, Clare has lost her memory and is roaming the streets, encountering all sorts of characters as she tries to work out who she is.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

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

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Nali Nina Conti

Libby Sarah Kendall

Hugo Andrew Wincott

Joan Sarah Thom

Mrs Singh Nina Wadia

Cilla Gbemisola Ikumelo

Anarchist Colin Houl

PC Colin Houl

Producer: Alexandra Smith

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

FRI 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b07v2mdz)

Series 7

Colchester

Colchester - The oldest recorded town in Britain

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

"The oldest hot cross bun in the world was baked in Colchester" Mark visits the Essex town of Colchester and walks through the streets where 'Emperor Claudius once rode triumphantly on the first elephant in Britain', before Boudicca burnt the place to the ground, that was. He visits 'Jumbo', the town's iconic, Victorian water tower and he delves into the history of Colchester Zoo. Mark also discovers how several nursery rhymes have their origins in Colchester and he investigates the town's rivalry with Chelmsford.

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

Written and performed by ... Mark Steel

Additional material by ... Pete Sinclair

Production co-ordinator ... Hayley Stirling

Producer ... Carl Cooper

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

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jlf5)

Series 1

The Battle of Godfrey's Cottage

Summer, 1940: Convinced a German invasion has begun, Captain Mainwaring and his men mount a gun placement at Godfrey's cottage.

Chaos, inevitably, ensues...

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV

scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Walker James Beck

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Frazer John Laurie

Cissie Godfrey Nan Brawnton

Percy the Parrot Percy Edwards

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

FRI 08:30 The Alan Davies Show (b007jsk4)

Episode 6

Struggling actor Alan has a date with an X-rated actress, whilst

Peruvian Flu strikes at the Gazette.

Alan Davies stars in his own sitcom.

Written by Ben Silburn, Tony Roche and Alan Davies.

Alan Alan Davies

Murray Alan Francis

Kate Ronni Ancona

With Debra Stephenson and Kevin Eldon.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

FRI 09:00 Counterpoint (b00rdwrf)

Series 24

2010 Heat 1

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.

The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

Three contestants battle it out:

David Walker from London

Paul Webster from Tyne & Wear

Judy Woolfe from Kent

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

FRI 09:30 Fat Chance (b01bn4qm)

Secrets and Lies

Will Graham be the next Blue Peter presenter and why did

Tina's husband leave her?

Jenny McDade's high-fat bittersweet comedy for those

believing there's a thin person inside them begging to get out.

Graham Pitscottie Gareth Corke

Wendy Bottomley Janine Duviski

Clive Bottomley Michael Troughton

Soo Pitscottie Anne Reid

Tina Tattersall Julia Deakin

Kelly Chambers Tilly Gaunt

Lee Dubs Harry Myers

Mrs Enright Frances Jeater

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.

FRI 10:00 The Carlingford Chronicles - Miss Marjoribanks (b00174dw)

4. The Battle Lost and Won

Ten years have passed and Lucilla worries that she might have "gone off".

When the MP for Carlingford dies, it seems that the two contenders, Mr Ashburton and Mr Cavendish are not of that opinion.

Conclusion of Margaret Oliphant's humorous novel starring Teresa Gallagher and Elizabeth Spriggs.

Lucilla Marjoribanks Teresa Gallagher

Dr Marjoribanks Roy Hanlon

Mrs Oliphant Elizabeth Spriggs

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Barbara Lake Elizabeth Mansfield

Mrs Nelly Woodburn Elizabeth Proud

Colonel Chiley Garard Green

Mr Cavendish Keith Drinkel

Mrs Chiley Ann Windsor

Edward David Holt

Mrs Centum Theresa Streatfield

Mr Holden Eric Allan

Rosie Lake Joanna Myers

Mr Ashburton Christopher Scott

Tom Marjoribanks Nicholas Murchie

Mr Black John Webb

Maria Brown Melanie Hudson

Mr Centrum Peter Penry-Jones

Lady Richmond Jill Graham

Nancy Joanna Wake

Mr Bury John Fleming

Major Brown Jonathan Adams

Dramatised by Elizabeth Prod.

Music by Malcolm McKee.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000v3wr)

The Sound of Spring

Chris Pearson and Amanda Litherland recommend podcasts

exploring British wildlife.

Dr Mya Rose Craig aka Birdgirl talks about the benefits of

nature and birdwatching in both the city and the countryside, with her podcast Get Birding.

Ecologist Penny Green chats about the Knepp Wildland Podcast - sharing stories from the rewilding estate in West Sussex.

Recommended podcasts this week:

Tweet of the Day

30 Animals That Made Us Smarter

Wildflower Half Hour

Get Birding

The Science Of Birds

99% Invisible

The Casual Birder

Knepp Wildland Podcast

The Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation: hands-on conservation.

Lancashire Wildlife Trust Podcast

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