

SATURDAY 01 MAY 2021

SAT 00:00 The House on the Borderland by William Hope Hodgson (b007wxhs)

4. The Wound

Back from his voyage, the narrator sees a sinister green hand at his window...

First published in 1908, William Hope Hodgson's fantasy novella is now seen as a classic of early, Edwardian sci-fi. Concluded by Jim Norton.

Abridged by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Lawrence Jackson

Made for BBC Radio 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.

First broadcast in September 2007.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b00nvzy)

Porky Pies

According to a recent survey we live in a world full of lies - concluding that most people tell at least two important lies a day, a third of conversations involve some sort of deception and 60 per cent of the population have cheated on their partners at least once.

To debate this and seek out the truth about lies are Professor Richard Wiseman, who has spent a lifetime trying to discover the clues that give away deception, writer Ian Leslie, who described the search for the perfect lie detector, and columnist Michele Hanson, whose mother was only ever able to tell the truth.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

SAT 01:00 Wimsey (b007jzhc)

The Nine Tailors

3 Bunter Breaks the Law

As Lord Peter Wimsey's murder probe moves to the church bell tower, his manservant Bunter uses his initiative.

CAST:

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Supt Blundell Timothy Bateson

Mrs Venables Noel Dyson

Will Thoday Keith Drinkell

Mary Thoday Claire Clifford

Potty Peak Anthony Hyde

Mrs Ashton Marjorie Withers

Mr Ashton Brian Haynes

Sluice Keeper Peter Tudenharn

Narrator John Westbrook

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers. The Nine Tailors was first published in 1934.

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.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

SAT 01:30 Peter Ustinov - Dear Me (m000vjq5)

5. Finding Work

Peter Ustinov struggles with army life but his acting and writing career gradually take over.

His daughter Tamara is born and he has fun working with legendary actors, Ralph Richardson and John Gielgud.

The writer, director and actor continues his autobiography

Abridged by Jack Singleton.

Producer Rosemary Hart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1978.

SAT 02:00 A Far Cry from Kensington by Muriel Spark (b09mx8n7)

Episode 10

Muriel Spark's playful and autobiographical novel set amid London's post-war publishing scene.

Although she enjoys her new job and looks forward to the future with William Todd, Nancy dreads the reappearance of hack writer Hector Bartlett.

Read by Maggie Service

Abridged by Rosemary Goring

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

SAT 02:15 Gudrun (b0b539zy)

Series 4

Episode 10

Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

Gudrun waits anxiously for Marlas to return. Will he be able to stop the wedding in time?

Produced and directed by Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.

SAT 02:30 Hot Gossip! (b04sy3qp)

2. Brains

In the second of two programmes, Geoff Watts continues to explore the science, history and cultural implications of gossip. Gossip has a bad reputation and for the most part, deservedly so. Yet, on-going research appears to suggest that gossip does serve a useful purpose. Not least because our brains may be hard wired for it. Researchers in Boston have used a technique known as binocular rivalry (showing different images to left and

right eye at the same time) to suggest that gossip acts as an early warning system, that the brain automatically redirects your attention onto people you've heard negative remarks about. Even though this process happens at a sub-conscious level, your brain is sifting through and weeding out anyone in your surroundings that you may have good reason to distrust.

Elsewhere, researchers in Manchester have been analysing what makes gossip memorable and are now scanning subjects brains to see if there are specific gossip networks which light up. From preliminary results it appears gossip activates areas in the brain similar to those that produce feelings of pleasure and reward. Next they plan to scan their subjects' brains as they tweet.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, in many of these experiments, it is celebrity gossip that tends to produce the largest response.

Thanks to what one commentator calls the perfect storm of 24-hour news, reality TV and social media, the all-pervasive celebrity gossip industry exploits our endless appetite for information about people we will never meet. But could even celebrity gossip serve a purpose? Or are we gorging ourselves on trivia whilst ignoring the plight of those closest to us? And can and should anything be done to stem the negative impacts of gossip in a digital age?

Producer: Rami Tzabar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

SAT 03:00 William Makepeace Thackeray - Barry Lyndon (b00t1bsd)

The Squire

Redmond Barry pursues and wins the widowed Lady Lyndon to take the title of Barry Lyndon and play the role of country squire.

However, once arrived at the summit of his good fortune, his luck begins to change for the worse.

Conclusion of William Makepeace Thackeray's classic novel about the rise and fall of an Irish adventurer in the 18th century.

Dramatised by Don McCamphill

Barry Gerard McSorley

Lady Lyndon Tina Kellegher

Chevalier de Balibari David Kelly

Bell Barry Sheila Hancock

Earl of Crabs Kenneth Cranham

Wiggins Jamie Foreman

Redmond Andrew Scott

Furniture Dealer Mark Lambert

Poynings Don Wycherley

Ullick Darragh Kelly

Brendan Eanna MacLiam

Maggie-Rose Alice Barry

Directed at BBC Belfast by Lawrence Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SAT 04:00 Counterpoint (b00rxh64)

Series 24

2010 Heat 4

The fourth heat in the 2010 series of Counterpoint comes from the BBC Radio Theatre in London, with Paul Gambaccini picking the brains of contestants from East Anglia and the Home Counties.

David Allison from Sheringham, Norfolk

Philip Constantine from Guildford, Surrey

Andrew Langley from Chesham, Buckinghamshire

As always, the questions test the breadth of their musical knowledge and feature a wealth of musical extracts and illustrations.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2010.

SAT 04:30 Two Doors Down (b008gbvs)

Series 2

Mythical Kings and Iguanas

Saffron is a typical mother, multi-tasking her aromatherapy business with trying to feng shui her bathroom and coping with a four year old desperately missing their ex-pet iguana. So no surprise she needs Sally's help when things go wrong...

Starring Stella McCusker.

Annie McCartney's sitcom about the bohemian Belfast residents of Marlborough Road, saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Sally Stella McCusker

Clare Marcella Riordan

Evie Katy Gleadhill

Trevor Des McAleer

Simon Patrick Gleadhill

Anna Hannah R Gordon

Saffron Ali White

Victor Alan McKee

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

SAT 05:00 The Break (b07ett0z)

Series 1

The Key

Welcome to Flamford, the setting for this sitcom starring Philip Jackson, Tom Palmer and Alison Steadman.

Andy Chambers - edgy, sharp-tongued City burn-out - has fled London for his Uncle Jeff's seaside home. When we meet him, all Andy wants to do is sleep, but Jeff is having none of it.

Jeff gets Andy out of bed and gives him breakfast with the promise of an interesting surprise which is safely stowed in the shed. He suddenly realises his keys are missing - his friend Fat Sid borrowed the keys three years ago and hasn't given them back. Jeff leads Andy on a quest around Flamford for Fat Sid and the missing keys.

On their Odyssey they encounter Fish Shop Frank and his outré selection of fish. Pest Control Officer Corinne with whom Jeff has an "understanding", and finally Fat Sid himself in an unexpected new role.

Andy Chambers Tom Palmer

Jeff Philip Jackson

Fish Shop Frank Mark Benton

Pest Control Officer Corinne Alison Steadman

Writers: Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2016.

SAT 05:30 The Confessional (m000vgfs)

Series 1

The Confession of Dr Phil Hammond

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a new comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

Each week, Stephen invites a different guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions - with remarkable storytelling and surprising insights.

We're used to hearing celebrity interviews where stars are persuaded to show off about their achievements. Stephen's not interested in that. He doesn't want to know about his guests' proudest moments, he wants to know what they're ashamed of. That's surely the way to find out what really makes a person tick.

Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

Series guests include Marian Keyes, Ciarad Lloyd, Joan

Bakewell, Suzi Ruffell, Clarke Peters and many more.

This week, Phil Hammond, doctor, journalist and the medical correspondent for Private Eye, delivers some eye watering accounts of youthful mistakes, dubious diagnoses and Twitter storms.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Produced by Dave Anderson and Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 Martyn Wade - Goodnight to Flamboro' (b007jqdl)

A dramatised account of the First World War call-up and frontline experiences of William Baines, the composer and pianist born in November 1899, at Horbury near Wakefield.

When he died aged 23 in 1922, after a long illness, he had written about 150 pieces, mostly for piano. He had an eye, and an ear, for the natural world. Compositions such as Twilight

Woods, Paradise Gardens, Purple Heights and this one - Goodnight To Flamboro - capture the mood of the Yorkshire

landscapes he loved.

Stars Douglas Hodge, Anne Stallybrass, David Calder and Ann Bell.

Written by Martyn Wade

Produced by Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 1989.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b018xs8c)

Series 26

Lonnie Donegan

Downton Abbey actor Jim Carter tells Matthew Parris why

skiffle king Lonnie Donegan is his hero.

Lonnie Donegan is probably best remembered for the novelty hits "My Old Man's a Dustman" and "Does Your Cheewing Gum Lose its Flavour?" However, early hits like "Rock Island Line"

were instrumental in inspiring the likes of John Lennon, Brian May and Roger Daltrey to perform.

Donegan played a decisive role in the development of British popular music. His revitalisation of skiffle provided the

inspiration for the whole British beat movement that was to come. Ironically, although Donegan was the catalyst, he was

soon eclipsed by the young electric guitar heroes of the mid-sixties, and he was left with the comedy and cabaret circuits.

SAT 08:00 The Motion Show (b070wg2g)

Series 3

Episode 4

Graeme Garden's debating game with Gyles Brandreth, Hugh Dennis, Arthur Smith and Antony Worrall Thompson. From August 2000.

SAT 08:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jzm2)

Series 1

Out To Launch

Rosie's company is set to launch the autobiography of the country's most famous Footballer, Lloyd Gratton.

The lives of Rosie and her granddaughter Jo are shaken by the return to Rosie's daughter Kate after a long spell working

abroad.

Prunella Scales in the first of four series of Simon Brett's sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event-management company based in Brighton.

With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Jon Glover as Greg

Turnball, Tracy-Ann Oberman as Lalage Croxton-Sackville and Will Ing as Lloyd Gratton.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

SAT 09:00 Braden Back on the Beat (b05vj0c8)

Oldie magazine founder Richard Ingrams presents a retrospective of the pioneering star of TV and radio, Bernard

Braden.

Compiled from scouring the BBC Sound Archive and liaising

with Bernard Braden's family and long-term friend Gillian Best, this 3 hour showcase features:

- * Leave Your Name and Number: 21/07/1950
- * Bedtime with Braden: 06/04/1951
- * The Ransom of Red Chief: date unknown
- * Braden Beside Himself: 04/07/1987
- * Offbeat with Braden: 23/09/1978

Born in Canada, actor and broadcaster, Bernard Braden (1916 – 1993) made numerous radio and TV appearances in the UK – many with his wife Barbara Kelly. Braden is particularly remembered as a pioneer of UK TV consumer programmes – 'On the Braden Beat' (ATV) and 'Braden's Week' (BBC).
Producer: Mik Wilkojc.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in May 2015.
SAT 11:30 The Secret Catacombs of Paris (b01b9h73)

Take a trip into the underground maze of Paris, revealing a mysterious and intriguing history.
Famously known as the City of Light, Paris is a diverse metropolis rich in architecture and steeped in history. But it has a dark alter ego that lies 30 metres under the ground, mirroring centuries of bloody wars, revolutions and riots on the surface. For Paris is porous - built on 177 miles of tunnels that were formed when limestone and gypsum were quarried to build the capital. Most people are only aware of just a tiny fraction of these tunnels - the world famous ossuary known as The Catacombs. The authorities have tried to keep a lid on the full extent of the labyrinthine remainder for hundreds of years. But there are little known entry points everywhere - in basements, in train stations, cellars and sewers.

Throughout history, invaders have always found a way in, whether they were fighting Prussian soldiers, fleeing royalty of the French Revolution, the Nazis or The Resistance. Today they're home to the cataphiles - urban explorers who use the tunnels as an art space, a music venue or even a clandestine meeting point for secret societies.

Architecture and design writer, Jonathan Glancey investigates.
Producer: James Hale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 January 2012.

SAT 12:00 Act Your Age (b00pxn13)

Series 2

Episode 1

Simon Mayo hosts the comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest. Team captains Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Adrian Walsh are joined by Kevin Bridges, Jason Byrne and Johnnie Casson. Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

SAT 12:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jr6k)

To Begin At The End

Nick Revell's six-part comedy serial travels between the Andes, St Petersburg and a town in west Yorkshire, where Tony Hardstaff returns after a 10-year absence.

He encounters his 183-year-old father Obadiah, his Bronte obsessed ex-girlfriend and the Morris Dancing Survivalist Militia.

In this opening episode, Tony is seduced by the charms of the beautiful Natassia Filipovna Karamazov and has to escape from the ruthless Russian mafia in St Petersburg.

Tony Nick Revell

Natasha Filipovna Morwenna Banks

The Narrator Alistair McGowan

Mrs Yepanchin Joanna Brooks

Ivan Jonathan Kydd

Sergei Peter Gunn

Kropotkin Peter Serafinowicz

Vladimir Chris Pavlo

Other parts played by the cast.

Music composed by Paul Mottram.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b09x8ygn)

Per Ardua Ad Astra: RAF Voices

From top brass to gunners, pilots and ground crew, the voices of a much-respected service.

When the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service merged on April 1st, 1918, Britain witnessed the creation of an extraordinary new armed service - one that the existing Army and Navy greeted with suspicion and distrust. Here was a fully-fledged force, complete with exotic flying machines and pilots who seemed to have stepped out of the pages of an adventure book for boys.

Their devil-may-care attitude and sang froid in the face of the fledgling German Air Force, and the completely haphazard construction of the machines they flew, gained them a reputation and respect that the RAF still enjoys a hundred years later.

The average speed of the canvas and wire machines of the First World War was 50mph, while jets today can fly at over 1500 mph, but there was something about the act of flying at speed over the heads of those on the ground that evoked a feeling of freedom. Of course, the WW1 pilots knew and felt this freedom and a mystique grew up around their exploits - a mystique mingled with the bitter-sweet and made even more poignant by the fact that the average life of a First World War pilot was just three weeks. In the Second World War, the lifespan of a fighter pilot was again short and often brutal.

This programme features of the voices of some of the survivors of those conflicts, and from more recent theatres of war such as Desert Storm and Afghanistan. To listen in to the pilots is

chilling as they fly through enemy fire and - certainly in the early days - in planes with engines that could fail at any time, where the navigation systems were so rudimentary that they little idea where they were or where they were heading.

A Spools Out production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SAT 14:00 Bleak Expectations (b00ngz6q)

Series 3

A Lovely Life Re-Kipperd Again Once More

In Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof, even death cannot prevent an old enemy from returning. Stars Tom Allen. From October 2009.

SAT 14:30 The Iguanodon (b0075cbr)

Away and Slightly to the Left

Sam Varley is looking for a lift back to the mainland when his boat is wrecked in a storm.

Mr Brook is looking for an unforgettable adventure at sea, after a lifetime in custards.

Neither of them get quite what they're expecting on a boat called 'The Iguanodon'...

Three-part comedy adventure by Paul Lucas.

Sam Varley Paul Haigh

Mr Brook Bernard Cribbins

Don O'Reilly Dermot Crowley

Isabel Rosemary Leach

The Captain John Arthur

Laura Sally Phillips

Harriet Patsy Byrne

Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

SAT 15:00 1966 and All That (b0100q4y)

The 1920s and 30s

King George utters some unmemorable last words; DH

Lawrence of Arabia writes Lady Chatterbox's Llama; and John Yogi Bear discovers the BBC but finds there's not much on.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain begins in the 1920s and 1930s.

Stars Joss Ackland, Eleanor Bron, Rory Bremner, Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and John Humphrys.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

SAT 15:30 Chain Reaction (b03m81pm)

Series 9

Terry Christian talks to Kevin Bridges

Manchester's very own Terry Christian talks to Scotland's comedy superstar Kevin Bridges.

Chain Reaction is the long-running host-less chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

SAT 16:00 Martyn Wade - Goodnight to Flamboro' (b007jqdl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b018xs8c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Fear on 4 (m0008340)

The Hairy Hand of Dartmoor

Alcohol, anger, infidelity and stories of Dartmoor witches are the ingredients in a cocktail party that goes awry for Geoffrey. Tales of horror and suspense.

Written by Michael McStay.

CAST:

Geoffrey Struan Rodger

Abigail Angela Pleasence

Kate Emily Richard

Henry Jonathan Oliver

Peter Timothy Carlton

Susan Ludmilla Vuli

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

SAT 18:30 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jlwv)

6. Final Tribulations

Professor Lark and John Cornelius reveal to Flora's MP father, Ian Sanderson, that he himself is a mutant being - manipulated by some unidentified Controller.

Shocked and horrified, Sanderson helps them trace the organisation...

CAST:

John Cornelius Peter Cushing

Curtis Lark Vincent Price

Sir Gordon MacLeodan Richard Hurdall

Lady MacLeodan Joan Benham

Ian Sanderson Frazer Kerr

Donald Scholar Henry Stamper

Manson Andrew Sear

Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.

SAT 19:00 Braden Back on the Beat (b05vj0e8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 21:30 The Secret Catacombs of Paris (b01b9h73)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 today]

SAT 22:00 Rigor Mortis (b007k4q2)

Series 1

Episode 4

The pathologists face doing a holistic, non-invasive autopsy.

Stars Peter Davison and Tracy-Ann Oberman. From June 2003.

SAT 22:30 Justin Moorhouse - The Big Am I (b00h34d9)

About to become a dad for a second time, Manchester's Justin

Moorhouse has a nagging doubt he may not have got it right the first time round.

Mixing stand-up and sketches and aided by a great comedy cast, Justin asks himself a big question - am I a good dad?

Written and performed by Justin Moorhouse with additional material by Jim Poyser.

Also featuring John Thomson, Steve Edge and Janice Connolly.
Producer: Ben Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

SAT 23:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08dnwrr)

Series 3

Let's Talk About Sex

Travel back in time to the 1980s for this sitcom about comedian Stephen K Amos's teenage years growing up gay, funny and black in south London. This week Stephen plucks up the courage to reveal a secret.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Starring Ellen Thomas, Laurie Kynaston, Stephen K Amos, Bola Okun, Emerald Crankson, Karen Bartke and David Sterne. Produced by Paul Sheehan.

Production Coordinator: Beverly Tagg

A BBC Studios Production.

SAT 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04xp4wx)

Series 6

Rebecca Front

Marcus Brigstocke persuades his guests to try new experiences: things they really ought to have done by now. Some experiences are loved, some are loathed, in this show all about embracing the new.

This week, Rebecca Front, a self-confessed scaredy cat, is persuaded to take her first ride on a motorbike and read her first book about science. But how much of it did she understand?

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

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SUN 06:00 Muriel Spark - A Far Cry From Kensington (Omnibus) (b09mwfjj)

Episode 2

Muriel Spark's playful and autobiographical novel set amid London's postwar publishing scene.

Mrs Hawkins is thriving in her new job and continues to lose weight. But a figure from her past is about to make an unwelcome appearance.

Read by Maggie Service.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b065y92m)

Patrick Grant

Savile Row designer Patrick Grant chooses 'Sympathy for the Devil' by the Rolling Stones and Radiohead's 'Pact Like Sardines'.

SUN 07:20 Lucy Catherine - Gudrun (b0b5rxrv)

Series 4 (Omnibus)

Episode 2

Gudrun and Marlas finally arrive in Constantinople and meet Marlas' influential friends. Gudrun allows herself to hope once more that a return to Iceland to rescue her daughter will become a reality. Marlas shows her round the city he loves. She's impressed by its ordered grandeur but there's talk of religious unrest on the streets.

Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Marlas Amir El-Masry

Demetrious Ryan Whittle

Bishop Arascius Sean Murray

Alexandra Lauren Cornelius

Nonna Kerry Gooderson

Director: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (b04d0n5l)

Penny Gay's Return

Shy bachelor David Bliss has got some thinking to do when an old flame arrives in town.

Stars George Cole as David Bliss, Petula Clark as Penny Gay,

Diana Churchill as Anne Fellows, Colin Gordon as Tony Fellows, Sarah Lawson as Maxine Avery and animal impersonator Percy Edwards as 'Psyche' the Dog. Part of a run of 6 episodes from Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about shy, bumbling bachelor David Alexander Bliss. Beginning in 1953, it ran for six series of 118 episodes concluding in 1969 - but very few survive in the BBC archive. (A TV series was made in 1969). For the first 7 episodes, David Tomlinson played David, but the rest starred the future star of The St Trinian's films, destined to find great fame as the dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder - the late George Cole.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in September 1957.

SUN 09:00 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000vq2y)

Moonlight

Leslie is broke and turns to mini-cabbing, but pays the price. 'Drop Me Here, Darling' ran from December 1982 to February 1983. It starred Leslie Phillips and Jill Bennett as a recently divorced couple, Leslie and Caroline Duggan. He was a successful businessman but has fallen on hard times - following the '80s property crash - and now earns a living by chauffeuring his wealthy ex, who runs the successful Quantum mail order company. Despite being divorced, their lives are interleaved and they keep a close, envious eye on each other's love lives, divulging an enduring mutual fondness.

CAST:

Leslie Duggan Leslie Phillips

Caroline Duggan Jill Bennett

Claire/Mini Cab Controller Norma Ronald

Her Kobour/Kelly Kenneth Connor

Policeman James Taylor

Written by Andrew Palmer.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1983.

SUN 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0141v9z)

Series 3

Anniversary Waltz

Queasy Wendy tackles party food for Maureen, as Robin tries to bond with their foster child. Stars Kay Stonham. From July 2004.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000vq30)

Comic Castaways 2

Vic Reeves

Sue Lawley's castaway this week is the comedian Jim Moir, best known by the name of his alter ego Vic Reeves. Jim was born in Leeds but soon moved to Darlington with his family. He attended the local school and left with one O level in Art. He fulfilled the expectations of his school by getting a job in a factory, completing his apprenticeship and working there for four years.

However, he was bored so he moved to London with three friends. After trying a few different jobs he began running club nights - with music, acts and entertainment. He would hire a venue and the bands and be the compere.

Jim decided to take on the persona of Vic Reeves as it gave him an excuse to act up. A comedy night came up and instead of booking three comedians, he decided to do the whole night himself. Vic Reeves' Big Night Out was born. After teaming up with Bob Mortimer, a solicitor who had been in the audience of one of his shows, the show went from strength to strength. It was a huge success and TV rights were fought over by the BBC and Channel 4. Since then, he has appeared on both channels with a variety of programmes including The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer, Shooting Stars and Randall And Hopkirk (Deceased). The programmes have won BAFTA Awards for Originality and Best Live Performance plus British Comedy Awards.

Favourite track: Lark Ascending by Vaughan Williams

Book: Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K Jerome

Luxury: Potato seeds

Produced by Lisa Jenkinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00z62ns)

Series 2

Foreign Fare

We sometimes forget that vegetables that we see as commonplace today in all their varieties have wild origins. The potato for example is a name given to a tuber that both comes from Africa and South America - and the history of their discovery and export into our European markets can be traced by examining how those first explorers named the plants. Sir David Attenborough traces the discovery of some common vegetables to their wild beginnings - and the fascinating natural history of their use as food.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000vq32)

Series 7

Plant Parade

Radiolab explores whether you need a brain to experience the world by looking at the sensory life of plants. With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich,

the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

Jad Abumrad and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.

From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2018.

SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b065y92m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000vq34)

What Sweetness Touched Your Tongue

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects 'What Sweetness Touched Your Tongue?' inspired by Edwardian recipes written by poet Alison Brackenbury's grandmother.

The poet Alison Brackenbury came across a black oilskin notebook that had belonged to her grandmother, Dorothy Eliza Barnes.

The notebook is full of her recipes, for 'Aunt Margaret's Pudding', 'Flamberries Pudding' and other steamed delights, but also bramble vinegar, pork pie filling, wines, even embrocation. Dot, born in 1894, was a cook to an Edwardian family. Later she married a Lincolnshire shepherd, moving from one remote cottage to another. Her role, her life, was to sustain her family - and feed men.

Brackenbury was inspired to write a sequence of poems in response to the recipes.

In this programme we hear the poems and The Kitchen Cabinet's food historian, Dr Annie Gray, cooks, following the recipes. These dishes are very evocative of Dot's era and her life. Helped by notes in the family Bible, family reminiscence and her own memories of her grandmother (read by the actor Emma Hands), Brackenbury uncovers a life that was full, marked by losses, long and fascinating.

In the 1930s hungry itinerants came to the farm, looking for work, and Dot fed them. Dot kept cooking to the end, dying with her shelves well stocked. She once remarked to her granddaughter that what they said about the summer before the Great War was true, it was unusually beautiful.

'What Sweetness Touched Your Tongue' is a culinary biography, a radio sketch of an era - in verse. A century on Alison Brackenbury, magnificently establishes a relationship with her grandmother through the recipes and the poems they evoke.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

SUN 12:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03z9gmm)

Series 1

Sophocles

A fresh look at the ancient world.

Natalie Haynes, critic, writer and reformed stand-up comedian, brings the ancient world entertainingly up to date. In each of the four programmes she profiles a figure from ancient Greece or Rome and creates a stand-up routine around them. She then goes in search of the links which make the ancient world still very relevant in the 21st century.

Episode 2: Sophocles invents modern drama with Oedipus the King. Spoiler alert! - it doesn't end well. This episode includes handy hints on how to get in the mood for a classical tragedy (bring a bottle.) With Professor Edith Hall, poet and playwright Frank McGuinness and TV critic Andrew Collins.

Producer Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

SUN 13:00 Shrinking Violets by Joe Moran (Omnibus) (b07s3jlp)

Joe Moran has spent his life trying to get to grips with his shyness and takes on the hidden world of reticence, navigating the myriad ways scientists and thinkers have tried to explain and cure shyness, and uncovering the fascinating stories of the men and women who were 'of the violet persuasion'.

"It feels like coming late to a party when everyone else is about three beers in and entering that state that allows them to have fluent exchanges that settle on some pre-agreed theme as if by magic."

Darwin referred to shyness as an "odd state of mind". It has no obvious benefit to our species, so why is it so pervasive, not only in humans but in other creatures - from the Virginia opossum to salamander larvae?

Written by Joe Moran

Omnibus of five parts read by Nigel Planer

Abridged and produced by Hannah Marshall

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2016.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06sbdn5)

Juliette Lewis

Actress and singer Juliette Lewis chooses 'Peg' by Steely Dan, and 'Voodoo Child/Slight Return' by Jimi Hendrix.

SUN 14:20 How to Survive the Roman Empire, by Pliny and Me (Omnibus) (b06ymbd6)

Series 2

The Emperor Domitian rules Rome with a rod of iron, and is dangerously unstable and paranoid. There are spies everywhere. Venta, Pliny, his mother Marcella, and Doris the Greek cook will have to have all their wits about them if they are to prevail.

As a teenager Pliny witnessed the eruption of Vesuvius from his home across the bay. Many years later, following a request from his uncle Tacitus who is an historian, he takes time off from being a lawyer to travel to Pompeii and Herculaneum where he hopes to find out what happened to his uncle, Pliny the Elder, who died in the eruption. But upon returning to his villa outside Rome, he finds a letter from the Emperor which throws the whole household into panic.

Omnibus of the second series of adventures written by Hattie Taylor. Based on real events in 1st century Rome.

Kieran Hodgson returns as Pliny the Younger, and Nigel Barrett as his trusty slave, Venta, captured during the Roman conquest of Britain.

With Joanna Scanlan as Marcella and Mia Soteriou as Doris, the Cook.

Director: Kate McAll

A BBC Cymru/ Wales production first broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

SUN 15:30 Femme Fatale: The Story of Nico (b00gd1t0)

Marc Riley tells the story of Christa Paffgen, the German model and actress who would become better known as Nico, the singer with influential 1960s rock band The Velvet Underground.

Featuring interviews with her son Ari; her manager during her time in Manchester, Alan Wise; her biographer Richard Witts; John Cale, one of her colleagues in The Velvet Underground; and James Young, author and musician who worked with Nico for six years.

Producer: Nicola Swords

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

SUN 16:00 George Bernard Shaw - The Man of Destiny (m000vq37)

The year is 1796. A mysterious lady arrives at an inn in Northern Italy. Romance and intrigue follow as the beautiful stranger is drawn into a battle of wits with Napoleon Bonaparte, the Man of Destiny.

Starring David Suchet and Paola Dionisotti

Written by George Bernard Shaw

CAST:

Napoleon David Suchet

The Lady Paola Dionisotti

Lieutenant David Timson

Giuseppe John Bott

Directed by Pat Trueman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1980.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000vq34)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03z9gmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Curious, If True (b00tvmjt)

The Crooked Branch

Farmers Nathan and Hester Huntroyd shower love and money on their handsome son Benjamin.

But he has ambitions above their humble station, and the result is unexpected to say the least...

Elizabeth Gaskell's collection of intriguing "true" tales dramatised by Sally Hedges.

Stars Elizabeth Spriggs as Mrs Gaskell, Peter Meakin as Nathan, Mary Randle as Hester, Kathryn Hunt as Bessy, Crispin Bonham-Carter as Benjamin.

With David Holt, Richard Mitchley and Brett Usher.

Producer: Nigel Bryant

An Armada production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 1998.

SUN 18:45 Murder & Mystery (m0003117)

Series 5

Edgar Allan Poe - Morella

What's in a name?

Edgar Allan Poe explores the notion of identity in the first of five stories from the incomparable author.

In a writing career that spanned barely two decades (he died in his 41st year) the American penned over 70 short stories. These he incessantly revised over the years and many became standards of the short form (like 'The Fall Of The House of Usher' or 'The Pit and the Pendulum').

But for our five fictional tales, we borrow down amongst Poe's lesser-known, and often dark, gems.

Reader: Owen Teale

Abridger: Pete Nichols

Producer: Karen Rose

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions, first broadcast in March 2019.

SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000vq32)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (b065y92m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 20:00 George Bernard Shaw - The Man of Destiny (m000vq37)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000vq30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00z62ns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03z9gmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 The Iguanodon (b0075cj0)

Big Fat Liars

Don O'Reilly discovers smoking and hiding do not mix - and they all come second in a run-in with some very insistent pirates.

The passengers and crew of 'The Iganodon' are still adrift in the Woe Betides.

Three-part comedy adventure by Paul Lucas.

Sam Varley Paul Haigh

Mr Brook Bernard Cribbins

Don O'Reilly Dermot Crowley

Isabel Rosemary Leach

The Captain John Arthur

Laura Sally Phillips

Harriet Patsy Byrne
Other parts played by Fred Harris and Kevin Eldon.
Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.
SUN 23:00 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b0sh6)
Episode 2

Satirist Craig Brown presents a bundle of parody, social observation and nonsense in a romp through anything that's newsworthy and a good many things that aren't. Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright.

With John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis McLeod, Sally Grace, Ewan Bailey and Margaret Cabourne-Smith.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

SUN 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtn5)
Series 2

The Human Body

Probing human cloning and what to do with our waste?

Series two of the cult comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards.

Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.

With Rebecca Front, Armando Iannucci and the voice of Tom Baker.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

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MON 00:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Curious, If True (b00tvmjt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Murder & Mystery (m000317)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Shrinking Violets by Joe Moran (Omnibus) (b07s3jlp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b06sbdn5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

MON 02:20 How to Survive the Roman Empire, by Pliny and Me (Omnibus) (b06mybd6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Femme Fatale: The Story of Nico (b00gd110)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 George Bernard Shaw - The Man of Destiny (m000q37)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m000vq34)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b03z9gmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Wimsey (b007jzjm)

The Nine Tailors

4 The Hunt Moves to France

After intercepting the mystery letter, Lord Peter Wimsey decides it's time to head across the English Channel.

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, With Peter Jones as Bunter, Timothy Bateson as Superintendent Blundell, Andre Moran as Commissaire Rosier and Lolly Cockerill as Madame Legros.

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers. The Nine Tailors was first published in 1934.

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Oxford 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.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

MON 06:30 Peter Ustinov - Dear Me (m000vpcw)

6. Watching Rome Burn

Early 1950s and the versatile Peter Ustinov is 28 years old and cast as Nero in the film Quo Vadis. He swelters in Rome, before returning to London to pen a play for the Wyndhams Theatre where he has a romantic encounter.

Author and reader Peter Ustinov

Abridged in eight parts by Jack Singleton

Producer Rosemary Hart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1978.

MON 07:00 Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00dgyw3)

First Steps in a Business Career

Comedy series following the adventures of the extraordinary Psmith and his friend Mike in the world of Edwardian finance. Mike's future looks gloomy when he's forced to give up his dreams of university and work in a bank. But help is at hand...

PG Wodehouse Simon Williams

Psmith Nick Caldecott

Mike Jackson Inam Mirza

John Bickersdyke Stephen Crichtlow

Mr Rossiter/Mr Jackson Chris Pavlo

Mr Waller Jonathan Tafler

Bannister Robert Lonsdale

Written by PG Wodehouse.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan.

Producer: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m000vh68)

Series 86

Episode 10

Jo Brand hosts a special episode of Just a Minute where she challenges guests Julian Clary, Gyles Brandreth, Tony Hawks and shappi khorsandi to talk on the subjects of her choice for 60 seconds. Hesitation, deviation, and repetition are strictly forbidden. This episode was produced using remote recording technology, with both panel and audience joining in 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 (b007jlt3)

Series 3

Cuckoo in the Nest

Harold Steptoe is shocked to meet his older half-brother from Australia.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert and Harry H Corbett as Harold. With Kenneth J Warren as Arthur.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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

Gale Pedrick.

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.

MON 08:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k087)

Episode 5

Back in London, Robert gets into trouble and the solicitor's clerk receives an unlikely visitor.

Starring Richard Griffiths as shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar

Finchley.

Robert Gillespie James Cohen

Mrs Crantell Anna Cropper

Marie Peters Serena Evans

Mr Barker John Bird

Narrated by James Villiers.

Written by Victor Canning and adapted for radio by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.

MON 09:00 Act Your Age (b00q3gjj)

Series 2

Episode 2

Simon Mayo hosts the comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest.

Team captains Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Adrian Walsh are joined by Jack Whitehall, Sarah Kendall and Ronnie Golden.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

MON 09:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j87)

Episode 5

Henry's VIII 5th wife Catherine Howard was an ambitious girl - one with a reputation and a duchess as her adviser.

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

Starring Jonathan Coy as Henry VIII, Milton Jones as Thomas Cromwell, Alfred Burke as the Chronicler, Helen Longworth as Catherine Howard, Marcia Warren as Duchess Agnes, Geoffrey McGovern as William of Winchelsea and Gyuri Sarossi as Simon of Southwark.

Music by Jim Parker.

Producer: Jim Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

MON 10:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00grysh)

Boy and Girl

While Mr Tulliver plans a fine education for Tom, Maggie learns of a disaster concerning rabbits left in her care.

The first of a five-part dramatisation of George Eliot's most popular and widely read novel, first published in 1860.

Starring Michael Fitzgerald as Philip, Terry Molloy as Mr Tulliver, Richard Pearce as Tom, Hilary Martin as Young Maggie, Tina Gray as Mrs Tulliver and Joyce Gibbs as Mrs Glegg.

Adapted by Michelene Wand.

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Philip Martin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m000vpd8)

Series 8

In And Out Of Love

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

We think of love as a mysterious, unknowable force. Something that happens to us. But what if we could control it? This hour, TED speakers on whether we can decide to fall in — and out of — love.

Guy Raz explores what is love?

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

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000vpx4)

Gabrielle

Singer Gabrielle chooses Tina Turner's What's Love Got To Do With It and Islands in the Stream by Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton

MON 12:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlt3)

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MON 12:30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k087)

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MON 13:00 Wimsey (b007jzjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Peter Ustinov - Dear Me (m000vpcw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00g9px4)

The Hall

One of this country's best loved actors, Joanna Lumley, reads from her autobiography.

In this first instalment, Joanna elaborates on her early years in India and her time at boarding school back in England.

Produced by Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

MON 14:15 Gudrun (m0001d8m)

Series 5

Episode 1

Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

On a remote island, Gudrun seeks out an old friend.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Dag Cameron Percival

Sylvia Carolyn Pickles

Aoife Lucy Doyle

Written By Lucy Catherine.

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

MON 14:30 Erin's Model World (b009rx96)

Erin O'Connor is one of the world's most famous and versatile supermodels. From the cover of Vogue to Marks and Spencer campaigns, she has made her name in the diverse corners of the fashion world.

In Erin's Model World, the supermodel takes us deep into fashionista territory, to witness the frenzy of the fashion show in the glare of the paparazzi's flashbulbs.

She's keen to change the industry from within by improving working conditions of models through the establishment of the first ever models' union.

Together with Erin's other ideas, will these steps to improve the health of models carry over to the wider industry?

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2008.

MON 15:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00grysh)

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MON 16:00 Act Your Age (b00q3gjj)

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MON 16:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j87)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00dgyw3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m000vh68)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Man in Black (b017glqm)

Series 4

1. Containment by David Lemon

A self-storage facility off the A12 offers hope to a lost soul, but there's a sinister price attached.

Mark Gatiss returns as the sinister raconteur, The Man in Black, to introduce David Lemon's unsettling tale.

Helen Clare Corbett

Andy Rikki Lawton

Tom Carl Prekopp

Peter Gabriel Brody

Lucy Katie Angelou

More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2011.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b01cw5ng)

Deborah Meaden and Eliza Carthy

Harriett Gilbert invites Deborah Meaden from Dragons' Den,

and folk-singer and songwriter Eliza Carthy to pick their

favourite books.

Eliza chooses Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer - a story of a young man who goes to the Ukraine in search of the woman who saved his Grandfather from the Nazis, aided by a blind old man, a randy dog and a very, very bad translator.

Deborah's choice is the historical detective story The Instance of the Fingerpost by Iain Pears, the tale of a young woman, Sarah Blundy, accused of murder set against the backdrop of religious, political and intellectual ferment that surrounded England in the 1600s.

Harriett's choice is the idiosyncratic The Emperor's Babe by

Bernardine Evaristo. It's a book written entirely in verse and set in Roman Britain, which tells the story of Zuleika, the feisty and precocious daughter of Sudanese immigrants whose head is turned by the arriving Emperor, Septimius Severus.

Producer: Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000vdpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m000vh68)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Chain Reaction (b03mjcjb)

Series 9

Kevin Bridges talks to Frankie Boyle

Razor sharp Scottish comedian Kevin Bridges talks to his comedy mentor, Frankie Boyle.

Chain Reaction is the long running host-less chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m000vjp8)

Series 105

Episode 3

Andy Zaltzman presents a look back at the week's headlines with Simon Evans, Helen Lewis, Elis James and Ria Lina. This week decorating, vaccinating and electioneering are subject to scrutiny by our teams.

Written by Andy Zaltzman with additional material from Alice Fraser, Mike Shephard, Tasha Dhanraj and Tom Mayhew.

Producer: Richard Morris and Gwyn Rhys Davies

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Sean Lock - 15 Storeys High (b09k9my8)

Series 1

Episode 4

Could the detritus of Sean's domestic life have artistic worth previously unappreciated?

The life of Sean Lock at 76, Elderberry House, Maydew Estate, where he fails to keep the world at bay.

Starring Sean Lock, Tracy-Ann Oberman, Peter Serafinowicz, Martin Trenaman and Chris Pavlo.

Written by Sean Lock and Martin Trenaman.

Script Editor: Robert Fraser-Steele

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

TUESDAY 04 MAY 2021

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]

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TUE 06:00 Wimsey (b007jzky)

The Nine Tailors

5 A Question of Identity

Following his trip to France, Lord Peter Wimsey takes a step closer to identifying the killer.

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, With Peter Jones as Bunter, Phillip Latham as the Reverend Theodore Venables, Timothy Bateson as Superintendent Blundell, Stephen Greiff as Nobby Cranton and Noel Dyson as Mrs Venables.

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Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

TUE 06:30 Peter Ustinov - Dear Me (m000vqmb)

7. Spartacus

Peter Ustinov describes and imitates the Hungarian director of The Egyptian with great relish. He learns about the fear in the US under Senator McCarthy. His play Romanoff and Juliet is a hit and leads to a rain soaked tennis match at the Soviet Embassy. Ustinov and Laurence Olivier share a scene in Spartacus and both milk it for all its worth. There is a pen portrait of Charles Laughton and Peter and his wife have two more children.

Author and reader Peter Ustinov

Abridged in eight parts by Jack Singleton

Producer Rosemary Hart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1978.

TUE 07:00 Beauty of Britain (b010dq6w)

Series 2

The Little Black Shorts

No professional care-worker can afford to miss Beauty Olonga's survival guide to Britain - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its world-class charity shops.

Series 2 of this comedy follows Beauty's continuing adventures as the Featherdown Agency send her to provide care for the elderly.

Beauty sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain. Beauty sees Britain at its best, its worst and also sometimes without its clothes on running the wrong way down the M6 with a toy dog shouting 'Come on!'

Episode 3 'The Little Black Shorts'

Beauty starts a romance with the handsome but somewhat immature Leon. She also deals with a relationship at the other end of life's journey when she is sent by her agency to look after a warring elderly couple.

Beauty ... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Frank ... Geoffrey Palmer

Joan ... Phyllida Law

Leon ... Lloyd Thomas

Mrs Gupte ... Indira Joshi

Anil ... Paul Sharma

The music was performed by The West End Gospel Choir.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Produced by Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

TUE 07:30 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000vgj6)

Death

Episode 3 - Death

Following on from her hugely successful, award-winning previous series - 'Minds The Gap' and 'Utopia', Bridget now turns her attention to Mortality, covering 'Birth', 'Life', 'Death' and 'The Afterlife'.

Like many of us forced to work from home during lockdown, Bridget has recorded this series herself in her house, and in her local park, on a pre-sanitised recording device sent to her in the post. Batteries weren't included. She had to buy them all herself.

In a collection of informative, personal and absurd recordings, she confronts the difficult questions most of us spend our lives avoiding - all whilst being interrupted by cats, bad WiFi, life admin and her own dead self from beyond the grave.

If you are mortal, then this is the show for you.

Written and performed by Bridget Christie

With guest appearances from her sister Eileen and her friend Ash.

Producer... Carl Cooper

Sound Mixer... Olga M. Reed

Bridget Christie: Mortal is a BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00gklbf)

The Sahara Desert Statue

What is Eccles doing with a cement sack and an imaginary piano? Starring Spike Milligan and Peter Sellers. From November 1958.

TUE 08:30 King Street Junior (b007x07n)

Series 3

Pressures

School life hits breaking point with incessant drilling outside - and a playtime bully. Stars Karl Howman. From March 1998.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m000vjp8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqlp)

September: Watch the Birdie

An everyday story of sheep, sin and scholarship under the shadow of the Long Mynd. Stars Geoffrey Whitehead. From August 2000.

TUE 10:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gs5x8)

Home and School

Maggie Tulliver has run away, but will a passion for litigation prove to be her father's undoing? Stars Terry Molloy. From April 1991.

TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b0b39r1q)

Commuterville

It's over 175 years since the word "commuter" was used for the first time. (The word does not in fact describe a traveller, it

describes a transaction: regular travellers on the railroad into Manhattan were given the opportunity to "commute" their individual tickets into a season pass. Ever since, commuters have been both travellers and revenue stream.)

Today - our great cities inhale and exhale millions of commuters, who start their journey in the darkness of winter mornings in the suburbs, resurface bleakly in the heart of the city and return to long tucked-in children in darkness. It wasn't meant to be like this. Matthew Sweet looks at our imagined world of fantasy journeys and asks if driverless cars, monorails or high-speed transport systems might deliver them in the future.

Producer: Mark Rickards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

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TUE 14:00 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gdhcg)

The Drawing Room

One of this country's best loved actors, Joanna Lumley, reads from her new autobiography.

In this instalment, Joanna's life as a model and how she broke into acting.

Produced by Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

TUE 14:15 Gudrun (m0001f07)

Series 5

Episode 2

After a long absence, Gudrun returns to the Sacred Land. Some welcome her as a hero, while others view her as a mortal threat. Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthy beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Dag Cameron Percival

Sylvia Carolyn Pickles

Hakon Michael Bertenshaw

Bolli Lewis Bray

Aslak Tony Turner

Sigrid Rosie Boore

By Lucy Catherine.

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

TUE 14:30 The Strange Case of Lafcadio Hearn (b0075htl)

Journalist Richard Dowden traces his mysterious ancestor, writer Lafcadio Hearn, who's a household name in Japan. From 1999.

TUE 15:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gs5x8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Rest is History (b04v2ssq)

Series 1

Episode 1

Frank Skinner loves history, but just doesn't know much of it. This comedy discussion show with celebrity guests promises to help him find out more about it.

With Dave Gorman, Sara Pascoe and historian in residence Dr Kate Williams

Frank and company navigate their way through the annals of time, picking out and chewing over the funniest, oddest, and most interesting moments in history.

Producers: Dan Schreiber and Justin Pollard

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2014.

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TUE 17:30 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000vgj6)

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TUE 18:00 The Man in Black (b017prn7)

Series 4

2. The Punt by Christina Balit

Mark Gatiss introduces Christina Balit's tale of an ex-alcoholic on the run from more than just his AA buddy.

Jimmy Ian Hogg

Derek James Lailey

The Voice Victoria Inez Hardy

Jak Adjoa Andoh

The Priest Adam Billington

More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home. Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Selina Ream

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2011.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00zk007)

Series 11

Schubert's Winterreise

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Written the year before Schubert's death aged just 31, these 24 songs based on poems by Wilhelm Müller describe a journey that takes us ever deeper into the frozen landscape of the soul. Singers Thomas Hampson, Mark Padmore, Alice Coote and David Pisaro describe the experience of immersing themselves in this music. And Bernard Keefe tells of the time he sang these songs in Hiroshima to survivors of the bomb.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000vgj6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Revolting People (b007lr1v)

Series 2

Trying Times

A wife returns, a daughter gives birth and Sergeant McGurk reveals the real reason the English won the Battle of Culloden. The return of the comedy set just before the American Revolution.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Stars Jay Tarses as Samuel Oliphant, Andy Hamilton as

Sergeant McGurk, James Fleet as Captain Brimshaw, Jan

Ravens as Mary, Hugh Dennis as Ezekiel Spriggs, Penelope

Nice as Cora Oliphant, Tony Maudsley as Joshua Oliphant,

Susie Blake as Elizabeth Oliphant and Selina Griffiths as

Agnes.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

TUE 23:00 Small Scenes (b03gbxnj)

Series 1

Episode 3

Discover the cosmetic benefits of old men's legs and a visit to

the Witness Protection Conference 2013.

Symphonious sketch series with Daniel Rigby, Mike Wozniak,

Sara Pascoe and Henry Paker.

Written by the cast and Benjamin Partridge with additional

material from Eddie Robson.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013

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

Todd (m000596w)

Episode 6

Diana really wants to get off on her holiday, but Bell and Todd

are still in trouble.

Mischievous narrator Diana has thrown Bell and Todd into a

mad and a mysterious world of her own devising.

June Whitfield stars in the conclusion of John Eggleston's six-

part comedy adventure series.

With Matthew Bell as Bell and Toby Longworth as Todd

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

TUE 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b00bfq19)

Series 1

Episode 6

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley,

entertains an audience with his book of verse. From December

1996.

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WED 06:00 Wimsey (b007jznj)

The Nine Tailors

6 A Damnable Business

Lord Peter Wimsey identifies the mystery body, but he has yet

to name the killer.

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, With Timothy Bateson as Superintendent Blundell, Philip Latham as The Reverend Theodore Venables and Stephen Greiff as Nobby Cranton..

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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.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

WED 06:30 Peter Ustinov - Dear Me (m000vq9)

8. Old Friends

Peter Ustinov is invited to direct opera. He has a turbulent time

as a university rector, he speaks of friends and his children. He

reconnects with an old flame which transforms his later years.

Peter Ustinov concludes his autobiography.

Abridged in eight parts by Jack Singleton

Producer Rosemary Hart

First broadcast on BBC Radio Four in April 1978.

WED 07:00 A Short Gentleman (b019fxjh)

Episode 3

When dealing with his wife's lover, Robert employs his

deadliest weapon: being a gentleman.

Hugh Bonneville stars as Robert Purcell, QC, a perfect

specimen of the British Establishment, who applies faultless

legal logic to his disastrous personal life.

Jon Canter's comic novel 'A Short Gentleman' adapted by

Robin Brooks.

Elizabeth Lyndsey Marshal

Max Ted Allpress

Isobel Lauren Mote

Mona/Ticky Katherine Jakeways

Geoffrey Paul Moriarty

Anthony Carl Prekopp

Penelope Tracy Wiles

With Adjoa Andoh, Ewan Bailey, Adam Billington and James

Hayes.

Director: Jonquil Painting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

WED 07:30 Alone (m000vh5x)

Series 3

Man Down

A sitcom about five single, middle aged neighbours living in

flats in a converted house in North London - written by Moray

Hunter and starring Angus Deayton, Abigail Cruttenden, Pearce

Quigley, Kate Isitt and Bennett Arron.

Mitch (Angus Deayton) is a widower and part-time therapist

who is looking to put his life back together now that he is single

and living with Will (Pearce Quigley), his younger, more

volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother. Elsewhere in the

building are schoolteacher Ellie (Abigail Cruttenden) who is

shy, nervous and holds a secret candle for Mitch. Overly honest,

frustrated actress Louisa (Kate Isitt), and socially inept IT nerd

Morris (Bennett Arron) complete the line-up of mis-matched

neighbours.

In the fourth episode, Man Down, Will loses out on a job and

resolves to improve himself and turn his life around, Louisa

loses touch with reality over a promising work offer, Morris

loses his phone, while Ellie seems to lose the plot altogether

with Mitch.

Cast:

Angus Deayton- Mitch

Abigail Cruttenden- Ellie

Pearce Quigley- Will

Kate Isitt- Louisa

Bennett Arron- Morris

Created and Written by Moray Hunter

Script Edited by Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Directed by Moray Hunter and Gordon Kennedy

Recorded and Edited by Jerry Peal

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling

Based on an original idea developed in association with Dandy

Productions

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios

Produced by Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jy6l)

The New Car

The lad thinks he should buy a car to keep up appearances, so

Sid offers to help. But there's a big surprise when he takes it for

a spin.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James and Kenneth

Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Recorded by

the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1954.

WED 08:30 No Commitments (b007jmst)

Series 2

Frail Memorials

Sisterly sparring erupts when Anna organises a service for a

friend. Stars Rosemary Leach and Josie Lawrence. From July

1993.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (b071k5vf)

Series 3

Episode 5

Graeme Garden hosts the comic debating show with Giles

Brandreth, Hugh Dennis, Chris Neill and Stuart Maconie. From

August 2000.

WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrhd)

Series 1

Positive Thinking

Rosie's company goes New Age, promoting the Brighton leg of

a lecture tour by a Californian positive-thinking guru.

Prunella Scales stars in the first of four series of Simon Brett's

sitcom following the trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and

her event-management company based in Brighton.

With Arabella Weir as Kate, Rebecca Callard as Jo, Duncan

Preston as Bob, Annette Badland as Tess, Alison Skilbeck as

Darcy Philpotts and Kerry Shale as Lyndon Merchant.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

WED 10:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gsj50)

Home and Work

Mr Tulliver is offered an unlikely escape route from his

troubles. Philip is enamoured of Maggie. Stars Sylvestra Le

Touzel. From April 1991.

WED 11:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vqtg)

2. Carry On

"Everything in life that's any fun, as somebody wisely observed,

is either immoral, illegal or fattening." PG Wodehouse, Girl in

Blue [1970]

Alexander Armstrong attended the special dedication to PG

Wodehouse [1881-1975] at Westminster Abbey in September

2019, where sections of this programme were recorded.

Alexander continues his three-part celebration of the author's

work.

Wodehouse was widely regarded as the greatest comic author of

the 20th century, and during these three one-hour episodes,

we'll hear a collection of some his best loved work, including a

celebration of his creations, such as the feckless Bertie Wooster

and his phlegmatic manservant, Jeeves, and his many other

characters. All brought to life on radio by stars including Simon

Cadell, Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

We'll also hear rare interviews and archive along with

contributions from fans, friends and family.

Celebrating the comic brilliance of PG Wodehouse is a personal

passion for presenter Alexander Armstrong [Armstrong and

Miller, Pointless], especially as he's president of the PG

Wodehouse Society - which attracts followers from all over the

world.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January

2020 as part of a three-hour showcase.

WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jy6l)

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WED 12:30 No Commitments (b007jmst)

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WED 14:00 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley

(b00gdw1w)

The Kitchen

One of this country's best loved actors, Joanna Lumley, reads

from her new autobiography.

In this instalment, Joanna recalls her home life, holidays and a

glimpse of old age.

Produced by Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

WED 14:15 Gudrun (m0001f0w)

Some are calling the small town of Mojave the Silicon Valley of space. Others compare what is happening here with Kitty Hawk and the early days of the aviation industry.

Space journalist Richard Hollingham goes inside the workshops and hangars at the Mojave Air and Space Port, where he discovers rockets, space planes and a culture where risk is encouraged.

Richard talks to Virgin Galactic and tours the sixty-year old wooden hangar of lesser-known rivals, XCOR. Both companies are hoping to fly tourists into space. He sees the unremarkable shed where a new lunar lander is taking shape and meets the locals who are pinning their hopes on rocket scientists to revive the depressed local economy.

If the projects being developed in this small desert town are successful, they could ultimately transform access to space and make a difference to all our lives.

Producer: John Watkins

A Boffin Media production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

WED 15:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gsj50)

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WED 17:00 A Short Gentleman (b019fxjh)

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WED 17:30 Alone (m000vh5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 The Man in Black (b0180hnl)

Series 4

3. The Beaten Track by Dawn King

Mark Gatiss introduces Dawn King's tale of a young couple ignoring warnings on a New Zealand getaway.

Aaron Adam Billington

Louise Kirsty Oswald

Motel Owner Jonathan Forbes

Sandy Clare Corbett

James Christopher Webster

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Director: Jeremy Mortimer

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2011.

WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m0003czy)

Series 18

Between the Lines

Josie Long presents short documentaries and audio adventures about translation, interpretation and ideas that resonate in the gap between words - from the connection between one man and his translator, through Benjamin Clementine's interpretation of Satie, to the work of an ASL/English interpreter.

In Translation

Featuring Miwako Ozawa and Hiromitsu Shinkawa

A version of this story first appeared in the BBC World Service documentary Found in Translation made by Whistledown Productions

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0313jxj>

Produced by Rose de Larrabeti

Gymnopédie

Featuring Benjamin Clementine

Produced by Mooj Zadie

The Go-Between

Featuring Christopher Deslozes

Music: Scorch by Nctrm from the Free Music Archive

Produced by Aliya Pabani

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall.

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

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jy6l)

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WED 22:30 Bleak Expectations (b00nk3r)

Series 3

A Now Grim Life Yet More Grimified

Young Pip is betrayed and receives a spectral visitor. Mark Evans's Dickensian spoof. Stars Tom Allen. From November 2009.

WED 23:00 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b007n101)

Series 1

Gossip

Adam Bloom investigates exactly who starts rumours?

Helping Adam to silence wagging tongues are Sarah Kennedy, Brendon Burns and Stefano Paolini.

Written by Adam Bloom.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

WED 23:15 Tina C (b019fyw)

Tina C's Global Depression Tour

Iceland

Country legend Tina C challenges the Secretary for the US Treasury, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs that where they have failed, she can come up with a solution to the Global Recession, and sets off on a six country tour to prove it. This week she visits Iceland.

Tina C Christopher Green

With Sigrun Davidsdottir and Victoria Inez Hardy

Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and

Christopher Green

Director Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

WED 23:30 Bunk Bed (b07hhq2)

Series 3

Episode 4

Award-winning actor and director Kathy Burke has given life to some of our best-loved comedy characters on screen. She won Best Actress at the Cannes Film Festival for her harrowing performance in the film Nil By Mouth. Now, sadly, she has to spend the night with a pair of middle-aged men who can't stop talking.

Together they discuss fatness, smoking in the bath, and the horror of Hollywood stars who improvise.

A Foghorn Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2016.

WED 23:45 Fabulous (b00hy947)

Series 1

Episode 4

Today's women seem to have it all: the kids, the husband and the job. So why can't Faye compete?

Faye has money troubles, so she hopes her mum will lend her £10,000.

Lucy Clarke's comedy stars Daisy Haggard, with Adam Buxton,

Joanna Scanlan, Joanna Neary, Geoffrey McGovern, Matthew Holness, Anne Reid and Laura Solo.

Produced by Simon Nicholls.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

THURSDAY 06 MAY 2021

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 Gudrun (m0001fwe)

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THU 02:30 Rockets in the Desert (b03zby0c)

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THU 03:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gsj50)

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THU 06:00 Wimsey (b007jzpw)

The Nine Tailors

7 All Is Not Explained

Lord Peter Wimsey goes snooping to try and establish who killed Geoffrey Deacon - and how.

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey. With Timothy Bateson as Superintendent Blundell, Philip Latham as The Reverend Theodore Venables, Keith Drinkell as Will Thoday and Malcolm Terris as Jim Thoday.

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Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

THU 06:30 Stephen Mollett - Curious Exchange (m000vrtl)

A couple swap their London semi for a villa in Rome, but Jill can't relax following a tragedy a year ago.

Jill Louise Jameson

Tim David Yelland

Directed by Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1989.

THU 07:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)

Series 2

D.I.Y.

Sir Lucien casts aside his hopes of Brutalism returning to fashion and decides to go into house building. His loyal team must follow...negotiating marshland, unexploded bombs and homicidal relatives en route.

By Jim Poyser with Neil Griffiths.

Sir Lucien Geoffrey Whitehead

Tim Alex Carter

Sarah Anna Crilly

Matt Dominic Coleman

Lucy Jane Slavin

Darvo/Council Receptionist Ian Coningham

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

THU 07:30 Rich Hall's (US) Breakdown (m000vh7)

Rich Hall's First 100 Days Breakdown

Comedian Rich Hall is joined by Nick Doody to look at the first 100 days of the Biden presidency via the stylings of an American radio talk show.

Starring: Rich Hall, Nick Doody, Lewis MacLeod, Freya Parker, Alonso Bodden and Merrill Markoe.

It was written by Rich Hall and Nick Doody, with additional material from Tasha Dhanraj and Jenny Laville.

Producer... Hayley Sterling

Production Coordinator... Sarah Sharpe

A BBC Studios Production

THU 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b01075d1)

Series 7

Episode 2

A truthful army recruitment campaign - and Professor Prune's travels in his electrical trousers back to the 16th century.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Liam Cohen, Dave Lee, Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in January 1969.

THU 08:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007n1wk)

Prodigal Son Returns - Veal Off

Tony returns home to Grimedeale and discovers how the town has changed. Nick Revell's epic saga with David Swift. From May 1997.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (m000vvy5)

Series 7

Catherine Cookson

James Walton's literary quiz.

Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh are joined by John Sutherland and Sabrina Broadbent.

Author of the week is Catherine Cookson.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

THU 09:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007wznq)

Series 2

Episode 1

After yet another late night on the tiles, Lucy decides it is time for them to shape up and get fit.

But having managed to drag Daniel along with her to gym, how can she then persuade him to leave?

The second series of David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.

Starring David Tennant as Daniel, Liz Carling as Lucy,

Samantha Spiro as Katie and Tony Gardner as Andy.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 10:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gsr6p)

Loss and Love

Tom feels betrayed by Maggie and tragedy is looming for the Tullivers. Stars Sylvestra Le Touzel and Michael Fitzgerald.

From May 1991.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000vq30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00z62ns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

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The Dressing Room

One of this country's best loved actors, Joanna Lumley, reads from her new autobiography.

In this instalment, Joanna recalls her time on Absolutely

Fabulous and her life-long love of fashion.

Produced by Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

THU 14:15 Gudrun (m0001fv8)

Series 5

Episode 4

The rebels want Gudrun to lead them into battle against the authorities. However, she's committed to diplomacy - at least for now.

Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Dag Cameron Percival

Hakon Michael Bertenshaw

Sigrid Rosie Boore

Leif Don Gilet

Guard 1 Lewis Bray

Frederick Simon Scardifield

Heidr Jeanette Percival

Written by Lucy Catherine.

Directed by Sasha Yevushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

THU 14:30 The Brixmis Story (b007mf6t)

They were unsung heroes of the cold war: some of the most effective gatherers of military intelligence behind the iron curtain. But compared to the glamorous spies of MI6, the Brixmis officers were virtually unknown.

Jolyon Jenkins tells the story of the spies in uniform, who stole bit of Soviet military hardware and went through East German rubbish dumps in search of classified information.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

THU 15:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gsr6p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (m000vix5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007wzmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Rich Hall's (US) Breakdown (m000vhl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 The Man in Black (b0186hf0)

Series 4

4. Reunion by Janice Okoh

Mark Gatiss introduces Janice Okoh's cautionary tale. Joy loses more than her heart in her desperate quest for love.

Joy Nikki Amuka-Bird

Grace Adjoa Andoh

Fiona Karliana Grace

Dr Alex Richard Pepple

Tom Adam Billington

Steve Alex Lanipekun

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Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2011.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b07v0fv2)

Series 40

Eliza Carthy on Caroline Norton

Eliza Carthy chooses the life of 19th-century poet and campaigner Caroline Norton to discuss with Matthew Parris.

Following separation from her controlling husband, Norton fought to gain access to her three children. She campaigned for thirty years resulting in changes to English Law that gave women a separate legal identity for the first time.

Eliza first discovered Caroline Norton when she was researching ballads and came across Norton's verse 'Love not! love not! ye hopeless sons of clay'. It stood out, becoming the inspiration for her track 'Fade and Fall' and sparking an interest in Norton and her extraordinary life. The expert is Dr Diane Atkinson, author of 'The Criminal Conversation of Mrs Norton'.

Producer: Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b01075d1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007n1wk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Wimsey (b007jzpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Stephen Mollett - Curious Exchange (m000vrtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000vq30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00z62ns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Rich Hall's (US) Breakdown (m000vhl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 John Kearns (b05wykhz)

Episode 3 - Lunch Break

John and his work colleagues test each other's patience at the Dinosaur Museum.

The third of four 14-minute vignettes in a series from John Kearns, the winner of the main prize at the 2014 Edinburgh Comedy Festival, as well as the Best Newcomer Award in 2013.

Producer: Arnab Chanda

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

THU 22:45 Warhorses of Letters (b016ldtq)

Series 1

Episode 3

Deep in the British Library tucked into the slipcover of a book on the history of Blenheim Palace a packet of extraordinary letters has been discovered.

"Dear Marengo brackets Napoleon's horse close brackets, I've never written a letter like this before...."

Thus begins the first passionate letter from Copenhagen, the Duke of Wellington's horse, to his hero Marengo in this epistolary equine love story. A story of two horses united by an uncommon passion, cruelly divided by a brutal conflict.

Warhorses of Letters stars Stephen Fry as Marengo, the seasoned, famous and just-a-little-bit-short mount of Emperor Napoleon. Daniel Rigby stars alongside him as Copenhagen, the frisky young racehorse who as our story begins is about to be the new mount for the Duke of Wellington. This collection of their moving letters to each other is introduced by Tamsin Greig.

Our heroes' fortunes fluctuate as the Napoleonic Wars get bloodier and colder making it much harder to send Valentine's cards.

Written by novelists Robert Hudson (The Kilburn Social Club) and Marie Phillips (Gods Behaving Badly).

Directed by Steven Canny

Produced by Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

THU 23:00 1966 and All That (b01075px)

The 1940s

The French Resistance struggle to victory under General de

Gaul; Hitler gets stuck in a bunker with his Gerbil - and John

Humphrys interviews Winston Churchill.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1940s.

Stars Joss Ackland, Eleanor Bron, Rory Bremner, Ewan Bailey,

Margaret Cabourn-Smith and John Humphrys

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

THU 23:30 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller (b00933zr)

Episode 4

Martin Bain-Jones is left in the studio, while Craig Children's got a dubious new job.

Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong write and star in their first full-length radio comedy series.

With Charlie Condou, Melissa Lloyd and Tony Gardner.

Producer: Jon Rolph

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

FRIDAY 07 MAY 2021**FRI 00:00 The Man in Black (b0186hf0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 Great Lives (b07v0fv2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Wimsey (b007jzpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Stephen Mollett - Curious Exchange (m000vrtl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gF8dj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Gudrun (m0001fv8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The Brixmis Story (b007mf6t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gsr6p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000vix5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007wzmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Rich Hall's (US) Breakdown (m000vhl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Wimsey (b007jzpw)

The Nine Tailors

8 Nine Tailors Make a Man

Can upper class sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey finally solve the baffling mystery of the murder of Geoffrey Deacon?

Starring Ian Carmichael as Lord Peter Wimsey, With Peter Jones as Bunter, Timothy Bateson as Superintendent Blundell,

Philip Latham as The Reverend Theodore Venables, Noel Dyson as Mrs Venables, Keith Drinkell as Will Thoday and Alexander John as Harry Gotobed.

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers. The Nine Tailors was first published in 1934.

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.

Adapted for radio in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

FRI 06:30 Paper Doll (b07wzzbz)

" I can see you. I'm watching. Here in the dark, in this corner. I can see you, going through everything, dirtying it all with your fingers. Think you're alone, eh? Think it's just rubbish? Just wait. Soon. You'll find out. Soon. "

Two young men find more than they bargained for when they search for junk in a derelict house.

David Calcutt's chilling drama stars Richard Pasco as Matthews, Michael Staniforth as Mick and Daniel Abineri as Ronnie.

Directed in Birmingham by Vanessa Whitburn

Michael Staniforth played Mr Claypole in the long-running

BBC children's tv series Rentaghost.

First broadcast in Thirty Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 long wave only in 1979.

FRI 07:00 The Break (b07dkk0k)

Series 1

Cold Mountain

Andy is beginning to settle in to the unusual seaside town of Flamford. When he and his Uncle Jeff find an abandoned fridge in the street, Jeff seizes the opportunity to teach his nephew the value of entrepreneurship.

Unfortunately, his plans are complicated by a particularly diligent and zealous Police Officer, a hard-nosed private landlord and Fish Shop Frank's refusal to see a business opportunity when it's sat on the pavement outside his chip shop.

Along the way, they meet a pair of half-hearted pirates, an eccentric plutocrat, Jeff's on-off paramour, Corinne and the youngest-sounding pub landlord in Britain.

Andy Tom Palmer

Jeff Philip Jackson

Frank Mark Benton

PC Clark Mark Benton

Corinne Alison Steadman

Joyce Alison Steadman

Morag Alison Steadman

Max Rasmus Hardiker

Julie Shobna Gulati

Writers: Ian Brown and James Hendrie

Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.

FRI 07:30 The Confessional (m000vp1b)

Series 1

The Confession of Clarke Peters

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

Each week, Stephen invites a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' to him. This is the cue for some remarkable storytelling, and surprising insights.

This week, Clarke Peters, famous for his roles as Lester Freamon in The Wire and Albert Lambreaux in Treme, surprises with his stories of youthful indiscretions, hidden loot and embarrassing his brother on the Borscht Belt.

We're used to hearing celebrity interviews where stars are persuaded to show off about their achievements and talk about their proudest moments. Stephen is not interested in that. He doesn't want to know what his guests are proud of, he wants to know what they're ashamed of. That's surely the way to find out what really makes a person tick. Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

Other series guests include Marian Keyes, Cariad Lloyd, Joan

Bakewell, Suzi Ruffell and Phil Wang.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Produced by Dave Anderson and Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jscw)

Series 1

Operation Kilt

Captain Mainwaring's squad is challenged to try and capture the headquarters of the Highland platoon.

Six years after legendary sitcom Dad's Army started on BBC TV, these specially adapted radio versions began recording with the original cast.

Starring Arthur Lowe as Captain Mainwaring, John Le

Mesurier as Sergeant Wilson, Clive Dunn as Corporal Jones,

Arnold Ridley as Private Godfrey, Ian Lavender as Private

Pike, John Laurie as Private Frazer, Jack Watson as Captain

Ogilvy and Pearl Hackney as Mrs Pike. With John Snagge as

the announcer.

Adapted from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's original BBC TV scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snod.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

FRI 08:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b00b9xqh)

Series 1

Episode 4

Cholericke is feverish and the arrival of Mary Lump causes concern. Lakeland poets parody with Denise Coffey. From March 1985.

FRI 09:00 Counterpoint (b0050b33)

Series 24

2010 Heat 5

The fifth heat in the 2010 series of Counterpoint comes from

Manchester, with Paul Gambaccini asking the questions. The

three contestants are from Teesside, London and Torquay and, as always, the questions test the breadth of their musical knowledge and feature a wealth of musical extracts and illustrations.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010.

FRI 09:30 Two Doors Down (b008h68b)

Series 2

Draws and Druids

Edith Black's lodger, Victor, the Ulster-Scots poet, has fallen in love with a Celtic druid, Anashuya - and brought her back to Belfast

Series two of Annie McCartney's four-part sitcom about the bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Starring Stella McCusker as Sally, Marcella Riordan as Clare, Katy Gleadhill as Evie, Alan Mckee as Victor, Laura Hughes as Anashuya, Roma Tomelty as Miss Black, Gerard Murphy as Fintan, Emily Walmsley as Layla, Richard Clements as Rory, Gerry Anderson as Himself and Hannah R Gordon as Anna.

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

FRI 10:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gszmm)

Loving and Losing

As Philip hatches a plan, Maggie Tulliver's loyalties are sorely tested. With Sylvestra Le Touzel and Richard Pearce. From May 1991.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000vr1k)

What's new for May?

Laura Grimshaw and Scott Bryan round up the best new podcasts.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jscw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b00b9xqh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Wimsey (b007jzr6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Paper Doll (b07wzzzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gfsmh)

The Music Room and The Attic

One of this country's best loved actors, Joanna Lumley, reads from her new autobiography.

In this instalment, Joanna talks about married life and contemplates future resolutions.

Produced by Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

FRI 14:15 Gudrun (m0001g8t)

Series 5

Episode 5

Gudrun goes on the run. She ends up in the mountains, at the hideaway of a powerful seeress and her followers. Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Lucy Catherine's Viking epic of love, revenge and faith inspired by the Icelandic sagas.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Dag Cameron Percival

Heidr Jeanette Percival

Volva Carolyn Pickles

Written by Lucy Catherine.

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

FRI 14:30 Woolf in the Jungle (b043xpqt)

Overshadowed for the greater part of his life by his brilliant wife Virginia, Leonard Woolf is largely remembered as a devoted husband and member of the Bloomsbury set. Yet he was a gifted writer in his own right.

As a young man, Woolf worked as a colonial civil servant in Ceylon, as Sri Lanka was then known. After his return to England in 1911 he wrote 'The Village in the Jungle', the first English novel to portray sympathetically the plight of the rural poor in a remote corner of Empire. Published a decade before Forster's A Passage to India and two decades before Orwell's Burmese Days, it is also seen by some as the first novel to criticise British imperialism. Whilst the book has always been highly regarded in Sri Lanka because it is written from the indigenous perspective, Woolf's novel remains virtually unknown in this country.

A century or so on from the novel's first publication, the writer and broadcaster Nicholas Rankin explores why this is so and asks whether the book and its author deserve a more prominent place in literary history. Among the contributors are the writer Romesh Gunsekera, Woolf's biographer Victoria Glendinning, and Woolf's nephew, publisher Cecil Woolf.

Producer: Dan Shepherd

A Far Shoreline Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

FRI 15:00 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (b00gszmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Counterpoint (b00s0b33)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Two Doors Down (b008h68b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 The Break (b07dkk0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Confessional (m000vp1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Man in Black (b018j7ww)

Series 4

5. The New Boy by Matthew Wilkie

Mark Gatiss introduces Matthew Wilkie's tale. Craig has a new job, but how far will he go to impress his boss?

Craig Simon Bubb

Mr Rubenstein Stephen Greif

Beth Victoria Inez Hardy

Nelson Adam Billington

William Christopher Webster

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Director: Lucy Collingwood

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2011.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00p3110)

Everyone's A Critic

Are you worried about the future of criticism? You should be. When newspaper editors are forced to make cutbacks, it is critics who are the first in the firing line. But do we really need critics and criticism? Critic and journalist Toby Young is joined by blogger Lynne Hatwell and occupational psychologist Clive Fletcher to write about and discuss criticism and the critics.

Dominic Arkwright presents.

Produced by Beatrice Fenton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jscw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b00b9xqh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Wimsey (b007jzr6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Paper Doll (b07wzzzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000vr1k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m000vp1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 The Consultants (b05z6g1c)

Series 4

Episode 1

The lighthouse tour and the old-fashioned parents.

Cerebral sketch show written by and starring Neil Edmond, Justin Edwards and James Rawlings.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

FRI 23:00 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007jrrn)

Snuff Radio

Sean and Hamish compete in a European Radio Drama competition.

Surreal comedy starring award-winning double act Sean Foley and Hamish McColl, the Right Size.

With Rose English, Count Arthur Strong, Chris Lerner and Mark Stevens.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

FRI 23:30 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00dr4t0)

Controlling the Universe

Chris Addison goes on a journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation and explains exactly what we need to create a new one.

In the opening episode, he investigates the notion of a controllable universe.

With Professor Austin Herring (Geoffrey McGivern), Jo Enright and Dan Tetsell.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.