

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b072my2p)
 Series 11
 Ian Hislop interviews Victoria Coren-Mitchell. Comedian and satirist Ian Hislop turns interviewer as he talks to the writer and presenter Victoria Coren-Mitchell about her wide and varied career in writing, quizzing and cards. Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where this week's interviewee becomes next week's interviewer. Ian Hislop is a long-standing team captain on 'Have I Got News for You' and the editor of the satirical magazine Private Eye. As a dedicated fan and student of history, he has made several acclaimed documentaries on wide-ranging subjects including conscientious objectors and The Beeching Report. Victoria Coren-Mitchell is a columnist for The Observer and GQ amongst other publications and has presented myriad documentaries on subjects as varied as The Bohemians and Mary Poppins. As well as a prolific writing career, she keeps order on the popular and fiendishly difficult television quiz, 'Only Connect'. She is also well-known as one of the world's top professional poker players and has achieved huge success at the card table.
 Producer: Richard Morris
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.
SAT 23:00 The Curried Goat Show (b007m332)
 Episode 6
 It's Bird Night and 'That's Life'. Sketch-bonanza written by and starring Dan Gaster, Will Inng and Ben Silburn. With special guest: Rodney Bewes - whose gift to the team is a snake.
 Music from The Big Buzzard Boogie Band.
 Producer: Maria Esposito.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1998.
SAT 23:30 Cowards (b00fq6rq)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 An interesting idea for a catalogue photo shoot - and a talking bike. More from inside the strange and happy world of the Cowards. Sketch comedy with a comic slant on human frailties. Written by and starring:
 Tom Basden
 Stefan Golaszewski
 Tim Key
 Lloyd Woolf
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021

SUN 00:00 Dave Simpson - Nightmares (b0076nnq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Pieces of Britney (p09mw6rh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:00 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000gbg8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]
SUN 02:30 Revolting People (b00wlrp5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Saturday]
SUN 03:00 Radio Active (b007k39v)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Saturday]
SUN 03:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nq3p1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]
SUN 04:00 Wimsey (b007jvhy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 The Rite of Autumn (m0010qj6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 05:50 Tweet of the Day (m000ndhl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (Omnibus) (m0010xk4)
 There's a plot afoot - again - to unseat Miss Brodie at the Marcia Blaine School for Girls in Edinburgh. Omnibus of five parts read by Gerda Stevenson. Muriel Spark's best-known and best-loved novel tells the justly enduring story of Jean Brodie - a school teacher who eschews the normal curriculum in favour of lessons on the Italian Renaissance painters, on Mussolini and with stories of her own love life. As she seeks to mould her 'set' of girls 'of an impressionable age', into the 'crème de la crème', and as her love life becomes complicated by affections for, and from, the art and the singing masters, she identifies two girls, one of 'instinct' and one of 'insight', in whom her ambitions will chiefly lie. But despite her own unassailable convictions, life does not always work out as planned and amongst her own set there will be those who begin to question her authority and her purpose. A writer with a keen eye, a biting wit and a pithy sense of the comic, Muriel Spark created in Jean Brodie a character who remains as vivid and recognisable as she was in 1963, the year the book was published. Charismatic, unfettered by school boundaries, literal or metaphorical, she is the teacher who steps beyond the bounds of prescriptive education to the true sense of the word - opening the eyes of her girls to a wider world. Spark also captures the city of Edinburgh, a character in itself, and of a time - those years in the 1930s when, denied

conventional marriage, war-bereaved women sought other paths to fulfilment. Sparking, funny, fresh and tragic, The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie fully deserves its place in the canon of 20th century literature.
 Abridged by Sally Marmion.
 Producer: Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.
SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b9ng6p)
 Stephen McGann
 Actor Stephen McGann chooses (I've Got a Gal in) Kalamazoo by Glenn Miller and Within You and Without You by The Beatles.
SUN 07:20 Isabel Colegate - The Shooting Party (Omnibus) (b0bd7083)
 Autumn 1913: Sir Randolph Nettleby has invited guests to the biggest shoot of the season - an opulent gathering at his Oxfordshire country estate. Everything about it would seem a perfect affirmation of the certainties of Edwardian country life. Yet, their social and moral code is under siege from within and without... A whole society is under the microscope, a society soon to be destroyed in the trenches of the Western Front. Isabel Colegate's novel was published in 1980. Omnibus of five parts dramatised by DJ Britton. Narrated by Olivia Colman
 Cicely Nettleby Ellie Kendrick
 Sir Randolph Nettleby Sam Dale
 Olivia Lilburn Jaimi Barbakoff
 Lionel Stephens Michael Shelford
 Minnie Nettleby Christine Kavanagh
 Osbert Nettleby Joshua Swinney
 Lord Gilbert Hartlip Sean Baker
 Aline Hartlip Sally Orrock
 Director: Jessica Dromgoole
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2010.
SUN 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00b6z49)
 Disengagement
 Simon Sparrow gets inadvertently betrothed, so it's up to Benskin and Spratt to help him out. The misadventures of newly qualified doctor, Simon Sparrow. Starring Richard Briers
 Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor at Large' published in 1955.
 Simon Sparrow Richard Briers
 Wendy Swithenbank Norma Ronald
 Tony Benskin Ray Cooney
 Anthea de Beere-Sidebotham Alethea Charlton
 Mrs de Beere-Sidebotham Ambrosine Phillipotts
 Mr de Beere-Sidebotham Peter Williams
 Producer: David Hatch
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1969.
SUN 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08mkrz)
 Series 2
 Country Style
 The Corner family are excited to learn that their home may become famous...
 Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthew.
 The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.
 Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig
 Henry Corner Francis Matthews
 Mary Charlotte Mitchell
 Trudi Roberta Tovey
 Amanda Jill Riddick
 Dr Steele Ross Hutchinson
 Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston
 Nurse Madeleine Howell
 Mr Widdicombe Wallas Eaton
 Mrs Everett Bettina Dickson
 Mr ClarkSean Barrett
 Mr Manners Dave Tate
 Miss Girling Eva Haddon
 Mr Prentice Martin Friend
 Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970. Richard Waring adapted his own scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes. Wendy Craig won a Best Actress BAFTA award for the TV version of Not in Front of the Children in 1969.
 Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst
 Producer: Trafford Whitelock.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1970.
SUN 09:30 Man at the Helm (b07zxr8t)
 Episode 4
 In dire financial straits, Elizabeth has to get a job and she is soon having run-ins with her new boss. Nina Stibbe's comic novel set in 1970s rural Leicestershire. Adapted by Amanda Whittington.
 Lizzie Eloise Webb
 Amy Fern Deacon
 Little Jack Ben Barker
 Elizabeth Amanda Hale
 Mr Holt Nick Underwood
 Tannoy Elizabeth Bennett
 Deano/Gemsreader Sam Rex
 Director: Gemma Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010xk6)

Musicians
 Nile Rodgers
 From The Doors to Sister Sledge.
 Grammy-winning composer, musician, and producer Nile Rodgers shares his castaway choices with Lauren Laverne
 With his own band, Chic, Nile has been enticing people on to the dance floor since the mid-1970s with hits like Le Freak and Good Times. With over 200 production credits to his name, he has worked on many highly successful albums from Sister Sledge's We Are Family to David Bowie's Let's Dance and Madonna's Like a Virgin.
 Born in New York City in 1952 to a teenage mother, he spent his early life immersed in his parents' bohemian, beatnik, and drug-dominated lifestyle. Drugs played a part in Nile's life too from an early age, and he took his first acid trip with Timothy Leary at the age of 15. After learning to play the guitar, he got his musical break touring with the Sesame Street stage show and playing in the house band of Harlem's Apollo Theatre, where he met bassist Bernard Edwards with whom he developed a productive musical partnership and went on to found Chic.
 Following the Disco Sucks movement of the late 1970s, Nile and Bernard turned to production, and sprinkled their magic dust on Sister Sledge and Diana Ross. When Nile and Bernard went their separate ways in the early 1980s, Nile forged ahead on his own, working with, among others, Madonna, Michael Jackson, David Bowie and Duran Duran.
 Nile went into rehab in 1994 and has been clean and sober for the past 24 years and has received successful treatment for cancer twice.
 He won three Grammys for his 2013 collaboration with the French electronic music duo Daft Punk, and has recently released the first Chic album in 26 years.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
SUN 10:45 Midnight's Children: Salman Rushdie in Conversation (b09lgc4f)
 Salman Rushdie talks to radio drama director Emma Harding about his multi-award winning novel - Midnight's Children. They discuss the initial impetus for the novel and the mirroring of his own life as a child born 70 years ago in 1947, the year of India's Partition.
 Rushdie also talks about the break-through moment of finding Saleem's voice, his attempt to represent the multiplicity of India in a single novel, and his pessimism about the direction of travel of India and Pakistan today.
 Producer: Emma Harding
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m0010xk8)
 Series 8
 Man V Machine
 Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience. Radiolab explores whether new ideas and new inventions inevitable? What's the inspiration? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.
 Jad Abumrad and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.
 From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2017.
SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0b9ng6p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m0010xkb)
 Autumn Poems
 Four Seasons returns with poems of autumn, old and new, read by actors and poets to mark the turning of the year. Sylvia Plath, George Macbeth, AE Housman, Robert Burns and Sappho read by Harriet Walter, Anton Lesser, Simon Russell Beale, Liz Lochhead and Noma Dumezweni. Plus work by Jacob Polley, Jen Hadfield and Alice Oswald - Radio 4's poet in residence - with a new poem specially commissioned for the day.
 Produced by Tim Dee.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
SUN 12:30 Ability (b0b0v537)
 Series 1
 The Date
 Matt can only speak via an app. Will his carer pretend to be him for an online date?
 Matt is 25. He has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app on his iPad. Everyone who cares about Matt knows that this isn't the defining thing about him. He is funny and clever and "up for stuff" - partly because he is keen to show that there's nothing he can't do, but also because, if he's honest, he's aware that he's less likely than other people to get the blame. Now Matt's left home for the first time and moved in to share a flat with his best mate, Jess. But when Bob (Allan Mustafa) shows up as the new carer, the fun really starts. Bob is new to the job and, although willing, domestic duties are not really his forte. He's better at selling weed and dealing in knocked off iPads. But he likes Matt and treats him like a real person. So, as far as Matt is concerned, Bob is here to stay.
 Matt Lee Ridley
 Bob Allan Mustafa
 Writer Lee Ridley
 Writer Katherine Jakeways
 Ability is the semi-autobiographical co-creation of Lee Ridley, otherwise known as Lost Voice Guy. Like his sitcom creation,

Jennifer Higgie donates the first self portrait ever painted of an artist at work at the easel – painted by Catharina van Hemessen in 1548 and Francis Hamel talks about the challenges of portrait painting and the spell which trees hold over him. This series of The Museum of Curiosity has been recorded remotely. The Museum's exhibits were catalogued by Mike Shephard, Mike Turner and Jack Chambers and Emily Jupitus of QL. The Production Co-Ordinator was Sarah Nicholls. The Producer was Anne Miller.

The Executive Producer was Julia McKenzie. Edited by David Thomas. A BBC Studios production. **MON 08:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00g42td)**
From 08/03/1971
A eulogy to Beethoven - and the epic tale of the building of a new bus shelter.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker. With: Terence Brady, Pauline Yates, Josephine Gordon. Pianist: Gordon Langford. Written by: Chris Allen, JHB Peel, John Graham, Allan Scott & Chris Bryant, Peter Spence and Gerald Wiley (Ronnie's Barker's pseudonym). Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971. **MON 08:30 Albert and Me (b007jsgr)**
Series 1
Mind That Baby
Single dad Bryan gets wrapped in red tape at the benefits office. Stars Richard Beckinsale and Pat Coombs. The struggles of single parent Bryan Archer to find work while raising his baby son, Albert. Written by Jim Eldridge. Bryan Archer Richard Beckinsale
Mum/Albert Pat Coombs
Dad John Comer
Jane Diane Keen
Welfare Lady Dilys Laye
Mrs Featherstone-Haugh Dilys Laye
Edward Jon Laurimore
Benefit Official Robin Parkinson
Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1977.

MON 09:00 Jest a Minute (b012yngz)
Series 1
Episode 4
Rhod Gilbert hosts the panel game about the serious business of comedy.
From the Comedy Store.
With: Justin Moorhouse, Alun Cochrane, Chris Corcoran, Tom Wrigglesworth
Producer: Paul Forde
First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in September 2006.

MON 09:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b0081lf5)
Series 1
Episode 4
Dominic's cold hearted decision to turn the Vodka and Veggie cafe into a rehab clinic leads to non-violent direct action from the most unlikely of sources...
Sitcom written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.
Merv Mervyn Stutter
Pam Lil Roughley
Dibden John Challis
PC Dilkes Christopher Etteridge
Chantal Tracy-Ann Oberman
Nev Geoffrey Joseph
Producer: Mario Stylianides
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.
MON 10:00 Midnight's Children (b092k3sc)
Omnibus
1. The Perforated Sheet
Dr Aadam Aziz falls in love with a woman hidden behind a perforated sheet.
An ambitious dramatisation of Salman Rushdie's dazzling novel of love, history and magic.
The first of five omnibuses.

Saleem Nikesh Patel
Aadam Abhin Galeyaa
Mrs Aziz Meera Syal
Ghani Silas Carson
Naseem Maya Sondhi
Tai Anil Goutam
Mumtaz Anneika Rose
Emerald Deeviya Meir
Nadir Khan Akbar Kurtha
The Hummingbird Sagar Arya
Ahmed Sinai Narinder Samra
Major Zulfikar Ace Bhatti
Kemal Kulvinder Ghir

All other parts were played by: Sheetal Kapoor, Philip Fox, Emilio Doorgasingh, Chetna Pandya, Shiven Shankar, Shreya Shah, Renu Brindle, Ronny Jhutti and members of the company. Dramatised by Ayesha Menon. Directed and produced by Tracey Neale and Emma Harding. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017. **MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m0010y0z)**
Series 8
Playing With Perceptions
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
Guy Raz explores a world of stereotypes. Where do they come from? Is there any truth to them? And can they be overcome? First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2014. **MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0010y13)**
Ann Clevees
Crime writer Ann Clevees inherits 'Some Enchanted Evening' and passes on 'Farewell to Stromness', by Peter Maxwell Davies.
MON 12:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00g42td)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 12:30 Albert and Me (b007jsgr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnjn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Quarry (m0010y0v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 14:00 Gainsborough by James Hamilton (b09013nn)
1. Legacy

Portrait of 18th-century artist Thomas Gainsborough written by James Hamilton
A legacy from his uncle gives 13-year-old Thomas the means to leave Sudbury and travel to London where the arts and crafts are flourishing.
He studies engraving with Gravelot and finds work decorating the entertainment kiosks in Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens.
Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt.
Abridged in five parts by Libby Spurrier.
Director: Kate McAll.
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2017.
MON 14:15 The Citadel (b091cnm3)
Series 2
1. Established
Andrew Manson, a newly trained doctor is established now in Drineffy, a South Wales mining town and has taken on all of his elderly and ailing employer's sick patients.
He remains good friends with the cynical Dr Denny - a flawed genius, and narrator, who observes Manson's very own sickness - 'love sickness'.
Set in the mid 1920s and based on A J Cronin's ground breaking novel, which is said to have partly inspired the creation of the NHS.
Manson Richard Fleeshman
Denny Julian Lewis Jones
Christine Alexandra Roach
Branwell Philip Fox
Gladys Kath Weare
Aneurin Rees Simon Ludders
Mrs Howells Ellie Darvill
Pianist: Simon Hoban
Dramatised by Christopher Reason.
Producer: Pauline Harris and Gary Brown.
Director: Gary Brown
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

MON 14:30 Britain's Blonde Bombshell - The Diana Dors Story (m0010y18)
Honor Blackman pays tribute to actress and personality Diana Dors, otherwise known as Britain's Blonde Bombshell.
Born in 1931, Diana Fluck entered the acting profession at an early age after winning a modelling competition, and then became a trainee at J Arthur Rank's Company of Youth, otherwise known as the Rank Charm School.
Initially marketed as a home-grown sex symbol to rival Marilyn Monroe, her very public private life and some poor career choices compromised her success.
This programme traces her rise and demise, and her eventual acceptance into the hearts of the British public in the 1970's.
Producer: Paul Hardy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.
MON 15:00 Midnight's Children (b092k3sc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 Jest a Minute (b012yngz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b0081lf5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08kxzv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Museum of Curiosity (m0010ndq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 A Collection of Bones by Elspeth Davie (b012ylq3)
Allergy
Five quietly unsettling short stories by Elspeth Davie, described as one of Scotland's finest and most underrated writers.
Mrs MacLean is taken aback by her new lodger's violent

reaction of one of her favourite foodstuffs.
"Egg is poison to me. Deadly poison!"
Read by Edith Macarthur.
Producer: David Jackson Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.
MON 18:15 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rmr)
1. The Lumber Room
When young Nicholas is punished by his aunt, he seeks refuge in the magical lumber room.
But when his aunt seeks him in the garden, he can expect retribution.
Saki's fiction famously celebrates the triumph of the "human beast" over the structures of society.
Mischievous, mayhem and the antic spirit of children are the stuff of his enduring tales of English life.
The first of five tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.
The Aunt Susan Engel
Nicholas Ben Tibber
Agatha Alex Tregear
Director: Ned Chaillet
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2005.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b01qm4pk)
Francis Spufford and Sarah Moss
Harriett Gilbert and her guests - writers, Sarah Moss and Francis Spufford - discuss their favourite books by Dorothy Wordsworth, TH White and Penelope Fitzgerald.
The Grasmere Journals by Dorothy Wordsworth
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Miss Masham's Repose by TH White
Publisher: Random House
Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald
Publisher: Harper Collins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.
MON 19:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00g42td)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Albert and Me (b007jsgr)
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MON 20:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnjn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 The Quarry (m0010y0v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m0010y0z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0010y13)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
MON 22:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0010ndq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 The Sofa of Time (b00hy949)
Night of the Sexicle
Things hot up as Raamen Bod calls upon the services of Morpheus, the sexiest assassin in Gravyr.
Tragedy befalls the village of Klausbergen, while Milford and Parker discover that cab drivers are the same wherever you go.
Continuing the epic and timeless tale of two men and their quest to find "The Sofa of Time", the most magical and powerful item of furniture in the entire universe.
It is said that those who sit on the sofa can be transported to anywhere and anytime.
Fantasy sitcom written by Nick Frost and Matt King.
Milford Matt King
Parker Nick Frost
Marmite Mark Heap
Raamen Bod Peter Serafinowicz
With Kevin Eldon, Julia Deakin, Janei Anderson, Daisy Jones, Andrew Maxwell and Simon Pegg.
Producer: Mario Stylianides
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m0010ntx)
Series 106
Episode 8
In the last of the current series, Andy Zaltzman and the panel take on the week's headlines.
Ayesha Hazard, Matt Winning, Geoff Norcott and Elis James join Andy in 'convivial, fraternal spirit' to look take a close look at COP26, and whether Brian Cox is right about earth's extinction leaving the galaxy bereft of meaning. They also discuss Southend's newly-minted city status, online anonymity and Sajid Javid's winter plan.
The chair's script is written by Andy Zaltzman, with additional material by Alice Fraser, Mike Shephard, Hannah Platt and Rajiv Karia.
Producer: Gwyn Rhys Davies
Production Co-ordinator: Katie Baum
Sound Editor: Marc Wilcox
A BBC Studios Production.
MON 23:30 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (m000fn2f)
Series 4
Market Towns
Comedian Elis James determines which Welsh market towns are the nation's best, pitting Carmarthen and Llangollen against Hay-on-Wye
With:
Benjamin Partridge
Nadia Kamil
From the Glee Club, Cardiff.
Producer: Sharif Shahwan
First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in August 2016.

TUE 16:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076h7I)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Polyoaks (b08w0ygf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m0010pw1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 A Collection of Bones by Elspeth Davie (b012ylrg)
The Swans
Five quietly unsettling short stories by Elspeth Davie, who died in 1995 aged 75, and who's been described as one of Scotland's finest and most underrated writers.
Staff in a paint shop start seeing mortality in a row of houses. It has a melancholic effect on sales.
"The paint shop was deservedly proud of its reputation in the city. For here it was not just a matter of selling paints and wallpaper..."
Read by Edith Macarthur.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

TUE 18:15 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rnb)
2. The Scharztz-Metterklume Method
When Lady Carlotta is mistaken for Miss Hope, the new governess, she takes up the job with relish applying a freshly invented technique of child-rearing to her new charges. The ensuing chaos is all too "modern" for the parents.
Stars Jennie Stoller as Lady Carlotta, Jemma Churchill as Mrs Quabarl, Philip Fox as Mr Quabarl/ Carter, Timothy Morand as Station Master/ Jack and Emily Wachter as Irene.
Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.
Director: Ned Chaillet
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b036k8v8)
Series 16
Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez for Guitar
Written by Joaquin Rodrigo in 1939, the Concierto de Aranjuez is a guitar classic. It was written amid the chaos of the Spanish Civil War, and in circumstances of poverty and personal tragedy. This programme explores how the piece touches and changes people's lives.
The composer's daughter Cecilia Rodrigo explains how the blind composer was inspired by the fountains and gardens of the palace of Aranjuez. Nelicio Faria de Sales recounts an unforgettable performance deep inside one of Brazil's largest caves, while David B Katague remembers how the piece got him through a difficult period of separation from his family in the Philippines.
Guitarist Craig Ogden explains the magic of the piece for a performer, and actor Simon Callow recalls how hearing the piece was a formative experience for him during his school days, when it turned rural Berkshire into a piece of Spain.
Producer: Melvin Rickarby.

TUE 19:00 Round the Horne (b007k1g4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Our Man at Wembley (b00759xc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnk5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 The Quarry (m0010y1d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 A History of Ghosts (Omnibus) (m000nzvl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m0010pw1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Revolting People (b00wr9v4)
Series 4
Reunion
1775 Joshua, Walter, Mary, McGurk and company have been lost at sea, but are now washed up in London. This is a chance perhaps for Roy McGurk to be reunited with his family and East End past.
Comedy written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.
Sgt McGurk ... Andy Hamilton
Svensson ... Hugh Dennis
Samuel ... Jay Tarses
Captain Bloodbath ... Michael Fenton Stevens
Capt Brimshaw ... James Fleet
Mary ... Julia Hills
Frank ... Philip Pope
Joshua ... Tony Maudsley
Other parts.....Rebecca Front, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton Stevens
Producer/Director Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

TUE 23:00 Will Smith Presents the Tao of Bergerac (b007tz8w)
Episode 1
Jersey-born comedian Will Smith is obsessed with 1980s BBC TV detective series Bergerac.
So when he found an audio book of John Nettles reading the ancient Chinese text of the Tao, it's become a guiding force to navigate the minefield of his life.
For starters, Will is seeking justice.
With Adam Buxton, Matt Holness, Simon Greenall, Dan Tetsell and John Nettles.
Written by Will Smith and Roger Drew.
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

TUE 23:30 The Guns of Adam Riches (b04fz6ln)
Series 2
Victor Legit
Award-winning comic, Adam Riches' series of one-off comic adventures continues - with the tale of Victor Legit, a supermarket store detective whose shop is being targeted by a mysterious shoplifter called the "Rat King." Aided by his wingman - and live saxophonist - Tony, can Victor solve the mystery and save the day?
Featuring Adam Riches, Cariad Lloyd, Jim Johnson, Katharine Bennett-Fox and special guest, Pete Grogan as Tony Saxatanski.
Written by Adam Riches
Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Changing My Voice (b01k9vh0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 Midnight's Children (b092k685)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Elephant in the Room (m0006dv6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076h7I)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Polyoaks (b08w0ygf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m0010pw1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnk5)
Deadlock
3. Bedtime Stories
VI Warshawski manages to call Mallory from the hospital - so he can find out who tampered with her car...
Sara Paretsky's thriller stars Kathleen Turner as VI Warshawski
Dramatised by Michelene Wandor
VI Warshawski.....Kathleen Turner
Lottie Herschel.....Eleanor Bron
Bobby Mallory.....William Hootkins
Murray.....Kerry Shale
Martin Bledsoe.....James Aubrey
Nils Greyfalk.....Peter Marinker
Paige Carrington.....Teresa Gallagher
Janine Phillips.....Shelley Thompson
Janet.....Jill Graham
Mike Sheridan.....Keith Drinkel
Captain Beamis.....William Dufres
Pierre Bouchard.....Matthew Morgan
Elsie.....Melanie Hudson
The Nurse.....Geraldine Fitzgerald
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

WED 06:30 The Quarry (m0010xqr)
3. Stranger Revealed
Douglas and Penelope begin to unravel the secrets surrounding the painting.
And the identity of who exactly wants the picture - and why - is revealed....
Stars Barry Foster, Penelope Lee and Andrew Sachs.
Thriller serial by Jon Rollason and Keith Williams.
Douglas Shemley Barry Foster
Penelope Shemley Penelope Lee
Pinder John Hollis
Simon Shaft Roddy Maude-Roxby
Reinke Frederick Schrecker
Ruth Isabel Rennie
Bunnie: Olga Lindo
Barnabus Hamlyn Benson
Paul Andrew Sachs
Producer: John Tydeman
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1965.

WED 07:00 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04hz62m)
Series 3
About Paranoia
In a mix of stand-up and re-enacted family life - Nathan Caton illustrates how watching too much TV can make you paranoid and that can have serious repercussions for your family.
Written by Nathan Caton and James Kettle
After becoming the first in his family to graduate from University, Nathan opted not to use his architecture degree but instead to try his hand at being a full-time stand-up comedian,

much to his family's horror and disgust. They desperately want him to get a 'proper job.'
Janet a.k.a. Mum is probably the kindest and most lenient of the disappointed family members. At the end of the day she just wants the best for her son. However, she'd also love to brag and show her son off to her friends, but with Nathan only telling jokes for a living that's kind of hard to do.
Martin a.k.a. Dad works in the construction industry and was looking forward to his son getting a degree so the two of them could work together in the same field. But now Nathan has blown that dream out of the window. Martin is clumsy and hard-headed and leaves running the house to his wife (she wouldn't allow it to be any other way).
Shirley a.k.a. Grandma cannot believe Nathan turned down architecture for comedy. She can't believe she left the paradise in the West Indies and came to the freezing United Kingdom for a better life so that years later her grandson could 'tell jokes!' How can her grandson go on stage and use foul language and filthy material... it's not the good Christian way!
So with all this going on in the household what will Nathan do? Will he persevere and follow his dreams? Or will he give in to his family's interference? Or will he finally leave home?!

Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

WED 07:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b093hdkw)
Series 3
4. The Latte Pappas
Edinburgh Comedy award winner Adam Riches stars as the bemused and culturally challenged comedian abroad - recorded in Sweden with a cast of the country's most popular comedy actors, and written by Danny Robins.
It's three years since Geoff moved to the tiny north Swedish town of Yxsjö with his girlfriend Linda (Sissela Benn from the Swedish version of The Office). It has been quite a culture shock and they've been through a lot in three years - rotting herring, moose and bears, battles with language, perfect ex-boyfriends and ice hockey, the birth of a son, a marriage proposal and plumbing. With the help of his loved-up parents-in-law, Sten and Gunilla (Thomas Oredsson and Anna-Lena Bergelin), Geoff is now looking forward to a settled family life. But who is going to pay for all this?
In the final episode of this series, Geoff negotiates the generous Swedish parental benefits system, the rewards - and otherwise - of dealing with a marauding toddler, and the terrifying perfectionism of his fellow Swedish dads.
Written by Danny Robins
Directed by Frank Stirling
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4v4)
Series 4
The Income Tax Demand
With a tax bill looming, the lad consults crooked chartered accountant Sid.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With Sidney James, Bill Kerr and Kenneth Williams.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music composed 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 October 1956.

WED 08:30 Give Or Take (m0010xqv)
Episode 8
Wally K Daly's sitcom about a bank clerk who wins the pools.
Annabel is suspicious about Sam's sudden change of personality. He's being uncharacteristically nice.
Sam decides to hand in his notice at the bank. And he has a surprise for his family.
Starring David Roper as Sam Baker and Sharon Duce as his wife Annabel.
Featuring Bill Owen as Fred and Patsy Rowlands as Rose.
With John Horsley, John Clive, Jon Glover, John Bott and Maggie Shelvin.
Theme music by Jim Parker.
Produced by John Fawcett Wilson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1980.

WED 09:00 The Motion Show (m000833t)
Series 5
Episode 6
From banning political spin to believing in DIY.
Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show.
With Sir Bernard Ingham, Hattie Hayridge, Steve Punt and Arthur Smith.
Producer: Jane Berthoud
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b00dh89p)
Series 3
Leading A Merry Dance
Rosie's no expert on Russian folk music but when she's asked to promote The Gulbekistan Dance Ensemble, she's sure she'll be equal to the challenge...
Another assignment for Rosie Burns and the event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...
Written by Simon Brett.
Rosie Prunella Scales
Jo Rebecca Callard
Bob Duncan Preston
Tess Annette Badland
Robert Simon Trinder

Leonid Chris Emmett
Ludmilla Lorelei King
Producer: Maria Esposito
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
WED 10:00 Midnight's Children (b092ksvx)
Omnibus
3. All India Radio
An ambitious dramatisation of Salman Rushdie's dazzling novel of love, history and magic.
Young Saleem discovers he has the power of telepathy.
Saleem Nikesh Patel
Ahmed Narinder Samra
Mumtaz Anneika Rose
Mary Chetna Pandya
Dr Narlikar Emilio Doorogasingh
Ismail Kulvinder Ghir
Nadir Khan Akbar Kurtha
Methwold Philip Fox
Commander Sabarmati Ace Bhatti
Joseph d'Costa Ashley Kumar
Wee Willie Winkie Ronny Jhutti
Young Saleem Zain Syed
Young Jamila Misha Shah
Sonny Ahren Chadha
All other parts were played by Maya Sondhi, Deeviya Meir, Sagar Arya, Selva Rasalingam, Renu Brindle, Rina Mahoney, Silas Carson, Aysha Kalai and members of the company.
Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.
Directed and produced by Tracey Neale and Emma Harding.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.
WED 11:00 Great Lives - Four Hundred and Counting (m0010xqx)
3. G.B.S. to Godber
From George Bernard Shaw to Richard Beckinsale - Matthew Parris on the rows, revelations and rank incompetence behind 400 editions of Great Lives.
Deep in the summer of 2001, a new programme tiptoed out onto Radio 4. The concept was simple – book someone famous to talk about someone dead. Except there was a problem; famous people don't talk much about someone else. In a world of the celebrity plug, getting voices to commit to a radio programme where they couldn't talk about themselves was proving tough. Twelve slots to fill, and nobody signed up.
400 episodes later... Barbara Castle, Beryl Bainbridge, Bernard Manning, eventually everyone says yes. In this episode, Christopher Hitchens was so incensed by the presenter that he walked out. "You're a bleeding Tory," he said, "and always have been. Have you done? I have to be somewhere at one."
Matthew Parris and original series producer Miles Ward go behind the scenes to find out how Great Lives was born.
Featuring material never previously played - nominators and experts about their hopes and fears; archive of original presenters Joan Bakewell and Humphrey Carpenter; plus a special selection of the very best of Great Lives.
"There's a joy in judging people by their choice of hero. It's one reason Matthew Parris's Great Lives series has run for 40 series." Ben Preston, Radio Times editor, 2016.
Programme extracts also include: Dr Phil Hammond's nomination of George Bernard Shaw; Nicholas Stern's choice Muhammad Ali; David Milliband on Joe Slovo and Alan Davies' selection, Richard Beckinsale
Produced at BBC Bristol by Miles Ward.
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2017.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4v4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 Give Or Take (m0010xqv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnkn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 The Quarry (m0010xqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Gainsborough by James Hamilton (b091g09)
3. Portraits
Gainsborough moves to Bath where having your portrait painted was the favourite pastime of many visitors to the city. Always keen to make money where he can, he also takes full advantage of the flourishing buy-to-let market.
Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt
Abridged by Libby Spurrier
Directed by Kate McAll
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2017.
WED 14:15 The Citadel (b09tf366)
Series 2
3. First Date
Dr Andrew Manson's future is on the line; his elderly employer, Dr Page's jealous sister is set on wreaking havoc for him. But Manson has more important things on his mind; his first date with Christine. Set in south Wales in the mid 1920s and based on A J Cronin's ground breaking novel, which is said to have partly inspired the creation of the NHS.
Manson Richard Fleeshman
Denny Julian Lewis Jones
Christine Alexandra Roach
Blowden Page Sue Jenkins
Produced by Pauline Harris and Gary Brown.
Directed by Gary Brown.
Dramatised by Christopher Reason.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.
WED 14:30 Winslow Homer's Odyssey (b04p7ygl)
Michael Smith heads home to the North on the trail of Winslow Homer, an American artist who mysteriously spent 20 months in the Tyneside fishing village of Cullercoats.
Seen as a national treasure in the States, Homer first rose to fame with his powerful depictions of the civil war, and by the late 1870s he was America's pre-eminent watercolourist. Yet in 1881, this enigmatic and secretive artist travelled first to London then north to Cullercoats, in search of 'atmosphere and colour.'
Michael visits the Watch House and talks to local art historian Steve Radcliffe, who describes the harsh life of the fisherfolk that so fascinated him, then walks the beautiful bay with Susan Johnson, granddaughter of Homer's favourite muse, fishergirl Maggie Storey.
American author Helen Cooper, says that Homer's decision to stay on after the summer season into the wild winter weather inspired him to paint the raw power of the sea.
Homer soon came to feel at home amongst the fisherfolk of Cullercoats, donning a fisherman's gansay and playing billiards in the pub, and this change of character also signified a turning point in his career, as art historian David Tatham explains.
On his return to the States Homer continued to paint Cullercoats and soon left New York for Prout's Neck in Maine, where he spent the rest of his life painting the wild Atlantic.
Karen Sherry of the Portland Museum of Art, feels his time in Cullercoats raised his art from keen observations of American life to masterful portrayals of universal themes.
Jonathan Barrand, Cullercoats resident and tourism officer who runs arts heritage tours, shares his pride and pleasure in seeing the name of his little village besides Homer's work in the great galleries of America.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
WED 15:00 Midnight's Children (b092ksvx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:00 The Motion Show (m000833t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 Smelling of Roses (b00dh89p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04hz62m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b093hdkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 A Collection of Bones by Elspeth Davie (b012ymgs)
A Field in Space
Five quietly unsettling short stories by Elspeth Davie, who died in 1995 aged 75, and who's been described as one of Scotland's finest and most underrated writers.
An affecting story of 'the fields of the sky', and one expert whose speciality stuns a whole meeting.
"It was difficult to say whether the rest of the room were envious or scornful of Peterson's particular field of interest..."
Read by Crawford Logan.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.
WED 18:15 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rnv)
3. Fur
Eleanor and Suzanne are best friends, but not for much longer. Suzanne knows she can get her rich cousin Bertram to buy her a fur in the sales, but she has to entrust the job to Eleanor - who has her own plans...
Stars Helen Longworth as Eleanor, Lydia Leonard as Suzanne, Bertie Carvel as Bertram and Alex Tregear as Woman in Park/ Woman in Shop.
Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.
Director: Ned Chaillet
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m000j80p)
The Sea, The Sea
Josie Long presents short documentaries and audio adventures about the sea.
The sounds of the sea, whispers into a wind phone and the dark, silent nights in Lyø, Denmark; a writer reflects on women dreaming of diving beneath the surface of the water; an Hawaiian surfer describes the exhilaration of riding through the barrel of a wave and stories from cliff-edge towns in the UK as the water comes ever-closer.
The Wave
Featuring Clyde Aikau
Music by Cabinet of Living Cinema
Produced by Sarah Cuddon
The Widow of the Sea
Produced by Nanna Hauge Kristensen
Dreaming
Featuring Margaret Drabble
Originally recorded by Sarah Cuddon for The Diving Venus
The View from the Edge
Featuring Darcy Bayless and Juliet Blaxland who has written a book about her experiences in a cliff edge house called The Easternmost House.
Produced by Chloe White and Jodie Taylor
Production Team: Andrea Rangelcroft and Alia Cassam
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k4v4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 Give Or Take (m0010xqv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnkn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 The Quarry (m0010xqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 Great Lives - Four Hundred and Counting (m0010xqx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 The Cold Swedish Winter (b093hdkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 The Harpoon (b00b3gv0)
Series 1
Episode 3
'Laughing through the Depression' - with a slightly budget issue of your nostalgic bumper golden weekly.
With Julian Dutton, Peter Baynham, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson and Bryonie Pritchard.
Producer: Sarah Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.
WED 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00vrxwt)
Series 4
A Tolerable Life De-Happified
Our hero Pip sees his former nemesis - the badly named Gently Benevolent - thwarted and locked up in a prison within a jail within a gaol spelled the other way, and apparently repentant of his crimes. But late one foggy night when Pip is attacked with a bowl of sinister custard he realises a new form of evil is stalking the streets of London, and he is obliged to ask for help from his erstwhile foe. Can Benevolent now be trusted? And who is the sinister evil figure?
Meanwhile, Pip's wife Ripely has become obsessed with cutlery, and the purchase of some diamond-handled dodo knives looks likely to force Pip into bankruptcy. And his best friend Harry Biscuit claims to be having terrible problems with an angry badger, but is it all as it seems?
Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.
Sir Philip Richard Johnson
Young Pip Bin Tom Allen
Gently Benevolent Anthony Head
Harry Biscuit James Bachman
Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead
Ripely Sarah Hadland
Pippa Susy Kane
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.
WED 23:30 Bunk Bed (b0b930kx)
Series 5
Episode 1
Everyone craves a place where their mind and body are not applied to a particular task. The nearest faraway place. Somewhere for drifting and lighting upon strange thoughts which don't have to be shoed into context, but which can be followed like balloons escaping onto the air. Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander.
The acclaimed Bunk Bed, written by and featuring Patrick Marber and Peter Curran, returns for its fifth series with a dozy vengeance. Recorded in the dark and in real beds.
Tonight they discuss what sort of dinosaur they would have been, respond to archive of the great African-American writer James Baldwin on Fathers with their own tales of being humiliated by children, and argue if it's ever appropriate for an Irish person to use the phrase "Yada, yada, yada..."
"A welcome comfort against the gathering storm clouds" - The Spectator
"Funny, strange, enchanting, and beautifully put together" - The Observer
"You'll love it or hate it...but stick with it, it's gold" - Sunday Telegraph
"Bunk Bed on Radio 4 is beloved by broadsheet critics, but don't let that put you off" - Metro
Produced by Peter Curran
A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018.
WED 23:45 Roger McGough's Other Half (b04wvzgm)
Episode 1
Roger McGough is joined by Helen Atkinson-Wood, Philip Jackson and Richie Webb in a hilarious and surreal sketch show for BBC Radio 4.
With sketches about Fandom, Fatherhood and 17th Century France, you'll hear his familiar voice in a whole new light. Expect merriment and melancholy in equal measures, and a whisker of witty wordplay too.
Produced by Victoria Lloyd.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2021

THU 00:00 A Collection of Bones by Elspeth Davie (b012ymgs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
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THU 00:30 Short Cuts (m000j80p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnkn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 The Quarry (m0010xqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Gainsborough by James Hamilton (b0901g09)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 The Citadel (b09tf366)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Winslow Homer's Odyssey (b04p7yg1)
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THU 05:00 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04hz62m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b093hdkw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnl3)
Deadlock
Deadlock
VI Warshawski flies to Canada to continue her investigation on the giant freighter the Lucella Weissner. But she's in for a shock when they sail through the Great Lakes Lock.
Sara Paretsky's thriller stars Kathleen Turner as VI Warshawski. With Eleanor Bron as Lottie, William Dufris as Captain Bemis and Keith Drinkel as Mike Sheridan.
Sara Paretsky has created one of the most popular female sleuths in modern crime-fiction. Her heroine, VI Warshawski, is a strong female character in a male-dominated world. VI is comfortable packing heat and trailing nasty suspects but she never loses touch with her basic femininity. Paretsky says of her Warshawski: "I was troubled by the way women were portrayed in (detective fiction) they always seemed either evil or powerless. I thought it was time for a tough, smart, likeable female private investigator".
Kathleen Turner also starred in the same role in the 1991 film 'VI Warshawski'.
Dramatised by Michelene Wandor.
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993

THU 06:30 The Quarry (m0010xyw)
4. Framed?
Worthless or valuable?
Douglas and Penny still don't fully understand the crazy scramble for their painting.
But more shocks are in store...
Stars Barry Foster, Penelope Lee and Andrew Sachs
Thriller serial by Jon Rollason and Keith Williams.
Penelope Shemley Penelope Lee
Douglas Shemley Barry Foster
Ruth Isabel Rennie
Paul Andrew Sachs
Barnabus Hamlyn Benson
Reinke Frederick Schrecker
Simon Shaft Roddy Maude-Roxby
Pinder John Hollis
Producer: John Tydemann
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1965.

THU 07:00 Ankle Tag (b0939hpp)
Series 1
The Church
Bob gets a job as a bingo caller, and Gruff and Alice want to get Carys baptized.
Written by Gareth Gwynn and Benjamin Partridge.
Produced by Victoria Lloyd.
A BBC Studios Production.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 07:30 The Break (m000kfq9)
Series 3
4. The Agreement
Andy (James Northcote) and Jeff (Philip Jackson) find they have a big problem to solve - each other.
Fish Shop Frank (Mark Benton) suggests Couples Therapy as it worked so well for his ex-wife (and for him too, if he'd turned up). After a session with unorthodox therapist Dr Coulson (Alison Steadman), the treatment is such a success that Andy decides to move out.
Jeff, though wounded, puts a brave face on it and gets on with his life as best he can. Meanwhile, Andy, by contrast, is living the high life. He's run into an old friend from London, Sean (Rasmus Hardiker), and they're visiting nightclubs and restaurants and comedy gigs together.
Will Andy learn to appreciate true friendship? Will Jeff stop complaining about Andy cluttering up the hall with his shoes? When will Andy start to miss the plain but honest things that Jeff has to offer - like a really fierce and satisfying game of Scrabble?
Starring:
Philip Jackson
Alison Steadman
Mark Benton
Shobna Gulati
Rasmus Hardiker
James Northcote
Created and Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie
Studio Engineered and Edited by Leon Chambers
Production Manager: Sarah Tombling
Produced and Directed by Gordon Kennedy

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios, London
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0139bkv)
Series 8
Episode 7
The show's listeners go on strike - and a legendary royal's in marrying mode.
Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
Sketches written by Graeme Garden, Bill Oddie and Jo Kendall
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 Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.
Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1970.

THU 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jm8t)
Series 4
2. Closure
Mr Beeston has worrying news - while Mr Sims and Mr Holliday have more immediate problems. Stars Karl Howman.
From May 1989.

THU 09:00 The Write Stuff (b060m151)
Series 9
WB Yeats
James Walton quizzes the panel in the literary quiz show.
Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Peter Kemp and Miles Kington.
The Author of the Week and subject for pastiche is WB Yeats.
Reader: Beth Chalmers.
Producer Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

THU 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00899ps)
Series 2
The Scottish Play
Robert gets involved in a performance of the play whose title we are not allowed to say. He is overly superstitious about saying "Macbeth" ... Whoops!
John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.
Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair
Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn
Sue Caroline Quentin
With:
Jo Kendall
Joe Dunlop
Jonathan Kydd
Danny Schiller
Producer: Paul Spencer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1990.

THU 10:00 Midnight's Children (b0931gsg)
Omnibus
4. How Saleem Achieved Purity
An ambitious dramatisation of Salman Rushdie's dazzling novel of love, history and magic.
The Indo-Pakistani war of 1965 changes Saleem's life forever.
Saleem Nikesh Patel
Jamila Deeviya Meir
Young Saleem Zain Syed
Young Jamila Misha Shah
Mumtaz Anneika Rose
Ahmed Narinder Samra
Brigadier Iskander Selva Rasalingam
Sergeant Major Najmuddin Sagar Arya
Ayooba Abhin Galeya
Shaheed Ronny Jhutti
The Peasant Akbar Kurtha
Picture Singh Silas Carson
Parvati Ayscha Kala
Young Shiva Nael Ameen
Young Parvati Nikita Mehta
Midnight's Child Ahren Chadha
Midnight's Child Shiven Shankar
Midnight's Child Shreya Shah
All other parts were played by Sheetal Kapoor, Renu Brindle, Emilio Doorgasingh and members of the company.
Dramatised by Ayeesha Menon.
Directed and produced by Tracey Neale and Emma Harding.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010xk6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 Midnight's Children: Salman Rushdie in Conversation (b091gc4f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0139bkv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 King Street Junior (b007jm8t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnl3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Quarry (m0010xyw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Gainsborough by James Hamilton (b0902rn1)
4. Honing
Gainsborough continues to hone his painterly skills In his studio he works by candlelight to create mood, and paints on a loose flapping canvas, like a sail. For his landscapes he creates elaborate models using broccoli.
But the costs of running an artist's studio are high and he is always anxious about money.

Read by Julian Rhind-Tutt
Abridged by Libby Spurrier
Directed by Kate McAll
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2017.

THU 14:15 The Citadel (b09tgv74)
Series 2
4. Crisis
Dr Andrew Manson performs a remarkable doctoring feat in a crisis. Set in the mid 1920s and based on A J Cronin's ground breaking novel, which is said to have partly inspired the creation of the NHS.
Manson Richard Fleeshman
Denny Julian Lewis Jones
Susan Fiona Clarke
Midwife Ellie Darvill
Joe Morgan Ben Addis
By A J Cronin.
Dramatised by Christopher Reason
Produced by Pauline Harris and Gary Brown.
Directed by Gary Brown.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

THU 14:30 One of the Three Great Plots of All Literature (b00804hm)
Why do foundlings feature so commonly in literature? Kate Adie explores the theme underlying the plot of Henry Fielding's great novel 'Tom Jones', with the help of Hugh Cunningham, Marina Warner, Jenny Uglow and contemporary founding, Andy McNab.
Reader: Philip Fox
Produced by Beaty Rubens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 15:00 Midnight's Children (b0931gsg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Write Stuff (b060m151)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00899ps)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Ankle Tag (b0939hpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 The Break (m000kfq9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 A Collection of Bones by Elspeth Davie (b012ysn7)
A Collection of Bones
Five quietly unsettling short stories by Elspeth Davie, who died in 1995 aged 75, and who's been described as one of Scotland's finest and most underrated writers.
A troubling tale of a man with an obsessive hobby, and what happens when it suddenly comes to an end.
Jenkinson's friends are bemused by his obsession. What's the point of a wishbone collection if you don't make any wishes?
Read by Crawford Logan.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

THU 18:15 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rpb)
4. The Toys of Peace
Harvey is encouraged by his right-thinking sister to give toys that can't be used for war to her two sons. But children, in a Saki tale, are immensely inventive...
Stars Anthony Calf as Harvey, Beth Chalmers as Leonora, Ben Tibber as Eric, Anton Rice as Bertie and Alex Tregear as the Waitress.
Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.
Director: Ned Chaillet
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0901fqr)
Series 43
Stephen Fry on PG Wodehouse
Stephen Fry nominates his hero P.G Wodehouse, a writer who he says simply cheers him up like no one else.
Fry wrote to his hero when he was a schoolboy and his most treasured possession is a signed photograph which reads: "To Stephen Fry, All the best, P. G. Wodehouse."
P.G Wodehouse was a self-made man, he began as a bank clerk, married a chorus girl and was interned by the Nazis. He wrote some of the most entertaining novels, stories, plays and lyrics of the twentieth century and created enduring characters; the most popular being Reginald Jeeves and Bertie Wooster.
Stephen Fry makes the case for why P.G Wodehouse is a great life.
To help him he is joined by Dr Sophie Ratcliffe Associate Professor in English, University of Oxford and author of 'PG Wodehouse - A Life in Letters'.
The presenter is Matthew Parris and the producer is Permindar Khatkar.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b0139bkv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 King Street Junior (b007jm8t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnl3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Quarry (m0010xyw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010xk6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 Midnight's Children: Salman Rushdie in Conversation (b091gc4f)

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRI 15:00 Midnight's Children (b094s2sq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 It's Not What You Know (b061qzx0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Ballylenon (b007jvhs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 All Those Women (b069jjml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Confessional (m0010wm2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 A Collection of Bones by Elspeth Davie

(b012yym2)

The Eyelash

Five quietly unsettling short stories by Elspeth Davie, who died in 1995 aged 75, and who's been described as one of Scotland's finest and most underrated writers.

A humorous diversion into an evening meal, ruined by a small matter which prompts a big discussion.

"When you find a strange hair anywhere, do you at once connect it with some imagined person...?"

Read by Edith MacArthur.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

FRI 18:15 HH Munro - Five Tales By Saki (b0076rpr)

5. The Open Window

Packed off around Britain in a search for a cure for his nerves, Framton Nuttel arrives at the Sappleton's house with a letter of introduction from his sister.

It little prepares him for the tale of terror he's about to hear...

Stars Paul Brooke as Framton Nuttel, Emily Chenery as Vera, Joanna McCallum as Mrs Sappleton, Susan Jameson as Caroline Nuttel and Michael Kilgarriff as Mr Sappleton/ Trap Driver.

Five Tales by Saki (HH Munro), dramatised by Roger Davenport.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b0174gkq)

Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Follow the Yellow Brick Road - three writers discuss heart, courage and brains. With Guardian blogger Stuart Heritage, Yachtswoman Dee Caffari and journalist Neil McCormick.

Stuart hates personal contact so much he moved to South Korea where they're "not huggers. They're not really handshakers.

They're not even that fond of eye contact, the travel guide said. Brilliant."

Dee Caffari has solo circumnavigated the globe, braving icebergs in the Southern Ocean along the way: "We surf down huge waves on the edge of control at breakneck speeds - any collision would be the end of the race. Rescue is often days away and our closest chance of survival is a fellow competitor."

Neil talks about how intelligence may be over-rated and that sometimes it's better just to let your mind make itself up.

Produced by Toby Field.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b00jzckp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 VI Warshawski (b007jnm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 The Quarry (m0010y1j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0010y1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m0010wm2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Talking to Strangers (b06z5d2v)

Episode 1

Comic monologues in which a range of characters find themselves engaging in that most un-British of activities: talking to a stranger.

Each piece is a character study: funny, frank, absurd, moving...

Characters include a sex councillor who loves to draw, a spy who loves to share, a woman who likes to help too much ('I'm a serial helpist...'), a frustrated falconer, and a cheater who has to call her cheatee the morning after. And in this show, the listener themselves 'plays' the silent stranger in the piece...

Written and performed by Sally Phillips and Lily Bevan.

With guest stars including Emma Thompson, Olivia Colman, Jessica Hynes, Steve Evets, Sinead Matthews and Joel Fry.

Producer: Sam Bryant

A BBC Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

FRI 23:00 Brian Appleton's Unofficial Multi-Media

Lecture (m0010y1q)

Now Let's Listen to Light

After looking at sound last week, Brian attempts to follow through by 'Listening to Light'. But is that plausible or should he just look at sound again? After all, listening to light seems uncomfortably close to the discipline of laboratory physics and he doesn't have the pre-requisite white coat.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Additional Research by Rex Brough.

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

FRI 23:15 The Jail Diaries of Sir Ralph Stanza (m0010y1s)

Jermaine Man

Poetry tutor Sir Ralph hopes to shock the prison authorities by

doing a rap double act with Jermaine.

Sir Ralph Stanza ...James Quinn

Jermaine...Chris Jack

Robo ...Jack Deam

Mick ...Theo Ant Smith

Officer ...Joan Kempson

Written by James Quinn

Produced in Manchester by Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

FRI 23:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nswqw)

Series 1

Episode 2

John Humphrys gives 28 performers 60 seconds to entertain an audience:

Justin Edwards

Alfie Joey

The Trap

Jo Enright

Dave Johns

Jim Jeffries

Joanna Neary

Danny Robins

Scott Capurro

Roger McGough

Toby Hadoke & John Warburton

Martin Hutton

Gary Le Strange

Debra-Jane Appleby

James Bachman

Steve Hughes.

Dan Antopolski

Sarah Millican

Patrick Monahan

Michael Redmond

Alan Cochrane.

Derek upon Tweed

Jayne Tunnicliffe

Glenn Wool

Kevin Day

Adam Bloom

Richard Herring

Slaughterhouse Live

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.