

SATURDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2021

SAT 00:00 MR James (m0001p66)

The Haunting of MR James
 5. Rats
 A remote inn, a locked room and young Thomson, the only guest, is curious.
 By the master of the ghost story, MR James.
 Dramatised by Neil Brand.
 MR James Mark Gatiss
 Thomson George Watkins
 Betts Michael Bertenshaw
 Mrs Betts Carolyn Pickles
 Stewart Sean Baker
 Director: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.
SAT 00:15 Fresh Blood (b007k2kq)
 The Blue Room by Ava Ming
 A secret corner of the girls' lavs provides a hideout for bullies Carol and Pam, but The Blue Room has a dark secret.
 Ava Ming's spine tingling drama.
 Tracey Aisling Caffrey
 Carol Katerina Pushkin
 Nikki Lauren Hopkins
 Producer: Paul Arnold
 Part of a BBC Writersroom initiative to showcase dramas from writers across the country who had not yet had work broadcast on network radio.
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.
SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b017cfkn)
 Japan
 Hiroko Kawanami, Richard Lloyd Parry and Imran Yusuf explore the idea of Japan.
 What is it really like, and how does it match up to people's preconceptions?
 Hiroko Kawanami is a Japanese lecturer in Buddhism who prefers living in the UK. Richard Lloyd Parry is Asia Editor of The Times and has lived in Tokyo for 16 years. British stand-up comedian Imran Yusuf has visited Japan and loved it.
 All three write and talk about the Japan they know, with presenter Dominic Arkwright - who has never been to Japan and freely admits he knows little about it..
 Producer: Beth O'Dea
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jp9x)
 Paul Temple and the Vandylke Affair
 4. Boulevard Seminaire
 The mystery glove trail leads the suave detective and his wife to a rendezvous in Paris.
 Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke and Marjorie Westbury as BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.
 Paul Temple Peter Coke
 Steve Marjorie Westbury
 Sir Graham Forbes Richard Williams
 Bill McCall John Scott
 Philip Droste Simon Lack
 Vanessa Droste Grizelda Hervey
 Charles Marett John Bryning
 Luke Jon Farrell
 Telephone Operator Betty Baskcomb
 Louis Franz Rolf Lefebvre
 Waiter David March
 Receptionist Beatrice Ormonde
 Producer: Martyn C Webster
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1959.
SAT 01:30 Death Speaks Another Language (m00115cp)
 5. Ring After Nine
 Things turn serious, with Vince close to death and now Karen's life under threat
 Starring David Valla.
 Peter Ling's thriller serial set in '60s Swinging London.
 Nico David Valla
 Karen Engstrom Patricia Gallimore
 Mrs Benson Hilda Kriseman
 Neil Benson Derek Seaton
 Detective Michael Deacon
 Ray Lockett Alaric Cotter
 Buller Henry Stamper
 Plessey Geoffrey Wincott
 Suzanne Kaye Cecile Chevreau
 Receptionist Frances Jeater
 Salesman Ian Thompson
 Coffee Bar Boss John Gabriel
 Producer: Ronald Mason
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1969.
SAT 02:00 Five Ghost Stories by John Connolly (b007jx4s)
 5. Nocturne
 Sounds of a piano played at night lead a father and his son into a confrontation with a malign adversary.
 A supernatural story written by Dublin author, John Connolly.
 Read by Tony Doyle.
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.
SAT 02:15 Henry James (m0000pd8)
 What Maisie Knew
 Episode 5
 Maisie travels to Paris with Sir Claude but when Mrs Beale arrives she has to make a difficult decision about her future.

Conclusion of Henry James's story about the complications of love and marriage - seen through the eyes of a child.
 Dramatised by Amanda Dalton.
 Maisie Talia Barnett
 Mrs Wix Julie Hesmondhalgh
 Sir Claude Rudi Dharmalingham
 Miss Overmore / Mrs Beale Emma Naomi
 Henry James John Lynch
 Director: Nadia Molinari.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
SAT 02:30 The Cabinet of Animosities (b01m0kjd)
 The Museum of Broken Relationships in Zagreb exhibits objects left behind at the end of love affairs.
 Everyday things: the shared belongings, mementos and gifts that are no longer wanted - or are wanted too much.
 Cathy FitzGerald takes a tour of its woebegone collection and meets the broken-hearted lovers who have donated objects from all around the world. Tales of love won and lost, told through the things we give, the things we treasure, and the things we fling at one another when it all goes wrong.
 Producers: Cathy FitzGerald & Matt Thompson
 A Rockethouse production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2012.
SAT 03:00 CP Snow - Strangers and Brothers (b017h805)
 The Light and the Dark
 As the Second World War erupts, Lewis Eliot heads to Whitehall and his love life takes an unexpected turn.
 CP Snow's epic novel sequence about the English Establishment and Power.
 Stars Adam Godley and David Haig.
 Dramatised by Jonathan Holloway.
 Narrator David Haig
 Lewis Eliot Adam Godley
 Hector Rose Rupert Vansittart
 Roy Calvert Adam Levy
 Houston Eggar Peter Marinker
 Willy Romantowski Kenneth Collard
 Gilbert Cooke Anthony Calf
 Margaret Davidson Juliet Aubrey
 Rosalind Anne-Marie Duff
 Betty Vane Carla Simpson
 Director: Jeremy Howe & Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.
SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b062khlc)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 What's Lucy Porter's least favourite town to perform in?
 Has Cornelius's pal Jonathan ever won any money as a result of a tip from Cornelius?
 Who is Tom Wrigglesworth's all time hero?
 All these burning questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.
 In this case, comedian Lucy Porter picks her agent, comedian Tom Wrigglesworth picks his father, and Cornelius Lysaght picks an old school friend.
 Producer: Matt Stronge
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.
SAT 04:30 Ballylenon (b007vmbw)
 Series 4
 Episode 2
 The death of Canon Friel causes upset amongst the faithful and ruins Phonsie Doherty's plans...
 Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1955, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.
 Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.
 Phonsie Doherty TP McKenna
 Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy
 Vera McConkey Stella McCusker
 Vivienne Boal Aine McCartney
 Guard Gallagher John Hewitt
 Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley
 Rev Samuel Hawthorne Gerard Murphy
 Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.
 Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.
SAT 05:00 All Those Women (b06bhvsv)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Jen is driven to compete with Stuart in the parenting stakes. Cue the most fun (and educational) sleepover an 11 year old could wish for. In the theory.
 In the meantime, Maggie would really prefer it if her houseguests would put things back in the correct drawer, and stop leaving teabags in the sink.
 Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations of women trying to live under one roof.
 Hetty Sheila Hancock
 Maggie Lesley Manville
 Jen Sinead Matthews
 Emily Lucy Hutchinson
 David Denis Lill
 Stu Chris Pavlo
 Pat Katherine Jakeways
 Mrs Bell Amelia Lowdell
 Freya Zoe Castilla
 Lucy Hollie Burgess
 Announcement George Watkins

Script editor: Richard Turner
 Producer: Alexandra Smith
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2015.
SAT 05:30 The Confessional (m0011415)
 Series 2
 The Confession of Shaparak Khorsandi
 Stephen Mangan takes another confession in the comedy chat show about shame and embarrassment.
 Each week, Stephen invites a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions. This is a cue for some rich and varied storytelling, and surprising insights. Settle back for more revelations of guilt and mortification.
 This week, Stephen interviews Shaparak Khorsandi, a self-styled 'spit and sawdust stand-up' whose career also embraces success as a satirist, novelist and screen-writer. She recently received the prestigious James Joyce Award from Dublin University. She reveals a secret act of vandalism in her primary school loos, a story of hand cuffs and impulsive behaviour, and a tendency for taking comic retribution.
 Other guests in this series include Olivia Williams, Anthony Horowitz, Ed Byrne, Connie Huq and David Quantick.
 Written and presented by Stephen Mangan
 With extra material by Nick Doody
 Produced by Frank Stirling
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4
SAT 06:00 Ellen Dryden - The Westward Journey (b007jzmq)
 "We are now beyond the Missouri River. We have left the States behind. Ahead of us lie the great uncivilised plains."
 On the wagon trains of the perilous migration across America to Oregon and California, the strength of women was tested against the ambition and pride of their men.
 Starring Carolyn Jones, Tracy-Ann Oberman and Marcia Warren.
 Ellen Dryden's 19th century drama.
 Martha ... Carolyn Jones
 Lucy ... Tracy Ann Oberman
 Hannah ... Marcia Warren
 Thomas ... Bradley Lavelle
 George ... Nathan Osgood
 Robert McKail ... David Bannerman
 Elizabeth Swain ... Mia Soteriou
 Rebecca ... Alison Pettitt
 Francis ... David Brooks
 Jonah ... Mac McDonald
 Woman ... Liza Ross
 Charles Putnam ... Alan Marriott
 Music by Mia Soteriou.
 Director: Ned Chaillet
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.
SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b0924kwx)
 Series 43
 Sathnam Sanghera on Alexander Gardner
 Author and Journalist Sathnam Sanghera nominates a Great Life; a man dismissed as a fantasist and a liar in his own lifetime.
 Alexander Gardner was a Scottish-American soldier, a traveller, an explorer and adventurer - a white man with a tartan turban, who ended up in India in a Maharaja's Sikh Army in the 19th Century, just before the British Raj took over.
 Possibly a plagiarist and touted as a scoundrel, yet Sathnam claims he's worthy of a bigger place in history. If just a tiny portion of what we think we know about him is true, he is a genuinely remarkable figure.
 Historian John Keay is the expert witness to Gardner's life. Presented by Matthew Parris.
 Producer: Perminder Khartkar.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.
SAT 08:00 Listomania (b09x4n4c)
 Pilot Episode
 From the magnificent to the mundane.
 From the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list.
 Susan Calman hosts the pilot show for the series exploring the world of the lists.
 With:
 Lucy Porter
 Joe Lycett
 Richard Herring
 Katherine Ryan
 Written by James Kettle and Gráinne Maguire.
 Producers: Adnan Ahmed and Sam Bryant
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 2014
SAT 08:30 Smelling of Roses (b00d1042)
 Series 3
 A Cheeky Little Number
 Jo's relationship with Robert is looking a bit rocky.
 The situation isn't helped when she meets a charming young wine shipper for whom Rosie's organising a tasting...
 Prunella Scales stars in Simon Brett's sitcom.
 The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton
 Rosie Prunella Scales
 Jo Rebecca Callard
 Bob Duncan Preston
 Tess Annette Badland
 Harry Butt Gideon Turner
 Emma Bryson Rebecca Front
 Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
SAT 09:00 Billy Bragg's Changing Times (m0007497)
These are fractious times.
But there have been fractious times before. And of all the ways of looking at history, the instinctive reactions of artists, specifically musicians, to changing times, is one of the most fascinating.
From Hamish Henderson to Tom Robinson, the Sex Pistols to U2, and more recently Radiohead and Stormzy, protest music has come a long way.
Billy Bragg sets out to savour and share the stories of great moments where musicians were inspired by unfolding events to protest, to perform and to preach of an alternative way.
Along the way there will be contributions from authors, artists and academics who have seen technology transform the way in which people create and listen to protest songs.
Plus a chance to hear from those producing protest music in the era of Brexit, Trump and fake news.
Producer: Dan Quick
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in July 2019.
SAT 12:00 Reincarnate (m0002822)
Series 1
Snail
Nathan Blakely was a popstar, but he died and was reincarnated as a snail. Will he ever make it back to human again?
It's Quantum Leap meets Planet Earth meets an idiot.
Daniel Rigby, Diane Morgan and Josh Widdicombe star in this sitcom about the afterlife.
Written by Tom Craine and Henry Paker.
Jenny Diane Morgan
Nathan Daniel Rigby
Tim from next door Tom Craine
Denis/Waiter Henry Paker
Susan, Conchita, Dying Snail Freya Parker
Bert Josh Widdicombe
Music composed by Phil Lephed.
Producers: Harriet Jaime & Jonno Richards
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.
SAT 12:30 Winston (b007tbrv)
Winston in Europe
Don't Gush, Nancy
Father wants to move again. He's got the wanderlust. He's had enough of England.
You can't get decent eccles cakes here any longer...
Peter Timmiswood's bawdy six-part comedy serial.
Winston Bill Wallis
Father Maurice Denham
Nancy Shirley Dixon
Rosie Liz Goulding
William Christian Rodska
Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.
SAT 13:00 A History of Ghosts (Omniibus) (m000919p)
Part 2
Kirsty Logan explores the evolution of Ghost Lore.
In the last of two omnibus editions: :
* She discovers how the tourist trade in the Southern United states whitewashes history rather than drawing on African American ghost stories
* Explores the only known case where the testimony of a ghost secured the conviction of their murderer
* Dives into the life of one of the most celebrated mediums of the Victorian era
* Reveals that a spirit is not the most dangerous part of a poltergeist case
* Asks if in the 21st century we're less interested in finding ghosts, rather than creating them?
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2020.
SAT 14:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00nks8c)
The Penny Dreadfuls Present: Guy Fawkes
What exactly is it that we're asked to remember on the 5th of November?
As the nation prepares for Bonfire Night; highly acclaimed comedy trio The Penny Dreadfuls take a fresh and timely look at a familiar story with a comedic, stirring and sometimes graphic exploration of the build-up to and aftermath of the Gunpowder Plot.
Recorded in front of an audience at the BBC Radio Theatre in London, there's plenty of laughs in places where you least expect them - from the boisterously optimistic meetings of the conspirators through to Fawkes' internment in the Tower of London.
Starring Kevin Eldon as Guy.
With Miles Jupp and Andrew Pugsley.
The Penny Dreadfuls are David Reed, Humphrey Ker and Thom Tuck.
Guy Fawkes Kevin Eldon
Thomas Percy Miles Jupp
John Wright David Reed
Robert Catesby Thom Tuck
Thomas Winter Andrew Pugsley
Sir William Waad Humphrey Ker
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.
SAT 14:45 Creme de la Crime (b007jr0x)
Series 1
20,000 Leaks Under the Sea
Michael Feydeau -TV's much loved Inspector Niblett - and

crime expert, David Pershore probe a case of wartime spying skulduggery.
Tales from the vaults of villainy.
Written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.
With Emma Kennedy.
Director: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.
SAT 15:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (b008m7km)
Series 1
Episode 2
Save the seal - and how to lose unwanted hair. Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell's sharp-edged topical humour.
With Jasper Jacob and Penelope Nice.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.
SAT 15:30 Will Smith Presents the Tao of Bergerac (b007w0j4)
2. Individuality
Jersey-born comedian Will Smith continues his obsession with 1980s BBC TV detective series Bergerac.
He's using an audio book of its star, John Nettles, reading the Tao, to navigate the minefield of his life, with the help of a special guest.
Will wonders how he can be an individual without being derided for his choices.
With:
Karl Johnson
Simon Greenall
Rachel Bavidge
Olivia Poulet
John Nettles
Written by Will Smith and Roger Drew.
Producer: Tulusa Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.
SAT 16:00 Ellen Dryden - The Westward Journey (b007jzmq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b0924kwx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 Spine Chillers (b0886z49)
Colin Haydn Evans - Figures
As soon as Ann saw the house she knew it had to be hers. Its past turns out to be part of her future.
So all she has to do is sit in the upstairs room - kept locked for so long - and wait...
Written by Colin Haydn Evans.
Ann Anna Massey
Ralph Symons Blain Fairman
Rebecca Symons Jill Lidstone
Peter Fuller Jon Strickland
Alex Slade Michael Bilton
Director: Ian Cotterell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.
SAT 18:45 The Strange and the Sinister by William Croft Dickinson (b007jvjg)
The Sweet Singers
William Croft Dickinson introduces his stories of the supernatural set in Scotland.
A trip to an old university golfing competition has unusual consequences for two professors.
Read by Moultrie Kelsall.
Producer: John Gray
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1961.
SAT 19:00 Billy Bragg's Changing Times (m0007497)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01crr0t)
Series 2
Egypt
Ross entertains bewildered Bedouins in the desert and ponders the merits of doing a wildlife show.
A series of travelogues from comedian Ross Noble.
Producer: Danny Wallace
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b0742mqd)
Series 11
5. Sandi Toksvig interviews Roy Hudd
Broadcaster and writer Sandi Toksvig turns interviewer as she chats to comedy icon, Roy Hudd.
Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where this week's interviewee becomes the next interviewer.
Sandi Toksvig is a prolific writer and broadcaster who chaired the News Quiz on BBC Radio 4 for nine years and over 220 episodes. She was a founder member of the Women's Equality Party and took over as host of BBC TV's long-running QI.
Roy Hudd clocked up more than 50 years in showbusiness, starting out as a Butlins redcoat in the 1950s sparking a stellar career through numerous successes on stage, radio and screen.
Radio listeners know him best as the host of the much-loved News Huddlines on BBC Radio 2 for 26 years. More recently, Roy gained plaudits for his moving portrayal of Bud Flanagan in the BBC drama 'We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story'.
Roy tells Sandi about his showbiz beginnings, reveals how Arthur Askey gave him a leg up in the early days and shares his favourite pantomime story courtesy of Tom O'Connor.
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2016.
SAT 23:00 The Curried Goat Show (b007nf6d)
Episode 8

It's Bath Night - plus jam.
Sketch-bonanza written by and starring Dan Gaster, Will Ing and Ben Silburn.
With special guest: Imelda Staunton
Music from The Big Buzzard Boogie Band.
Producer: Maria Esposito.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1998.
SAT 23:30 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076mys)
Series 2
How to Go to a Party
"When you step into a party, everyone is locked into hugely enjoyable conversations with popular, attractive people who are waiting to hate you."
All you need to know about making merry and avoiding being 'de-mingled'.
Comedian Guy Browning continues to provide practical life-coaching in the big small challenges of life.
Producer: Jonquil Panting
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
SAT 23:45 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b01hmxmk)
Series 2
Episode 2
Comic but informative look at the history of space exploration: The role that leaps of the imagination have played in the science of rocketry, including the strange story of Russian Cosmism, and how their mission to bring back to life everyone who has ever lived produced pioneering work on multi-stage rockets Plus the even stranger story of a plan in the 1950s for a giant spaceship capable of carrying a hundred and fifty people that could have been built using existing technology - Project Orion. There was just one snag - it was to be fuelled by nuclear bombs.
Starring:
Helen Keen
Peter Serafinowicz
Susy Kane
Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill.
Producer: Gareth Edwards.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 John Connolly: Five Ghost Stories (Omniibus) (m00119bw)
Omniibus of five supernatural stories written by Dublin author, John Connolly.
*** The Erlking
A man relives childhood memories of the forest spirit who came prying at the windowpane and cast a blight upon his life.
*** Mr Pettinger's Demon
A priest investigates the incumbent at a remote parish church. Has his colleague uncovered an ancient evil?
*** Mr Gray's Folly
An unsightly building in the grounds of a country house harbours an ancient, irresistible secret.
*** The Ritual of the Bones
Scholarship boy Jenkins is intimidated by his new school's traditions. Especially one with bones in boxes.
*** Nocturne
Sounds of a piano played at night lead a father and his son into a confrontation with a malign adversary.
Read by Tony Doyle.
Producer: Lawrence Jackson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.
SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0006f8y)
Greg James
BBC Radio 1 DJ Greg James selects This is The Sea by The Waterboys and Apply Some Pressure by Maximo Park.
SUN 07:20 Henry James: What Maisie Knew (Omniibus) (b0bn2411)
Following her parents' divorce, six year old Maisie finds herself at the centre of their bitter struggle.
Henry James's story about the complications of love and marriage seen through the eyes of a child.
Omniibus of five parts dramatised by Amanda Dalton.
Maisie Talia Barnett
Beale Farange Andonis Anthony
Ida Farange Joanne Mitchell

Miss Overmore / Mrs Beale Emma Naomi
Mrs Wix Julie Hesmondhalgh
Henry James John Lynch
Director: Nadia Molinari
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
SUN 08:30 Doctor at Large (b00bfpnv)
Marriage and Surgery
Simon Sparrow must sit his surgeon's exam and get married to Wendy all in one morning.
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
Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner
Tony Benskin Ray Cooney
Taffy Evans Edward Cast
Lord Crutchley Ronald Adam
Sir Mortimer Huxted Erik Chitty
Mother Madi Hedd
Taxi Driver Sam Kydd
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.
SUN 09:00 Life With The Lyons (m00119by)
Come To The Fair
Will Bebe ever be able to understand Ben's love of golf? And will Ben be able to fit in a trip to the fair?
Comedy with a real-life American family - starring Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon.
With:
Barbara Lyon
Richard Lyon
Horace Percival
Doris Rogers
Molly Weir
Hugh Morton
Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury.
Incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson. The BBC Variety Orchestra are conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.
Producer: Tom Ronald.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1953.
SUN 09:30 Reluctant Persuaders (b08ljxcc)
Series 2
Just Do It
The worst advertising agency team in London are unexpectedly in demand.
The marketing manager of nutrition company Protein Team enlists their services for a huge poster campaign, aimed at selling protein shakes to women.
Yet no sooner is their ad up - featuring a slender woman, and an even more slender bikini - than Hardacre's find themselves at the centre of a media storm over misogyny, body-shaming, and the evils of advertising.
Wracked with guilt and determined to make amends, Joe clashes with his older and more cynical creative director Rupert Hardacre and accounts manager Amanda, who are convinced that sex sells and all publicity is good publicity. But in an age of Twitter storms and third-wave feminism, are they behind the times?
Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom.
Rupert Hardacre Nigel Havers
Joe Mathew Baynton
Amanda Josie Lawrence
Jordan Richard Goulding
Teddy Kieran Hodgson
Laura Olivia Nixon
Tube announcer David Fairs
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2017.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m00119c0)
Novelists
Jane Gardam
From Donizetti to Maurice Ravel.
Novelist Jane Gardam shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young.
Jane is best known for her trilogy of novels about an ex-colonial QC nicknamed Old Filth.
A writer for both adults and children, she has won two Whitbread awards, the Katherine Mansfield Award and has been shortlisted for the Booker and the Orange Prize for Fiction.
Born in 1928, she grew up in North Yorkshire where her father was a schoolmaster at a small independent boys' school. Her mother wrote sermons and was an inveterate letter-writer. After graduating, Jane had a number of literary jobs, but gave up working to raise her three young children. Although she wrote poems as a young girl, her writing career didn't begin in earnest until the day her youngest child started school when she began to write her first book.
Since then, she has published more than 30 books, including novels for children and adults as well as short stories and a non-fiction volume about the Yorkshire of her youth.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.
SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0012h9p)
Series 1
Platypus
Along the soft, muddy river banks of New South Wales, the female duck-billed platypus makes a burrow to raise her family.

Not only is this the strangest of creatures, it is also one of the most tricky to film.
Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.
SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000jpcp)
Series 10
A Brave Front
True stories told live in the USA: Jay Allison introduces tales of finding inner strength in the face of unimaginable odds.
The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.
Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.
First broadcast in the USA in 2019.
SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0006f8y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m00119c3)
Alfred Austin, Edmund Blunden and Charles Causley
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects three poets this week:-
Time For Verse - Poets Laureate: Alfred Austin (1835-1913).
The series about some famous and some forgotten holders of the office, compiled and presented by Sean Street.
Readers Martin Jarvis, Adrian Cairns and David Goodland
Producer - Margaret Bradley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.
Three Score And Ten - Edmund Blunden presented by Ian McMillan.
First World War Poet, Edmund Blunden who battled at Ypres and The Somme, reads his own poem Concert Party from a broadcast in 1957.
Followed by Report on Experience, a powerful lyric about nation and the self being impacted on by war.
Producer - Sharon Sephton
First broadcast on Radio 3 in 2016 - with archive readings from 1957 and 1966.
Time For Verse - Charles Causley, Part 5/5
The last of five programmes in which George MacBeth interviews Charles Causley about his life and poetry.
Poems - "Dick Lander"; "Bridie Wiles"; "Eden Rock"; "Sibard's Well".
Reader - Michael Deacon
Producer - Alec Reid
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988
SUN 12:30 Ability (b0b2knmp)
Series 1
Taking Advantage
Matt and Bob decide to see how far they can take advantage of Matt's disability - and attempt shoplifting.
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's 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, Lee has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app. Lost Voice Guy is - probably - the first stand up comedian to use a communication aid.
Katherine Jakeways is the co-creator and co-writer of Ability A Funny Bones production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.
SUN 13:00 The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 by Sue Townsend (Omnibus) (b097m45e)
Episode 2
Class 4D go on a school trip to the British Museum. Adrian has his tonsils out.
Sue Townsend's hilarious and heart breaking chronicle of a teenager growing up in the Midlands in the 1980s.

Read by Harry McEntire.
It's 1981 and Margaret Thatcher is in power, Britain is at war in the Falklands and teenagers are growing up in a world without mobile phones or computer games. While his parents are downstairs, drinking, smoking and arguing about their failing marriage, Adrian is upstairs in his bedroom listening to Abba, reading great works of literature, writing poems, and penning letters to the BBC.
Despite the many challenges that life throws at him - including regular beatings from the school bully, unrequited love, raging hormones, a severe case of acne and numerous rejection letters - Adrian soldiers on bravely and wins a place in our hearts with his charming naiveté.
Omnibus of last five of ten parts abridged by Sara Davies.
A fresh serialisation made in the year that Adrian Mole himself turned 50.
Producer: Alexa Moore
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.
SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b064yjqn)
Alex Polizzi
Hotelier and TV presenter Alex Polizzi chooses 'Brindisi' from La Traviata and Nina Simone's 'I Put a Spell on You'.
SUN 14:20 Fin Kennedy - On Kosovo Field (Omnibus) (b088sdwl)
Siblings Rebeka and Dardan return to Kosovo after a mass grave is discovered close to their native village.
They discover a young nation striving to forge a path for hope and reconciliation and realise that they too must journey into their past to move on.
Omnibus of five parts.
Fin Kennedy's drama inspired by PJ Harvey's notebooks, poetry and songs from her travels in Kosovo with her unreleased song demo of 'Chain of Keys' woven through.
Dardan Nico Mirallegro
Rebeka Michelle Keegan
Rron Jon Lolis
Venera Rosella
Luan Nebli Basani
Bukurije Edita Sllamniku
Curator Sokol Cahani
Blind Man Sokol Cahani
Lieutenant Zoric Sokol Cahani
Ariana Eri Shuka
Fisnik Nikolaus Brahimllari
Songs and music composed and performed by PJ Harvey
Sound design by Steve Brooke
Director: Nadia Molinari
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
SUN 15:30 Footlight Fairies (b007k2n0)
The story of Millicent Fawcett, the indomitable reformer who campaigned to remove children from the 19th century stage
Theatre critic Susannah Clapp investigates the Victorian obsession with the juveniles who played everything from fairies to oyster ghosts.
Millicent Fawcett Siobhan Redmond
Rose Anabel Barnston
Other parts played by Maggie Bourgein, David Drummond and Jon Glover.
Dramatist: Philip Glassborow
Based on research by Anne Varty.
Producer: Philipppa Ritchie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.
SUN 16:00 Drama (b09z4fys)
Spike and the Elf in Oak
Spike Milligan's madcap ventures in the mid-1960s to preserve the Elf in Oak in London's Kensington Gardens whilst also performing in the West End run of his play, The Bedsitting Room.
When theatre censors get in the way of Spike saving the elves, events threaten to spiral out of control.
David Threlfall stars in Ian Billings' comic fantasy inspired by a true story.
Spike David Threlfall
Young Spike Charlie Brand
Norma Farnes Kerry Gooderson
Laura Rosie Boore
Sile Charlotte Emmett
Mother Superior Georgie Glen
Park Keeper Luke Bailey
Mrs Grumples Lauren Cornelius
Groodles Ryan Early
Huckleberry Clive Hayward
George Neil McCaul
Council Boss Phillip Bretherton
Vandal 1 Rupert Holliday Evans
Man with dog Ghazanfar Hyder
Music arranged and performed by Neil Brand
Trumpet player: Peter Ringrose
Director: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2018.
SUN 16:45 Sheena Mackay - A Mine of Serpents (b0824r0g)
Bittersweet tale for Guy Fawkes - recalling two brothers at war, the mystical powers of Madam Alphonsine and overdosing on marshmallows....
Stephen Moore reads Sheena Mackay's short story.
Producer: Duncan Minshall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m00119c3)

hold this cult status? Revisiting an intriguing interview he gave shortly before he died, and with new interviews with band members and Sun Ra obsessives, Jez Nelson asks whether, a century on from his birth, we are any better placed to understand Sun Ra's message. Contributors include Gilles Peterson, Marshall Allen, John Sinclair and Jerry Dammers. Photo credit: Phil Levine Producer: Joby Waldman A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2014.

WED 15:00 CP Snow - Strangers and Brothers (b017s14r) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] WED 16:00 Listomania (b09xk5rb) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] WED 16:30 Smelling of Roses (b00dpspn) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] WED 17:00 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04kf9mg) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] WED 17:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (m0001cbh) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] WED 18:00 Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch by Dorothy K Haynes (b0076pj7)

3. Pentecost - a Flashback A prayer meeting in wartime Glasgow is rudely interrupted, and the life of the hall caretaker is changed forever. Read by Tamara Kennedy. The Scottish author Dorothy K. Haynes (1918-1987) was a prolific writer of short stories who specialised in the supernatural and the unsettling. The first of five readings taken from her award-winning collection, Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch - first published in 1949 with illustrations by Mervyn Peake. Produced by David Jackson Young. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004. WED 18:15 Fresh Blood (b0089b39) Inner Critic by Jules Horne A spiteful voice in Danni's ear is crushing her spirit. Can she rid herself of it? Jules Horne's psychological drama. Danni Vicki Liddelle Inner Critic Jenny Ryan Dr Graham Iain Agnew Simon Cadogan Mark McDonnell Producer: David Ian Neville Part of a BBC Writersroom initiative to showcase dramas from writers across the country who had not yet had work broadcast on network radio.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in April 2006. WED 18:30 Short Cuts (m000jmt9) Kids Josie Long presents short documentaries and audio adventures with and about kids. Exploring the world through the eyes of a little boy, beauty pageants for children, a weather forecast takeover and finding a newborn on the subway. Let's Get Lost Together Featuring Eligh Moon Produced by Sara Brooke Curtis Beauty Queen Dropout Featuring Samara Addai Produced by Deborah Shorinde The Random Weather Report Featuring Niamh and Tommy Produced by Chris Attaway Originally produced for Audio Playground audioplayground.xyz Bundle on the Subway Featuring Pete Mercurio and Danny Stewart Produced by Andrea Rangecroft A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2020.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007n162) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] WED 19:30 No Commitments (b00s9xc) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] WED 20:00 Paul Temple (b007rgr1) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] WED 20:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b01cwvp3) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] WED 21:00 Down By The River (m0011cnd) [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today] WED 22:00 The Cold Swedish Winter (m0001cbh) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] WED 22:30 Les Kelly's Britain (b01753jn) Episode 2 Les Kelly hosts a magazine show from hell. Les is a cross between Jeremy Kyle and a slap in the face. He claims this is the only radio show for 'normal, decent people'. Les meets Britain's first firm of emergency yodelers, a woman whose claim to fame is that she can walk backwards, and a man with such an embarrassing medical condition that Les refuses to have him on the show. Starring Kevin Bishop as Les Kelly. With: Alan Francis Pippa Evans Laurence Howarth Anthony Spargo Written by Bill Dare and Julian Dutton.

Producer Bill Dare. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011. WED 23:00 Bleak Expectations (b00w2282) Series 4 A Wretched Life Made Much, Much Sadder After an embarrassing disaster involving a bridge and a train full of puppies and orphans Pip and Harry travel to America on the SS Massive Britain, where Pip begins a reading tour. But all is not as it seems and Mister Benevolent lures our hero into a gunfight at the "All Right I Suppose Corral" 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 (b0bbrdx9) Series 5 With sleepover guest Jane Horrocks 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 shooed 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 with a dozy vengeance. Recorded in the dark and in real beds, tonight BAFTA-winning actor Jane Horrocks sleeps over on the pull out bed and discusses the curse of a happy childhood and David Bowie - and also does her impression of a neighing horse that once brought unwanted attention from a stallion. "A welcome comfort against the gathering storm clouds" - The Spectator "Funny, strange, enchanting, and beautifully put together" - The Observer "You'll with 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 Producer: Peter Curran A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018. WED 23:45 Roger McGough's Other Half (b04ykdyj) Kids, eh? 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 Roger's 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.

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CAST: Paul Temple Peter Coke Steve Marjorie Westbury Sir Graham Forbes Richard Williams Terry Palmer Peter Wilde Charlie James Beattie Bill McCall John Scott Philip Droste Simon Luck Roger Shelly Richard Hurdall Marian Faber Betty Hardy From 1938 to 1969 the fictional crime novelist and detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist Steve, solved case after case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars, where the women were chic and the men wore cravats - a world where Sir Graham Forbes, of Scotland Yard, usually needed Paul's help with his latest tricky case. Producer: Martyn C. Webster First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1959. THU 06:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b01d5p72) A Reconstructed Corpse 3. Discovery Another severed limb turns up.

Actor-cum-sleuth Charles enlists long-suffering Frances' help to solve the mystery of to whom it belongs. Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris. Written by Jeremy Front - based on Simon Brett's novel. Charles Paris Bill Nighy Frances Suzanne Burden Maurice Jon Glover Rob Garston Adam Billington Superintendent Sorsby Gerard McDermott Sergeant Simon Bubb Sam Noakes Adjoa Andoh Director: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012. THU 07:00 ReincarnateNathan (m0002c31) Series 1 Shrimp Nathan didn't really nail life the first time round, so he's been reincarnated and given a second chance. This week he's a shrimp in a rockpool in Scarborough. Diane Morgan and Daniel Rigby star in a comedy about the afterlife, with special guest stars Miles Jupp and Jon Culshaw. A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4 Diane Morgan - Jenny Daniel Rigby - Nathan Tom Craine - Shrimp 4, Minstrel Amy-Beth Hayes - Shrimp 1 Miles Jupp - King Harold Henry Paker - Crab Freya Parker - Electronic Voice And featuring Jon Culshaw as the voice of Rick Stein Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Paker Producers: Harriet Jaine and Jonno Richards Music Composed by: Phil Lepherd First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019. THU 07:30 The Break (m000kxtm) Series 3 6. Fly Flamford Jeff (Philip Jackson) and Andy (James Northcote) are awaiting their departure from Winifred Holby International Airport, formerly RAF Flamford Heath, with a major repurposing in the 90s as Flamin' Wheels Go-Kart Centre. They've taken advantage of The Flamford Bugle's 2-for-1 ticket offer to mark the "exciting new route" to Rome-Maremma by low budget airline AlexAir. They're soon joined by Fish Shop Frank (Mark Benton), Copper Kettle proprietor and nervous flyer Joyce Rickles (Alison Steadman) and Flamford's Number One aged curmudgeon, Mr Truepenny (Rasmus Hardiker) - all of them with an eye for a bargain and all of them fellow 2-for-1 ticketeers. Frank has already started on the pints ("What? I'm on holiday"), Joyce has been on a Flying-With-Confidence course ("My mantra is 'Turnips!') and Mr Truepenny is behaving more oddly than normal ("I dropped an E earlier and I think it's kicking in"). They soon find cheapest is not always best. As the flight delays mount, so tempers rise and questions are asked. When's the plane leaving? What is Frank's secret? Who is Simon? And why does WH Smith sell water in litre bottles which you cannot possibly finish before you reach the security gate? 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 (b007jpbr) Series 8 Episode 9

After nine weeks on air, Radio Prune is celebrates its centenary - plus honeymoon horror!

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, 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 Graeme Garden, Bill Oddie, Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1970.

THU 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jm9v)

Series 4

4. Fund-raising

The school's staff exercise their entrepreneurial skills, while Mr Sims alarms his colleagues.

Jim Eldridge's gentle drama about the staff and students of the fictitious King Street Junior School.

CAST:

Mr Long Paul Copley
Philip Sims Karl Howman
Mr Beeston, the Headmaster James Grout
Mr Holliday, the Deputy Head Tom Watson
Mrs Stone, the School Secretary Margaret John
Mrs Patterson Deidre Costello
Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway
Jignesh Adam Phillips
Adam/Tony Nicholas Gatt
Razia Alex Kind

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1989.

THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b096h777)

Series 19

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Richard Osman, Arthur Smith, Lou Sanders and Phil Wang are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as dolphins, cows, Arnold Schwarzenegger and students.

Produced by Jon Naismith

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

THU 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b008gbwy)

Series 2

Heart Throbs

At last, Robert's up for a part. He's about to play opposite Kim Basinger.

Will he let it go to his head? What do you think?

John Gordon Sinclair stars in Paul Mayhew-Archer's sitcom.

Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair
Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn
Sue Caroline Quentin

With:

Sally Grace
Jane Slavin
Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1990.

THU 10:00 CP Snow - Strangers and Brothers (b017sr7)

The Corridors of Power

Post-war politics throws up surprises for Lewis Eliot, as a rising star enlists his help.

C.P. Snow's epic novel sequence about the English Establishment and Power.

CAST:

Lewis Eliot David Haig
Roger Quaife Iain Glen
Margaret Eliot Juliet Aubrey
Lord Collingwood Ronald Pickup
Caro Quaife Julia Watson
Lord Gilbey John Woodvine
Walter Luke Jeremy Swift
David Rubin Rolf Saxon
Diana Skidmore Avril Clark
Phillips Richard Firth
Francis Getliffe Geoffrey Whitehead
Obaldiston David Leonard
Sir Hector Rose John Carlisle
Brodzinski Christopher Rozycki

Dramatised by Jonathan Holloway.

Directed by Jeremy Howe and Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m00119c0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0012h9p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b007jpbr)

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THU 12:30 King Street Junior (b007jm9v)

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THU 13:00 Paul Temple (b007rj64)

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THU 13:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b01d5p72)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Rudolf Nureyev: The Life by Julie Kavanagh

(b007ypic)

The Purest and the Dirtiest

Rudolf Nureyev creates a dark, complicated ballet based on a poem by Lord Byron.

Read by Jamie Glover

Abridged by Miranda Davies.

Producer: Amber Barnfather

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 14:15 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b0b2m5yg)

4. Cathy

Emily Bronte's iconic love story. Her only novel is unforgettable, full of passion and darkness. Thrilling but haunting until the very end, uniquely bound to its setting on the bleak Yorkshire moors.

Nelly Dean is the voice of normality and reason in a world of chaos, darkness and intense passion. Heathcliff and Cathy's love is the beating heart of the story, and even after Cathy's death we hear her chilling and ghostly voice.

An intensely powerful and haunting soundscape weaves around the action as the two grow from children to adults and we witness the brutal actions that lead to Heathcliff's own cruelty. Cruelty that shatters the lives of all those around him. But even through Heathcliff's destruction there is a redemptive ending filled with such mystery and lyricism it works like a spell.

In this episode, Heathcliff has returned to the Heights and for Nelly it feels like an evil beast is prowling, waiting his time to destroy. Should Nelly warn Cathy of the danger ahead?

Starring Ben Batt and Chloe Pirrie.

Dramatised in ten parts by award-winning writer Rachel Joyce.

Heathcliff Ben Batt
Cathy Chloe Pirrie
Nelly Emma Fielding

Produced and directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

THU 14:30 Midwives to Be (b04vf6z9)

It's one of the most popular degree courses in the country. If you've managed to secure a place at King's College London to study midwifery, you've beaten 17 other applicants to secure the place.

In September 2014, Sarah Taylor followed the new intake of BSc Midwifery students studying at King's College London. Less than half of them are straight from school, some arrive on the course having already studied something completely different. Other members have finally got a place to study midwifery after doing their time as Health Care Assistants and studying via the access course route.

It's a really diverse student group and of the 99 student midwives, just one is male. The students share their stories of what motivated them to apply for the course, how hard it was to get on and how they are coping with the first term. It's an intense student experience - twelve hour shifts in hospital alongside lots of lectures to help them get up to speed with everything they need to know to support women in labour.

Presented and produced by Sarah Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

THU 15:00 CP Snow - Strangers and Brothers (b017sr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b096h777)

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THU 16:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b008gbwy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 ReincarNathan (m0002c31)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 The Break (m000ktxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch by Dorothy K Haynes (b0076pjr)

4. The Memory

A child is convinced that she witnessed an execution.

Read by Tamara Kennedy.

The Scottish author Dorothy K. Haynes (1918-1987) was a prolific writer of short stories who specialised in the supernatural and the unsettling.

The first of five readings taken from her award-winning collection, Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch - first published in 1949 with illustrations by Mervyn Peake.

Produced by David Jackson Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

THU 18:15 Fresh Blood (b007k2rk)

Meatballs Are Murder by Rhys Lloyd

After an all-night party, Sol wakes up in unusually well-furnished surroundings.

Rhys Lloyd's dark comic horror.

Sol Stuart McLoughlin
Louise Tracy Wiles
George Kim Wall
Rose Elizabeth Bell

Producer: Colin Guthrie

Part of a BBC Writersroom initiative to showcase dramas from writers across the country who had not yet had work broadcast on network radio.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in April 2006.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b09111hc)

Series 43

Don McCullin on Norman Lewis

In 1968 Norman Lewis wrote an article called Genocide in Brazil. The photographs that accompanied it were by Don McCullin.

Lewis later said that this one piece of journalism was the great achievement of his life. It led directly to the creation of Survival International and a change in the law relating to the treatment of indigenous people in Brazil.

Lewis is known as a brilliant writer - one of our best, said Graham Greene, 'not of any particular decade of our century'. He's best remembered for A Dragon Apparent and Naples '44. Don McCullin didn't travel with Norman Lewis to Brazil, but they struck up an unexpected friendship. He was like my father, the great photographer says. And in Norman Lewis's later years they worked together in Venezuela, Papua New Guinea and elsewhere. But McCullin didn't read many of his books. "I struggled through Naples '44" he admits. Yet his admiration for the way Lewis opened his eyes to the world remains undimmed.

Recorded on location at McCullin's Somerset farmhouse with Norman Lewis's biographer Julian Evans.

Matthew Parris presents.

Produced in Bristol by Miles Warde.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

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THU 22:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b01pg3r6)

Hereward The Wake

From the team who brought Radio 4 the story of Guy Fawkes and the French Revolution, The Penny Dreadfuls now turn their comic eye towards Hereward The Wake. Why has this Englishman responsible for leading the fight against the occupation of William The Conqueror, been so readily forgotten? The story didn't end when they ran out of embroidery cotton on the Bayeux Tapestry. Our mission is to make sure that from now on, you will know his name.

Written by David Reed and Humphrey Ker

Hereward...The Thonker
William The Conqueror, Leofwine, Thorkell, Guard, Haakan...Humphrey Ker
Frederick, Asketil, Thurstan, Odo...David Reed
Martin...Marek Larwood
Turfrida and Witch...Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Narrator...Justin Edwards
Producer...Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 23:15 Creme de la Crime (b007jr3j)

Series 1

The Cheese Killer

Michael Feydeau and David Pershore review the murderous case of Charles Sparrow. Stars Punt and Dennis. From September 2001.

THU 23:30 The Secret World (b0121myp)

Series 1

Episode 6

From William Hague to Simon Cowell, Jon Culshaw explores the bizarre private lives of famous folk. From May 2009.

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1. Watch the Birdie

A photograph circling the heads of three people at a party on a

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FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0011dsy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m0011by4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Talking to Strangers (b070hrqj)
 Episode 3
 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.
 A BBC Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

FRI 23:00 Brian Appleton's Unofficial Multi-Media Lecture (m0011cf2)
 It's Not What You Know - It's The Who
 It's the final lecture of the series, and after years of humiliation, Brian can take no more so decides to take revenge on his fellow rockers by exposing their mistakes, fluffs and bum notes.
 Written and performed by Graham Fellows
 Additional Research by Rex Brough
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

FRI 23:15 The Jail Diaries of Sir Ralph Stanza (m0011cf4)
 Final Stretch
 Poet Sir Ralph takes on prisoner Jermaine in an Eminem-style battle of the mics. Stars James Quinn.
 More extracts from the audio diaries of the prison poet-in-residence, as he continues his mission to bring culture to the masses and gently explain it to them.
 Sir Ralph Stanza ...James Quinn
 Carl ...James Scales
 ColinNeil Bell
 Jermaine.....Chris Jack
 Officer ...Joan Kempson
 Produced in Manchester by Graham Frost
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

FRI 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01hbrw8)
 Series 3
 Iota Credit Cards
 The management consultants tackle credit card security, with the morally dubious Owen. Stars Marcus Brigstocke. From July 2004.