

SATURDAY 04 DECEMBER 2021

SAT 00:00 **Weird Tales (b00wr8s9)**

Series 2

The House on Pale Avenue by Richard Vincent
Hoarder of horror Lovecraft returns to share three more chilling tales.

By Richard Vincent.
Scratching in the walls, under the floorboards, in the pipes: their new home is trying to tell the Williams family something and they won't be given a moment's peace until its secret is out in the open.

Geoff Williams Jamie Glover
Jane Williams Julia Ford
Sarah Williams Agnes Dromgoole
Martin Crabtree John Biggins
DCI Cram Piers Wehner
Psychiatrist Melissa Advani
Lovecraft Stephen Hogan

Directed by Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

SAT 00:30 **Off the Page (b01j5j2s)**

No Country for Old Men

"That is no country for old men," wrote Yeats in the opening line of his poem Sailing to Byzantium.

"I am trying to write about the state of my soul," he later explained.

Since when the phrase has been picked up in a novel by Cormac McCarthy, and a Coen brothers film based on the same book. But are we any closer to understanding what this phrase means, beyond realising something poignant is at work?

Tibor Fischer, Katharine Whitehorn and Guy Browning all approach the subject with three very different columns about age, experience, and youth.

For Guy Browning this is no longer a country for old men because they've decided that staying young is more to their taste. Katharine Whitehorn, agony aunt at Saga, argues for the creation of a fourth age of man, while Tibor Fischer worries about what has changed more, his world or him.

Presented by Dominic Arkwright.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

SAT 01:00 **The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000c2zc)**

4. Saraband to a Burning Fuse

Johnny Shields and Julie are now on board the St Gothard Express bound for Lugano.

Somehow they have to warn the authorities that Karl is in danger...

Starring Peter Coke.

Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the world of highly-organised international smugglers

Shields Peter Coke

The Major Bob Grant

Greta Veronica Doran

Muff Robert Powell

Julie Anne Stallybrass

Jean Hogg Heather Stoney

Walter Ben Kingsley

Producer: Alan Ayckbourn

Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968.

SAT 01:30 **Burnt (b09tbs3h)**

5. Much Knowledge

As Milkie tries to find out how far the political corruption goes - can he deal with consequences?

Starring Dennis Waterman.

Nigel Baldwin's taut political thriller serial.

Milkie ... Dennis Waterman

The Teller ... Ray Smith

Beth ... Bethan Jones

Angela ... Tara Dominic

Huw ... Richard Elfyn

Sharon ... Emma Gregory

Pauline ... Eluned Jones

Laura ... Richards

Music by Laurie Scott Baker.

Producer: Jane Dauncey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.

SAT 02:00 **The Reformation by Diarmaid MacCulloch (b087twdf)**

5. The United States: Protestant World Power

Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch explains the journey of the English Protestant Reformation from Europe to America.

He concludes his exploration of its continuing influence on life and politics in the United States.

Producer: Dixi Stewart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

SAT 02:15 **Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (b00cvbj4)**

10. Mounting Debts

Emma has tried and exhausted every effort to repay her debts, but feels that she's left with only one course of action...

Gripping conclusion of the Gustave Flaubert's French masterpiece of betrayal and wantonness.

Narrated by John Hurt.

Dramatised by Diana Griffiths from Margaret Mauldon's translation.

Narrator John Hurt

Emma Sarah Smart

Charles Conrad Nelson

Monsieur Homais David Fleeshman

Berthe Bovary Daisy Jones

Victor Lariviere Martin Reeve

Producer: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

SAT 02:30 **The Ice Mountain (b01g65gs)**

In 1912, RMS Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic, and more than 1500 people died as a result of this collision.

As a result, the International Ice Patrol (ICP) was formed to monitor the ice conditions near the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and warn mariners of the dangers that icebergs present to safe navigation.

A haunting soundscape follows the journey of a fictional iceberg as it travels south into the North Atlantic after calving from a glacier in Greenland.

Narrated by Adjoa Andoh.

Sound recordings by Chris Watson.

Producer: Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.

SAT 03:00 **James Fenimore Cooper - The Spy (b01b8yyb)**

2. Captured

New York State, 1778. Henry Wharton, a young soldier for the British, has been captured by American forces while wearing a disguise in no-man's land.

He must stand trial as a spy, and if found guilty, he will hang.

Can General Washington be found in time to issue a pardon? Starring Burn Gorman, Rose Leslie and Alex Waldmann.

Conclusion of James Fenimore Cooper's tale of espionage and divided loyalties during the American War of Independence. Dramatised by DJ Britton.

Harvey Birch Burn Gorman

Frances Rose Leslie

Henry Alex Waldmann

Mr Wharton James Lailey

Sarah Francine Chamberlain

Mr Harper Timothy Watson

Caesar Richard Pepple

Peyton Dunwoodie Simon Bubb

Captain Lawton Gerard McDermott

Skinner Adam Billington

Isabella Singleton Victoria Inez Hardy

Colonel Martin Paul Moriarty

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SAT 04:00 **Funny You Should Ask (b0b3j9rj)**

From 23/07/1979

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:

Sid Colin, Barry Cryer and John Junkin recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.

Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1979.

SAT 04:30 **In the Red (b007jzr4)**

Episode 2

Can anarchic BBC reporter George Cragge keep his job and get nearer to the murderer?

London is plagued by a series of bizarre murders of bank managers. Hot on the trail of the killer are old-style Chief Police Inspector Frank Jefferson and BBC Radio's anarchic crime correspondent, George Cragge.

Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.

Mark Tavener's blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties.

Dramatised by his novel by Mark Tavener and Peter Baynham.

George Cragge Michael Williams

Frank Jefferson Barry Foster

Geoffrey Crichton-Potter Stephen Moore

Henry Julian Rhind-Tutt

Max Peter Woodthorpe

Controller Radio 2 Stephen Fry

Controller Radio 4 John Bird

Dominic De'ath Benjamin Whitrow

Hercules Fortescue Nicholas Le Prevost

Caroline Susie Brann

Andrew James Peter Serafinowicz

With Alice Arnold, Annabel Mullion, Jonathan Keeble and Gavin Muir.

Music by Tony McAnaney.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

SAT 05:00 **Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r0fv7)**

Series 1

Taking Overs

A successful pilot sparked the first of two series of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village.

Starring Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt.

Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, where she grew up, to borrow cash from her parents. But when she tried to return to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village - refusing to let anyone in or out.

Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to this alien menace, so Katrina has no choice but to start the resistance movement

herself, in the cricket pavilion.

In this episode, the force field around the village is keeping out all the rain, so the villagers can no longer moan about the weather.

Uljabaan realises this means they're moaning about him instead. So he distracts villagers with a cricket match - aliens versus humans - whilst trying to build a device to simulate rain.

Katrina sees an opportunity to sabotage Uljabaan's computer - if she can keep the match going long enough...

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Field Commander Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Computer John-Luke Roberts

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2013.

SAT 05:30 **It's Not What You Know (b09v6xwz)**

Series 5

Episode 2

What would be Gyles Brandreth superpower, who is Sarah Kendall's all time hero and what is the source of Phil Wang's shame?

All these questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Joe Lycett where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.

Produced by Adnan Ahmed.

It was a BBC Studios Production.

SAT 06:00 **Tony Mulholland - Aesop's Astronauts (b007jxn0)**

Tony Mulholland's drama answers a question:

What happened to the animals that were sent up in rockets in the early days of the American/Soviet 'Space Race'?

Ginzberg Philip O'Brien

Whitman Don Fellows

Sylvia Marian Kemmer

Mona Toyah Wilcox

Josh Jim Christian

Von Essen Christian Rodska

Berryman Ed Bishop

Austin Ron Berglas

Jethro Paul Birchard

Satan Christopher Rozycki

Ivan Yuri Stephanov

Valentina Valentina Yakunina

Pushkin Rad Lazina

Chico Lewis Hancock

Marie Buffy Davis

Pluto Michael Elliot

Cameron Alisha Dean

Police Officer Martin Cookson

Original music written and played by Jeff Mearns

Director: Brian Lighthill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.

SAT 07:30 **Great Lives (b0938pwl)**

Series 43

Nicholas Stern on Muhammad Ali
Nicholas Stern is IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at the London School of Economics, among other positions, and former Chief Economist at the World Bank.

He is also a massive boxing fan and chooses the life of Muhammad Ali to explore with Matthew Parris and sports journalist and boxing commentator Ronald McIntosh.

Not only does Stern admire Ali's prowess in the ring, but more so his fearless stance against the Vietnam War which cost him dearly both personally and professionally.

Ali's humanitarian work in later life has also been a huge source of inspiration to him.

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

SAT 08:00 **Listomania (b0b0fty3)**

Series 1

Episode 4

From the magnificent to the mundane.

From the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more...

Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the lists.

With:

Lucy Beaumont

Nat Luurtsema

Alun Cochrane

Richard Herring

Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis and Gabby Hutchinson Crouch.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2015.

SAT 08:30 **All the Young Dudes (b007qx33)**

Series 1

Lazy Sunday

Joe and Maria's pub is losing trade to the Irish Theme Bar down the road, which involves taking some drastic measures.

Comedy drama written by and starring Jim Sweeney.

Patrick Jim Sweeney

Helen Cathryn Harrison

Billy Steve Steen

Joe Stephen Frost

Moira Sadie Shimmin

Maria Flaminia Cincque

Charlie Izzy De Rosario

Announcer: Whispering Bob Harris

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 09:00 Mastertapes - Access All Areas (m0001m4t)

John Wilson goes behind the scenes of the iconic BBC studios at Maida Vale where over 40 episodes of BBC Radio 4's Mastertapes were recorded.

Starting with the very first series recorded in 2012, John takes us on a three hour songwriting masterclass.

Featuring:

Sir Paul McCartney

Tom Jones

Emeli Sandé

Robbie Williams

Rufus Wainwright

Laura Marling

Producer: Sarah Shebpeare

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2018.

SAT 12:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08wp5cq)

Series 6

Untamed & Theft By Finding

The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller is back with more words of wit and wisdom.

* A new story fresh from the pages of The New Yorker, Untamed

* Extracts from his book *Theft By Finding*, a compilation of diary entries from 1977-2002.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris's first book, *Barrel Fever* (1994), which included *The SantaLand Diaries*, was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, *Naked* (1997), *Holidays on Ice* (1997) and *Me Talk Pretty One Day* (2000). He became known for his biting funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for *Best Spoken Word* and *Best Comedy Album*. A feature film adaptation of his story *C.O.G.* was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He has been a contributor to BBC Radio 4 since 1996.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4m first broadcast in July 2017.

SAT 12:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007s5g7)

Series 1

1. Boothby Graffoe

From the Bonzo Dog Band to Spike Jones and the City Slickers. Musical comedian Mitch Benn presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs by other performers.

With guest Boothby Graffoe.

Producer: Ed Morrish

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in July 2005.

SAT 13:00 The Man Behind the Mask – Dave Prowse (m00120y8)

A tribute to Dave Prowse, the Bristol-born bodybuilder, champion weight-lifter turned actor.

Dave rose to fame as the face of Britain's road safety campaign, The Green Cross Man - and later as the man behind the mask of one of cinema's greatest villains, Darth Vader in *'Star Wars'*.

Dave Prowse died aged 85 on 28th November, 2020.

Producer: Tom Ryan

First broadcast on BBC Radio Bristol in 2020.

SAT 14:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b06kb0g6)

The Odyssey

Incredible monsters plus an encounter with an enchantress!

Comedy trio The Penny Dreadfuls take on Homer's tale of Odysseus's epic journey home from the Trojan Wars.

Starring Robert Webb as Odysseus.

With Humphrey Ker, David Reed and Thom Tuck

Plus guests:

Lolly Adefope

Margaret Cabour-Smith

Written by David Reed with additional material by Humphrey Ker.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2015.

SAT 15:00 Hut 33 (b001jn73)

Series 1

Bridge Too Far

Three wartime code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut as they try to break German ciphers. Unfortunately, they hate each other.

James Cary's sitcom set in Bletchley Park in 1941.

Charles Robert Bathurst

Archie Tom Goodman-Hill

Minka Olivia Colman

Gordon Fergus Craig

Mrs Best Lill Roughley

Joshua Alex MacQueen

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

SAT 15:30 Bleak Expectations (b00wlgmn)

Series 4

A Life Destroyed Then Repaired and Rehappied

Pip in the company of Pippa, the Reverend Fecund and Harry Biscuit, now just a brain in a jar, have tracked Mister Benevolent to the heart of the vast Russian Empire.

But when they find him, he is at the head of a mighty army.

Who will triumph in the final battle between good and evil?

Will Harry get a new body? Will Mister Benevolent detonate his infamous cheese bomb? And what is the correct way to spell Czar?

As fate decides these crucial questions it seems there are a few surprises in store for Pip.

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

Reverend Godly Fecund David Mitchell

Producer Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

SAT 16:00 Tony Mulholland - Aesop's Astronauts (b007jxn0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b0938pwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Spine Chillers (b08dc0tf)

Don Webb - Witch Water Green

Barbara Tate and her baby girl are on their own in their new home - a converted mill deep in the country.

The move has been a strain. Barbara is lonely and the baby is unsettled.

But there's another reason for the disquiet she feels... somewhere.

Don Webb's chilling tale stars Pam Ferris.

Barbara Tate Pam Ferris

Dr Jane Rayner Jenny Lee

The Rev Roy Brown Nigel Anthony

Johnny Goad Brian Southwood

Wendy Williams Kate Lee

Directed at BBC Manchester by Tony Cliff.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

SAT 19:00 Mastertapes - Access All Areas (m0001m4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Lee Mack Show (b00bt53m)

Suggs

Lee Mack presents stand-up comedy, sketches and music.

With:

Suggs

Milton Jones

Angela McHale

Music by Steve Brown, Kevin Powell and Mark Allis.

Written by Lee Mack and Neil Webster.

Additional material by Milton Jones, Rhodri Crooks and Paul Kerensa.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2005.

SAT 22:30 Women Talking About Cars (m0001jq7)

Series 3

3. Lynda La Plante

Lynda La Plante, is the award-winning writer behind Prime Suspect and Widows.

She talks to Victoria Coren Mitchell about her life and the cars she has driven along the way.

From her origins in Liverpool to the stage to the USA and becoming a writer, via a Mini Cooper that turned out to be two Mini Coopers stuck together, a magnificent Mercedes and love at first sight with a Rolls Royce Corniche.

Lynda tells her hilarious, uplifting and thought-provoking life story.

Readings by Sarah Hadland

Producer: Gareth Edwards

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2018.

SAT 23:00 The Skivers (b00805wv)

Series 2

Jon Pertwee

Doctor Who meets Wozzel Gummidge, as Nick and Tim

welcome special guest Jon Pertwee

Skilful sketch show written and performed by Nick Golson and

Tim de Jongh.

With:

Peter Bradshaw

Mel Giedroyc

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b001mdjr)

Series 1

Baghdad

Charles and Archie jump at the chance of going to Iraq, but the posting turns out not to be as cushy as it first seemed.

James Cary's sitcom set in Bletchley Park in 1941.

Three code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut, as they try to break German ciphers. Unfortunately, they hate each other.

Charles Robert Bathurst

Archie Tom Goodman-Hill

Minka Olivia Colman

Gordon Fergus Craig

Mrs Best Lill Roughley

Joshua Alex MacQueen

Written by James Cary.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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SUN 00:00 Spine Chillers (b08dc0tf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 The Man Behind the Mask – Dave Prowse (m00120y8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b06kb0g6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 Hut 33 (b001jn73)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Saturday]

SUN 03:30 Bleak Expectations (b00wlgmn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 Tony Mulholland - Aesop's Astronauts (b007jxn0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b0938pwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 The Reformation by Diarmaid MacCulloch (Omnibus) (b088smmy)

500 years on from the Reformation, Diarmaid MacCulloch explores its impact on people's lives now.

He starts by examining how the announcement of a university seminar in Germany led to the division of Europe.

Diarmaid examines the ideas of Martin Luther, where they came from and why they proved so revolutionary, tracing their development and influence, and reflecting on what they mean for us today.

Omnibus of five parts.

Producer: Dixi Stewart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0002rx7)

Lily Allen

Singer-songwriter Lily Allen chooses I'm Always on a Mountain When I Fall, performed by Merle Haggard, and Fix You by Coldplay.

SUN 07:20 Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary (Omnibus) (b00cz223)

Episode 2

Beautiful Emma Bovary is planning to elope with her lover, Rodolphe.

Conclusion of Gustave Flaubert's French masterpiece of betrayal and wantonness.

Narrated by John Hurt.

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes.

Dramatised by Diana Griffiths from Margaret Mauldon's translation.

Narrator John Hurt

Charles Conrad Nelson

Emma Sarah Smart

Rodolphe Boulanger Jude Akuwudike

Madame Bovary Snr Brigit Forsyth

Monsieur Lheureux Seamus O'Neill

Felicite Sarah Jane Hallworth

Producer: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SUN 08:30 A Life of Bliss (m0008tpp)

Man At Bay

An old flame of David's has womaniser Phil in her sights. David and Zoe come to the rescue.

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

David Bliss George Cole

Anne Fellows Diana Churchill

Tony Fellows Colin Gordon

Zoe Hunter Sheila Sweet

'Psyche' the Dog Percy Edwards

Phil Bender Donald Sinden

Eve Gunning Rosemary Miller

John Gunning Felix Felton

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

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

The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1959.

SUN 09:00 Life With The Lyons (m00125vf)

Father's Day

Will Ben get the Father's Day treatment he deserves?

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 Fenoullet.
Producer: Tom Ronald.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1954.
SUN 09:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b016x4sv)
Series 1
April 21st to 25th
Damien is reluctantly drawn into accepting a job for a supermarket's online magazine, whilst Anthony resolves to start the "courgette diet" and lose a few pounds.
More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - written by and starring Miles Jupp.
In a mixture of narrative, dialogue and recipes, Damien unflinchingly captures every angle of his day-to-day life, "no matter how grizzly or, indeed, how gristly".
The programme also features Damien's easy-to-follow recipes for a simple Lobster Bisque, a comforting Lardy Cake, relating Nettle Tea and easy Wiener Schnitzel.
Damien Trench Miles Jupp
Anthony Justin Edwards
Geraldine McBeef Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey
Ian Frobisher Philip Fox
Producer: Sam Michell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m00125vh)
Absent Friends 2021
Charlie Watts
From Charlie Parker to Stravinsky.
The Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts shares his castaway choices with Sue Lawley.
Charlie joined the fledgling rock band of Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Brian Jones in January 1963.
Watts helped them become one of the bands who took rock 'n' roll to the masses in the 60s with classics like (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction, Jumpin' Jack Flash, Get Off My Cloud and Sympathy for the Devil.
Charlie shares stories about his life out on tour, his fastidious nature as well as his love of all things stylish.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.
SUN 10:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0001fcp)
Series 12
Two Infinities and Beyond - part 1
"Is anything in the Universe truly infinite, or is infinity something that only exists in mathematics?"
This momentous question came from father and son duo from Edinburgh Sorley aged 10 and Tom, aged adult. It's a subject so big, that we've devoted two episodes to our never-ending quest to investigate infinity.
The first installment is a story of mathematics, music and murder. We'll find out why the ancient Pythagoreans decided that infinity was evil, and why some infinities are bigger than others.
Featuring the marvellous mathematical minds of Steven Strogatz from the Cornell University and Eugenia Cheng, author of 'Beyond Infinity'.
Presenters: Adam Rutherford, Hannah Fry
Producer: Michelle Martin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.
SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000kfw0)
Series 10
Shipwrecked & Complicated Mothers
True stories told live in the USA: Sarah Austin Jenness introduces tales of heritage, being lost and challenging last moments.
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 (m0002rx7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m00125vl)
A Vision on Peckham Rye
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects A Vision on Peckham Rye. Levi Roots returns to South London to find out more about his favourite poet, William Blake and uncover the story of Blake's supposed first vision of angels bespangling the branches of a tree on Peckham Rye at the age of "8 or 10".
"Sauntering along the boy looks up and sees a tree filled with

angels, bright angelic wings bespangling every bough, like stars."
When Levi Roots was 15, a teacher read out William Blake's The Tyger to the class. For Levi, it was a life-changing moment. The singer and entrepreneur had only just learned to read and describes the poem as exploding into his brain the way no words ever had before.
Writers, poets and artists continue to draw inspiration from this idea and we hear from some of them about why Blake, and especially this story, continues to have such powerful resonance. David Almond, explains how Blake crept into his novel Skellig and why he thinks that childhood imagination is different from that of adults. Chris McCabe has been researching the poetic vibrations of the area across the centuries for a book about the lost poets of Nunhead Cemetery, Cenotaph South, and accompanies Levi on a quest to find Blake's tree. The filmmaker Sarah Turner recreated the angel incident for her film Public House, about the successful community takeover of a local pub.
The programme includes readings by Peter Marinker, Chris McCabe, Levi Roots, Georgia Peskett, Barnaby Steed, David Almond and the students of Harris Girls Academy East Dulwich.
The choral piece, Criers of Peckham Rye, was for the film Public House by Duncan Macleod and performed by Dulwich Folk Choir and Duncan Macleod. The programme features other extracts from the film Public House made and sound designed by Sarah Turner.
Producer: Natalie Steed
A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.
SUN 12:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b0785rmm)
Series 2
Plato
Join Natalie Haynes and guests for half an hour of comedy and the Classics from the BBC Radio Theatre in London.
Natalie is a reformed comedian who is a little bit obsessive about Ancient Greece and Rome.
She's standing up in the name of one of the world's greatest thinkers, Plato.
With the help of:
Psychotherapist, Philippa Perry
Classicist, Professor Edith Hall.
Plato wasn't perfect, even though he talks about perfection all the time. Turns out he was on the chunky side and had bad eyesight. On the other hand, he was very good at wrestling.
Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2016.
SUN 13:00 The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman (Omnibus) (b09d517r)
La Belle Sauvage
22 years after the publication of Philip Pullman's NORTHERN LIGHTS, the author returned to the world of HIS DARK MATERIALS with a brand new trilogy.
LA BELLE SAUVAGE, read by Simon Russell Beale, is the first volume of THE BOOK OF DUST.
Set ten years before the events of HIS DARK MATERIALS, this novel explores the origins of that story.
We open in Oxford, at The Trout Inn, with a pot boy named Malcolm Polstead, and the whisper of a mysterious baby girl, hidden at the local convent, in the care of the nuns...
Read by Simon Russell Beale.
Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes.
Producer: Allegra McLroy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.
SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m000610k)
Paul Young
Singer Paul Young chooses "The Yellow Rose of Texas" by Mitch Miller and "These Arms of Mine" by Otis Redding.
SUN 14:20 Ben Lewis - House Rules (Omnibus) (m0007499)
Series 2
The return of Ben Lewis's witty real-time drama set around a kitchen table at the weekly meetings of an argumentative yet lovable blended family.
Drawing on her experience as Assistant Chairperson of the Key Stage 3 Debating Society, 14 year-old Amelia has established her very own weekly meetings at home.
Every Monday evening, gavel in hand, Amelia calls the Washburn McGintys together to air their grievances and attempt to resolve their problems.
But with a new baby due any day, and grandmother Jan still living in the house, there's an air of uncertainty around what kind of a future the family hope to share.
Omnibus of five episodes.
Amelia ... Cleo Demetriou
Jan ... Barbara Flynn
Sean ... Jonathan Forbes
Nicole ... Claire Rushbrook
Callum ... Elliot Speller-Gillott
Director Kirsty Williams
First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in July 2019.
SUN 15:30 George on George (m00120z1)
Russell Davies looks back on the life of the Lancashire entertainer George Formby who, for 40 years, had the world of entertainment at his feet.
This programme features an exclusive archive recording of the late George Harrison, who was a huge fan of Formby's, discussing his admiration of the ukulele-playing star.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.
SUN 16:00 Jonathan Smith - The Last Bark of the Bulldog (m0008x15)
The United Kingdom suffered a political crisis in June 1953. It was Winston Churchill's last period in office as prime minister.
What happened when he suffered a stroke at 10 Downing Street?
Starring Benjamin Whitrow.
Events dramatised by Jonathan Smith.
Winston Churchill Benjamin Whitrow
Clementine Churchill Sian Phillips
Lord Moran ... Christian Rodska
Anthony Eden Michael Cochrane
Jock Colville.... Robert Portal
Nurse.... Emma Callander
Director: Bruce Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m00125vl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]
SUN 17:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b0785rmm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 18:00 A Short History of Gothic (b00pqnqn)
3. The Lady of the House of Love by Angela Carter
An unwary army officer meets the last of the Nosferatu family. The tormented psyche of a female vampire is explored in a fantastical tale about loneliness and despair.
This lady-of-the-night pores over the tarot cards, desperately hoping that they might reveal a way of escaping from her existence.
Angela Carter's vampire tale with a twist.
Read by Indira Varma.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2009.
SUN 18:30 Terry Pratchett (b00b8rpe)
Small Gods
Episode 3
Ephebian philosophers argue violently among themselves but they're no match for Deacon Vorbis.
However one philosopher, Didactylos, is prepared to stand up to him.
Terry Pratchett's comic Discworld fantasy.
Starring Carl Prekopp, Patrick Barlow, Alex Jennings and Anton Lesser.
Narrator Anton Lesser
Om Patrick Barlow
Brutha Carl Prekopp
Vorbis Alex Jennings
Didactylos Gerard McDermott
Urn John Cummins
Nhumrod Geoffrey Beevers
Sergeant Simony Nick Sayce
Other parts played by the cast.
Dramatised by Robin Brooks.
Producer: Claire Grove
Director: Gordon House
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.
SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000kfw0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0002rx7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 20:00 Jonathan Smith - The Last Bark of the Bulldog (m0008x15)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m00125vh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0001fcp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b0785rmm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test (b038n3dh)
3. British Culture
Paul Sinha is proudly British. He also loves a quiz. So you would have thought that the UK Citizenship Test, which newcomers to this country must pass to become citizens, would have been right up his street.
But the questions in the 2012 and 2013 Home Office guides seem either bizarrely easy - "Where is Welsh most widely spoken?" - or infuriatingly vague - "What happened in the First World War?".
So Paul has created his own test, to better reflect the things that aspiring migrants should understand before they can call themselves British.
In this episode, he looks at British culture - newspapers, TV, art and film.
He tests the studio audience on their knowledge, with those that answer incorrectly being deported; he also offers up £10 of his own money to anyone in the audience who can correctly identify an artist that the Home Office think all new immigrants should be aware of.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
Producer: Ed Morrish.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.
SUN 23:00 Colin Hout's Carnival of Monsters (b04ykk5x)
Series 2
Episode 3

Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.

A host of characters are the exhibits at the Carnival - all played by Colin Houtt himself.

Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as:

Wannabe Hollywood screenwriter Andy Parker; Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom'; and a host of other characters from acid jazz obsessives, to mask workshop coordinators.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

SUN 23:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b045fzcm)

Series 3

Penny Pinching and Austerity

Stephen K Amos sets out to compile an idiot's guide to penny pinching and austerity.

With:

Suzi Ruffell

Tom Rhodes

Andy Zaltzman

Additional material by Stephen Grant and Hugh Sington.

Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

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MON 00:00 A Short History of Gothic (b00pgnqn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Terry Pratchett (b00b8rpe)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman (Omnibus) (b09d517r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0006t0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

MON 02:20 Ben Lewis - House Rules (Omnibus) (m0007499)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 George on George (m00120z1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Jonathan Smith - The Last Bark of the Bulldog (m0008x15)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m00125v1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics (b0785rnr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d07j)

5. Smaller Shrinks the Standing Corn

Shields meets Marco and collects the plates.

But before he and Julie can get clear of the island, the alarm is raised by one of Bruno's men...

Starring Peter Coke.

Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the world of highly-organised international smugglers

Shields Peter Coke

The Major Bob Grant

Greta Veronica Doran

Julie Anne Stallybrass

Slip Colin Edwynn

Sergeant Ben Kingsley

Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.

Producer: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968.

MON 06:30 Burnt (b09tc6hp)

6. The Danger of Exposure

Milkie discovers exposing guilt is dangerous - when the powerful are rotten and the idealists are liars.

Starring Dennis Waterman.

Conclusion of Nigel Baldwin's taut political thriller.

Milkie ... Dennis Waterman

The Teller ... Ray Smith

Beth ... Bethan Jones

Huw ... Richard Elfyn

Pauline ... Eluned Jones

Gordon ... Michael Povey

Rhys ... Terry Victor

Sian ... Sian Summers

Dewi ... Robert David

Producer: Jane Daucey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.

MON 07:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b017551m)

Series 1

July 15th to 19th

Damien and his partner, Anthony, set off for the warm embrace of the Italian countryside so that Damien can do some writing for a new book, and their builder Mr Mullaney can have space to properly fit the granite worktops that Damien's been dreaming of "from what seems like the beginning of the Jurassic era".

But there's trouble in paradise when Damien receives a call to tell him their Umbrian villa has collapsed and they will have to go somewhere else. Luckily, Damien's agent, Ian, is quick to the rescue...

More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - "no matter how grizzly" as he puts it "or, indeed, how gristly".

Written by and starring Miles Jupp.

Also featuring Damien's easy-to-follow recipes for:

* a perfect pasta puttanesca

* comforting Cornish Pasties

* something for the more experimental, "pilchards al limone".

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

BA Lady/Helpful Student Alex Tregear

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00120sq)

Series 76

Episode 1

The 76th Series of Radio 4's multi award-winning 'antidote to panel games' promises yet more quality, desk-based entertainment for all the family. The series starts its run at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading where Ian Ravens and Omid Djalili are pitched against Tony Hawks and Barry Cryer, with Jack Dee as the programme's reluctant chairman. Regular listeners will know to expect inspired nonsense, pointless revelry and Colin Sell at the piano. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Marriage Lines (b05zt15x)

Series 2

Episode 2

With baby a week overdue, there's frustration for George and Kate.

Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.

Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds.

Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Starling Richard Briers

Kate Starling Prunella Scales

Mr Hopkins Clive Morton

Mrs Hopkins Noel Hood

Miles Colvey Edward de Souza

Dr Bennett Frederick Treves

Receptionist Beth Boyd

Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1967.

MON 08:30 Old Dog and Partridge (b007w3j9)

Episode 4

A lady-killer woos Mrs Drummond and Nicola is determined to find the right present for her dad Jack's birthday.

Starring Michael Williams.

Joe Turner's sitcom about a landlord who runs a pub with his, until recently, estranged daughter

Jack Michael Williams

Nicola Lisa Coleman

Mrs Drummond Cherry Morris

Andy Simon Greenall

Arthur Finetime Fontayne

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

MON 09:00 It's Your Round (b019f6kd)

Series 2

Episode 4

Four more panellists attempt to beat each other at their own games, with host, Angus Deayton.

Featured rounds:

Will Smith's "Jersey Quiz", all about the weird and wonderful world of his Channel Island birthplace.

Celia Pacquola's "Now That's Charity!" in which panellists must pitch a charity which they'd use to acquire enough funds to eradicate their personal bêtes noires, like men in flip-flops,

Jennifer Aniston films, or people always checking their phones.

Jason Solomon's "Tagline Tease" in which panellists have to guess the tagline to a particular film.

Andrew Maxwell's "Boarder, boarder, boarder or boarder" ... in which panellists are given a slang term and must guess whether it's from the world of snowboarding, surfboarding, clapperboarding or boarding school.

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

MON 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00cbmf6)

Series 1

Plethora Princess Regent

Awaiting news of a new pope, Plethora takes over Monte

Guano and Ludovico takes to his bed.

Neal Anthony's 16th century comedy drama about the chaotic lives of the ruling family of Renaissance Italy's most inconsequential city-state.

Ludovico David Swift

Plethora Sian Phillips

Francesco Graham Crowden

Alessandro Paul Bigley

Rosalie Saskia Wickham

Salvatori Nick Romero

Guido Christopher Kelham

Father Ignazio Kim Wall

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

MON 10:00 Drama (b09cverb)

Jayne Lake

While at university, Meggie lost her sight in an acid attack. 15 years later, through grit and tenacity, she's learned to cope with her "dark gift", making a success of her life as an audiobook director.

Now, an invitation to join her old college friends at a country cottage offers a chance to mend some broken bridges. But it is not long before the shadows of her past begin to re-emerge... Matthew Graham's taut psychological thriller can only be told in sound.

Jayne Lake is a chilling look at the tests of friendship and the altered perception caused by time and changing circumstance. Told from the perspective of a blind person, the play follows Meggie's terror and confusion as she strains to understand a series of shocking events and the silences in between.

Featuring a debut performance from comedian Georgie Morrell, who lost her own sight in her early 20s.

Meggie Georgie Morrell

Nick Tom Bennett

Karen Sophie Stanton

Barty David Kirkbride

Chloe Nicola Grier

Teenage Girl Kitty Smith

Audiobook Narrator Margo Cargill

Matthew Graham, is co-creator of BBC TV's Life On Mars and

Ashes To Ashes. He's also written for, among other things,

Spooks, This Life and Doctor Who.

Music and Sound Design: Steve Bond

Director: Kate Rowland

Producer: Russell Finch

Executive Producer: Jeremy Mortimer

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2017.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m00125v6)

Series 8

Building Our Zero Emissions Future

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores the battle against climate change. TED's Science Curator David Biello shares some promising solutions.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2020.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00125v8)

Bobby Gillespie

Primal Scream singer Bobby Gillespie chooses 'The Band

Played Waltzing Matilda' by June Tabor and 'Joe Hill' by The Dubliners.

MON 12:00 Marriage Lines (b05zt15x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 12:30 Old Dog and Partridge (b007w3j9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:00 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d07j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 Burnt (b09tc6hp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (b09rx6h)

Episode 1

James Joyce's autobiographical masterpiece.

Stephen Dedalus is growing up and absorbing the culture and religion of his native Ireland.

As he matures, he begins to question the values and ideas on which his life is built.

Stephen goes away to school for the first time. Wells pushes him into a ditch and during the fever that ensues, he has a vision of his own death. But it is the nationalist politician Parnell who has died.

Abridged in ten parts by Sara Davies.

Read by Andrew Scott.

The music is 'Of the Stilly Night' by Sir John Stevenson, performed by Robin Harris.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018..

MON 14:15 D for Dexter (b04nrh0x)

Series 1

Episode 1

Skye is 11 years old and lives with her brother Dexter, who's two and a half. And Spider the cat, and their Mum. But they're both usually out.

Skye looks after Dexter and plays with him. He likes it best when she plays her guitar, an electric guitar she found under a heap of clothes in her mum's bedroom. The bailiffs didn't take it even when they came back for the telly.

Skye's never had any lessons: she doesn't need them. But the new neighbours don't agree.

A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, exploring the issue of neglect, originally part of programming for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

The serial was inspired by collaboration with Home-Start UK, a national charity offering support to families struggling to cope, who receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.

The first of 7 series by Amanda Whittington.

Skye...Sydney Wade

Dexter...Elsa Rodgers

Jak...Una McNulty

Evan...Samuel Holland
 Alice...Jane Thornton
 Mags...Sarah Parks
 Lin...Martha Godber
 Guitarist: Pip Moore
 Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.
MON 14:30 Backstage Tales (b017x4f1)
 Getting a music tour on the road is a massive undertaking, particularly if the star has a large entourage.
 A big tour can be the size of a small town, and every night it ups sticks and takes to the road again. Just feeding the crew is a military operation, which takes an army of caterers.
 So how do they do it?
 Having spent over 30 years on the road, Midge Ure is perfectly placed to spill the beans on musicians on tour. As Midge says, it is an incredible thing to be part of but it is also a hermetically sealed bubble, detached from the real world and creating its own reality.
 Midge goes backstage into the bizarre world of musicians on tour, to explore how touring has changed since his heyday in the 80s and to meet the army of crew behind the scenes who put the tour together: the roadies, lighting technicians, sound engineers, tour managers, caterers, and the artists themselves.
 He hears their backstage tales and finds out exactly what it takes to get the show on the road.
 With:
 Jason Donovan
 Boy George
 Kim Wilde
 Belinda Carlisle
 Martin Kemp
 Producer: Melissa Fitzgerald
 A Blakeway production or BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2011.
MON 15:00 Drama (b09civrbf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 It's Your Round (b019f6kd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00cbm6c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b017551m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00120sq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 The First Church of the New Millennium by Bryan Appleyard (b007jqln)
 Episode 1
 It's 1999.
 As TV screens report of a space mission, top architect Stephen Rix has a sudden vision of a building that he feels compelled to construct.
 Read by David Horovitch.
 Brian Appleyard's novel was first published in 1994.
 Abridged in 10 parts by Ed Thomason.
 Producer Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.
MON 18:15 Jane Rogers - The Testament of Jessie Lamb (b02x62sy)
 Episode 1
 With the death toll from Maternal Death Syndrome rising daily and the world on the brink of disaster, teenager Jessie Lamb becomes convinced she must take action.
 Her act of heroism could save the human race.
 But will those closest to her offer their support?
 Starring Holliday Grainger.
 Jane Rogers dramatises her award-winning novel in five-parts.
 Jessie Holliday Grainger
 Joe Mark Jordan
 Cath Joanne Mitchell
 Mandy Kate Coogan
 Baz Oliver Lee
 Lisa Nisa Cole
 Director: Nadia Molinari
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0213ygc)
 Terry Deary and Shappi Khorsandi
 Harriett Gilbert and her guests - Horrible Histories author, Terry Deary and comedian Shappi Khorsandi - talk to Harriett about their favourite books by GK Chesterton, Sue Townsend and John McGahern.
 The Napoleon of Notting Hill by GK Chesterton
 Publisher: Hendrickson Publishers
 Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction by Sue Townsend
 Publisher: Penguin
 Amongst Women by John McGahern
 Publisher: Faber and Faber
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.
MON 19:00 Marriage Lines (b05zt15x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Old Dog and Partridge (b007w3j9)
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MON 20:00 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d07j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Burnt (b09tc6hp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m00125v6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00125v8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00120sq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Life With Lederer (m00125vb)
 1. The Body Beautiful
 Helen Lederer reveals her recipes for coping with life, beginning with losing weight.
 Written by Helen Lederer.
 With:
 Malcolm Raeburn
 Diane Whitley
 Victoria Finney
 Produced at BBC Manchester by Paul Z Jackson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1990.
MON 22:45 Date With Fate (b008y7g7)
 A Damp Fib
 Simon is a junior clerk in a surveyor's office, but when he tells a white lie it sparks disastrous consequences...
 Harold Wing Pintero is your host.
 The first of four comic close encounters with fate.
 Written by Gary Parker and Phil Whelans.
 Simon Alex Lowe
 Harold Wing Pintero Charles Gray
 Naomi Elliot Nicholls
 Mr Reynolds James Greene
 Mrs Gibson Margaret Stallard
 Alan Paul Davies
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m00121bl)
 Series 59
 Episode 6
 Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches in front of a remote audience - and all from their own home!
 Joining them for the final episode of the series and all from a safe distance is Janine Harouni, Jamie MacDonald with music supplied by Tim Sutton and Sooz Kempner.
 Voice Actors: Kieran Hodgson and Nimisha Odedra.
 Producer: Rajiv Karia
 Production Co-Ordinator: Sarah Sharpe
 BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 The Young Postmen (b00xjv0s)
 Everest (The Mountain)
 Swansden Post Office is threatened by cuts, and Derek's job is on the line.
 His only chance to prove his worth is probably to climb Mount Everest.
 But somewhere lurks the Abominable Tilbri.
 More surreal escapades of a trio of 'posties'.
 Written by and starring Ben Miller. With John Thomson and Felicity Montagu.
 Brian Ben Miller
 Derek John Thomson
 Sue Felicity Montagu
 Mr Tippet Alastair McGowan
 Mr Tilbury Jim Barclay
 Music by Murray Gold
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

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TUE 06:00 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d7q4)
 6. Don't Go Near The Water

High up on the mountain road, Johnny Shields has apparently crashed to his death - leaving Julie in the hands of Marco's henchmen...
 Starring Peter Coke.
 Gripping conclusion of Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the world of highly-organised international smugglers.
 Shields Peter Coke
 The Major Bob Grant
 Greta Veronica Doran
 Julie Anne Stallybrass
 Slip Colin Edwynn
 Alfie Peter Stephens
 Jean Hogg Heather Stoney
 Tadpole Derrick Gilbert
 Foster Michael Stirrup
 Daniels Robert Powell
 Doreen Sylvia Brayshay
 Pete Ben Kingsley
 Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.
 Producer: Alan Ayckbourn
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968.
TUE 06:30 Deep Six (m000fqk2)
 1. Target
 Terry is an ex-SAS professional occasionally hired by the Secret Services to do special 'jobs'.
 The job he has to do now seems easy enough - until he senses that somehow he's the intended victim...
 Starring Freddie Lees.
 John Fletcher's six-part thriller serial.
 Terry Freddie Lees
 Thompson John Abineri
 Fortescue Hubert Rees
 Sturley John Linstrum
 Simpson Conrad Phillips
 Chris Elwyn Johnson
 Linda Taylor Madeleine Cemm
 Nick Brett Usher
 Watson Ray Handy
 Trader Colin Starkey
 Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1984.
TUE 07:00 Bad Salsa (b049y3mp)
 Series 1
 All Change
 After treatment for Ovarian and breast cancer Chippy, is mad Jill is sad and Terri is definitely dangerous to know!
 The road back after cancer treatment can be tricky and full of obstacles. In Bad Salsa, two middle aged women and their younger friend seek to regain their zest for life and love by learning to dance at Bad Salsa, the club where everyone knows your name but no-one knows your prognosis!
 Depictions of people with cancer on TV and radio too often follow a standard format; there is the diagnosis, the depression the chemo, then the false recovery followed by the tragic death. Written by Kay Stonham, Bad Salsa tries to paint a picture at once more hopeful and more in line with survival rates which have improved immensely over the past 20 years.
 For many, 'living with cancer' is now their day to day challenge. Our characters have finished their treatment and are in the process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." Everyday challenges must go on like boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents. But their brush with mortality gives them a new perspective.
 So do they preserve their pre-cancer status quo or in Terri's words, to say "sod it all" and "go for it!"
 Follow the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.
 Terry Camille Coduri
 Chippy Sharon Rooney
 Jill Natasha Little
 Marco Doc Brown
 Gordon Andrew Obeney
 Colin David Cann
 Georgie Emily Chase
 Tim Matt Houlihan
 Sara Antonia Reid
 Chippy's Mum Kay Stonham
 Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.
TUE 07:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b097886f)
 Series 2
 Case #47 - Crime Writing Doesn't Pay
 Incompetent private detectives Max and Ivan are contacted by the very dull white goods instruction manual writer Robert R. Roberts, who wants them to investigate a series of copycat crimes based on the erotic crime fiction novels he writes under the pseudonym Scarlett Melange.
 Their investigation takes them to the Peckham Flower and Vegetable show, where they fear the life of head judge Joaquin Zamorano is in considerable danger.
 Along the way, they meet the one person on earth who might be more boring than Robert R. Roberts - his wife Roberta.
 Written by and Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez
 Max Max Olesker
 Ivan Ivan Gonzalez
 Robert R. Roberts aka Scarlett Melange Jason Watkins
 Roberta Roberts/Voice of the Audiobook Lolly Adefope
 Narrator/Malcolm McMichaelmas Lewis MacLeod

Joaquin Zamarano/Impish Nutter David Reed
 Developed by John Stanley Productions
 Produced by Ben Walker
 A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.
TUE 08:00 Round the Horne (b0012mcd)
 Series 2
 Episode 12
 A deadly doctor returns, Rambling Syd Rumpo sings of courting, while celebrity wannabe Kenneth Horne gets some bona advice from Julian and Sandy.
 Starring:
 Kenneth Horne
 Kenneth Williams
 Hugh Paddick
 Betty Marsden
 Bill Pertwee
 Announcer: Douglas Smith
 Parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres galore!
 Classic groundbreaking comedy series written by Barry Took and Marty Feldman.
 Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London.
 Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.
 Producer: John Simmonds
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1966.
TUE 08:30 Winston (b007wvf0)
 Winston in Europe
 Finis
 Before returning to England, the family take a whistle stop tour round Europe.
 Father takes them to where it all started - where he and their mother got spiced...
 Peter Tinniswood's bawdy 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 April 1992.
TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m00121bl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007tdvz)
 Series 1
 3. Hills Baker
 From Eric Idle to Peter Sellers.
 Musical comedian Mitch Benn presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs by other performers.
 With guest Hills Baker.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in July 2005.
TUE 10:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr51)
 1. A Friendship Betrayed
 Two men's lives run almost in parallel. One is a prince of Jerusalem, Judah Ben Hur.
 The other is known as "He that was born to be King of the Jews."
 Starring Jamie Glover.
 Lew Wallace's epic tale, first published in 1880.
 Dramatised in four parts by Catherine Czerkawska.
 Ben Hur Jamie Glover
 Messala Samuel West
 Angel Deborah Berlin
 Amrah Phyllis Calvert
 Mother Margaret John
 Arrius Derek Waring
 Tirzah Natasha Pyne
 Chief of Rowers Don McCorkindale
 Man 1 Joshua Towb
 Man 2 Michael Tudor Barnes
 Man in Boat Gavin Muir
 Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.
 Music by Wilfredo Acosta.
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.
TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b00sf0tg)
 Priestley's Postscripts
 Martin Wainwright marks the life of a broadcasting phenomenon - the story of how Yorkshire man JB Priestley became the voice of the nation during the darkest days of the Second World War.
 Using original broadcasts, information stored in BBC files and interviews with his son Tom Priestley and step son Nicolas Hawkes, Martin revisits these extraordinary broadcasts and asks why, in spite of their astonishing popularity, Priestley was taken off air.
 Producers: Catherine Plane and Phil Pegum.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
TUE 12:00 Round the Horne (b0012mcd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 Winston (b007wvf0)
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TUE 13:00 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d7q4)
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TUE 13:30 Deep Six (m000fqk2)

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TUE 14:00 A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (b09rybgh)
 Episode 2
 The scandal of Parnell's affair and his subsequent death have divided Stephen's family.
 At his first Christmas dinner with the adults, Stephen witnesses a fearsome row.
 Stephen Dedalus is growing up, absorbing the culture and religion of his native Ireland.
 James Joyce's autobiographical masterpiece.
 Read by Andrew Scott.
 Abridged by Sara Davies.
 Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.
TUE 14:15 D for Dexter (b04nrw1x)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Dexter's cough is worse and Skye can't find any clean clothes for him. Time to take him shopping!
 A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, originally part of programming for the BBC Children in Need appeal.
 The serial was inspired by collaboration with Home-Start UK, a national charity offering support to families struggling to cope, who receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.
 Writer: Amanda Whittington.
 Skye...Sydney Wade
 Dexter...Elsa Rodgers
 Jak...Una McNulty
 Evan...Samuel Holland
 Alice...Jane Thornton
 Mags...Sarah Parks
 Lin...Martha Godber
 Guitar...Pip Moore
 Director...Mary Ward-Lowery
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
TUE 14:30 78 Revolutions (b010t6pb)
 Jenny Hammerton - a DJ of 78s - explores why the old discs are still alive and kicking.
 The 78rpm record lasted longer than any other format. Enrico Caruso recorded on 78s and Beatles records were cut on 78s in India in the late 1960s. And for some the old grooves and the heavy shellac discs are still the best. Record collectors swear the sound quality of 78s has never been surpassed and young aficionados are cutting their new pop songs on 78s.
 Sound artists and composers meanwhile are drawn to the patina of age that the old records carry in their scratch and hiss and some are making new music out of old noises. In the digital world where music has shrunk to invisible sound files, the wind up gramophone, a metal stylus and a box of heavy aromatic 10 inch discs seem more and more like precious and necessary demonstrations of the reality of things.
 Producer: Tim Dee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.
TUE 15:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr51)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b01rgltg)
 Series 3
 Anglia Ruskin University
 Steve Punt hosts the lively and funny quiz show from Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge.
 A team of three students take on a team of three of their professors.
 Specialist subjects include: Film Studies, Social Work and Graphic Design.
 Questions range from gherkins and Gummi Bears to David Cronenberg and Delacroix, via Morris Dancing and Beyoncé.
 It's all cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, film, and One Direction.
 The resulting show is funny, fresh, and not a little bit surprising, with a truly varied range of scores, friendly rivalry, and moments where students wished they had more than just glanced at that reading list.
 Producer: David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2013.
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TUE 17:00 Bad Salsa (b049y3mp)
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TUE 17:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b0978868)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 The First Church of the New Millennium by Bryan Appleyard (b007jqm3)
 Episode 2
 1999: Can architect Stephen Rix convince others to share in his vision of a new gothic cathedral? Read by David Horovitch.
 Brian Appleyard's 1994 novel abridged in 10 episodes by Ed Thomason.
 Producer Duncan Minshall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
TUE 18:15 Jane Rogers - The Testament of Jessie Lamb (b02x7h15)
 Episode 2
 As society splinters, panic and fear reign. As her own world falls apart, Jessie realises she must act.

Jane Rogers dramatises her award winning novel set in a future where an act of biological terrorism has spread a deadly virus across the world.
 Jessie Holliday Grainger
 Joe Mark Jordan
 Cath Joanne Mitchell
 Mandy Kate Coogan
 Sal Rebecca Ryan
 Baz Oliver Lee
 Lisa Nisa Cole
 Iain Will Finlason
 Director: Nadia Molinari
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b03lpfww)
 Series 17
 Brahms' German Requiem
 How Brahms' German Requiem, written as a tribute to his mother and designed to comfort the grieving, has touched and changed peoples lives.
 Stuart Perkins describes how the piece arrived at the right time in his life, after the death of his aunt.
 Axel Körner, Professor of Modern History at University College London, explains the genesis of the work and how the deaths of Brahms' friends and family contributed to the emotional power of the piece.
 Daniel Malis and Danica Buckley recall how the piece enabled them to cope with the trauma of the Boston marathon bombings.
 Simon Halsey, Chief Conductor of the Berlin Radio Choir, explores how Brahms' experience as a church musician enabled him to distil hundreds of years of musical history into this dramatic choral work.
 For Imani Mosley, the piece helped her through a traumatic time in hospital. Rosemary Sales sought solace in the physical power of Brahms' music after the death of her son. And June Noble recounts how the piece helped her find her voice and make her peace with her parents.
 Producer: Melvin Rickarby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
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TUE 22:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b09h6k15)
 Series 2
 Gardening
 Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows.
 She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to sit on her sofa playing Assassin's Creed, an hour into which she is in a murderous rage with sky high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to divorce her to make her go on holiday, and she's been told by the same long-suffering wife that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going to be unbearable.
 Susan decided her best bet was to try to immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity.
 In her first series, she attempted to ditch the old Susan Calman and attempted to find the new Susan Calm, by watching Cricket; going Hillwalking; visiting an Art Gallery and being spontaneous. She enjoyed these pursuits, but all too soon found herself slipping back into her old ways. So she's trying again.
 For starters, she's taking a trip to the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh to learn about Gardening with Val McDermid, in the hope of one day being able to tell her Euphorbia from Euphoria.
 Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts. It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuary in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in them.
 Written by Susan Calman and Jon Hunter.
 Producer: Lyndsay Fenner
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.
TUE 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00crj7g)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Rod and Julian are competing for Prunella's affections. Both suitors seek help from the head of security, Des, in executing their own grand romantic gesture.
 David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.
 CAST:
 Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer
 Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins
 Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley
 Eva Tattle Julia Deakin
 Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern
 Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo
 Andrea Marshall Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Shop Assistant Jasmine Callan
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.
TUE 23:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b00770bs)
 Series 3
 Porridge Votes
 The Scotsmen stand against the Laird in the local by-election. Stars Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden. From September 2006.
TUE 23:45 Quando, Quando, Quando (b0082bz0)
 The Christmas Rush
 When the Christmas snipping gets out of hand and the salon clients get too crazy, Carlo decides he's had enough. It's time to do something about it...
 Brothers Rene, Carlo and Charlie Quando chop, snip and crimp their lucky clients into shape at London's finest hair salon. Six-part comedy written and performed by Rainer Hersch and Mark Maie. With Stephen Greif and Catherine Tate.
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

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WED 06:00 Agatha Christie (b03y018y)
 Ordeal by Innocence
 1. Stranger
 Doctor Calgary comes to visit the Argyle family with good news. He tells the family he is there to clear the name of Jacko, who was convicted of the murder of his mother. But his information is not greeted with the enthusiasm he expects.
 Calgary Mark Umbers
 Gwenda Jacqueline Defferary
 Kirsten Wanda Opalinska
 Hester Phoebe Waller-Bridge
 Jacko Arthur Hughes
 Leo Sean Murray
 Mickey Joel MacCormack
 Tina Carys Eleri
 Philip John Norton
 Mary Priyanga Burford
 Marshall David Seddon
 Huish Michael Bertenshaw
 Doctor Harry Jardine
 Hotel Receptionist Georgie Fuller
 Written by Agatha Christie
 Adapted by Joy Wilkinson
 Directed by Mary Peate
 Along with Crooked House, Ordeal by Innocence was Agatha Christie's favourite of her own works. It is easy to see why. Eschewing the traditional detective format, it takes an original idea - how the innocent suffer more than the guilty when a crime goes unsolved - and explores it to the full within a family where everyone has a motive and means to have done it.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.
WED 06:30 Deep Six (m000fyxj)
 2. Suspect
 A top secret file belonging to the Department of Internal Security has been leaked to a left-wing magazine. Ex-SAS agent Terry Prince has been dispatched to retrieve the file - only to discover the magazine's editor dead and he himself suspected of murder...
 Freddie Lees stars in John Fletcher's thriller serial.
 Terry Freddie Lees

Keith Rod Beacham
 Sturley John Linstrum
 Fortescue Hubert Rees
 Frank Thomas Heathcote
 Josie Hilda Schroder
 Simpson Conrad Phillips
 Nick Brett Usher
 Thompson John Albineri
 Watson Ray Handy
 Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1984.
WED 07:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qvb2p)
 Series 6
 Cheese Cricket
 Ed is a surprise hit on a brand new Radio 4 'topical quiz with a tasty twist'. Stars Christopher Douglas. From February 2010.
WED 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m001217m)
 Series 11
 Blyth, Northumberland
 The famous Blyth Staithes (created for off-loading coal into ships) were the backdrop for one of the grimmest scenes in the Michael Caine classic Get Carter - the smoggy industrial view at the time described by the director as an "absolute vision of hell". Undaunted, comedian Mark Steel travels to this part of Northumberland and finds a fascinating industrial legacy, a posh pub, a very nice beach and prominent indications of its role in the first and second World Wars. Does a town blighted by so many closures show any evidence of green shoots? Mark presents his findings to a local audience at The Phoenix Theatre and as ever gets away with just the right amount of affection rudeness and we learn more about a very distinctive coastal town in the UK.
 The full box set of all episodes (with well over 50 towns visited) is available now wherever you get your podcasts.
 Written by and starring...Mark Steel
 With additional material from Pete Sinclair
 Production Coordinator...Beverly Tagg
 Producer...Julia McKenzie
 A BBC Studios Production.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007rgpj)
 Series 4
 The 13th of the Series
 The Lad gets triskaidekaphobic over the recording an episode of his show numbered between 12 and 14.
 Starring Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.
 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 January 1957.
WED 08:30 No Commitments (b00t3twn)
 Series 4
 Two at a Time
 Victoria is convinced Anna is having a secret affair, while Charlotte heads for a fall. Stars Celia Imrie. From August 1996.
WED 09:00 Listomania (b055jlt)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the list - from the magnificent to the mundane - from the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more...
 With Sarah Millican, Andrew O'Neill, Ricky Wilson and Roisin Conaty
 Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis and Gabby Hutchinson Crouch.
 Producer: Sam Bryant
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2015.
WED 09:30 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)
 Series 1
 Girls Talk
 Patrick and Helen get dragged to a stag and hen night for a couple neither of them know.
 Unemployed teacher, Patrick, has moved back to the town of his birth with his high-flying businesswoman wife, Helen.
 There, they befriend divorcees Billy and Moira, and the local pub owners, Joe and Maria.
 CAST:
 Patrick Jim Sweeney
 Helen Cathryn Harrison
 Billy Steve Steen
 Moira Sadie Shimmin
 Joe Stephen Frost
 Maria Flaminia Cincque
 Charlie Izzy de Rosario
 Siobhan Josie Lawrence
 Valeriy Yuri Klimov
 Fake Russian Waiter Chris Pavlo
 Jim Sweeney's award-winning comedy-drama based on his play 'Danny's Wake'.
 Producer: Steve Doherty
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.
WED 10:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5g)
 2. Son of Arrius
 Judah Ben Hur has been falsely accused of attempted murder, sent to the galleys and rescued by Arrius of Rome. He now returns in search of his mother and sister.
 Lew Wallace's epic tale stars Jamie Glover as Judah Ben Hur.

Ben Hur Jamie Glover
 Messala Samuel West
 Simonides Bernard Hepton
 Ilderim Freddie Jones
 Balthasar Michael Hordern
 Drusus Ian Masters
 Esther Deborah Berlin
 Iras Natasha Pyne
 Servant Joshua Towb
 Passenger Michael Tudor Barnes
 Malluch Gavin Muir
 Iras Becky Hindley
 Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.
 Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawka.
 Music by Wilfredo Acosta.
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.
WED 11:00 Unsung Heroines (m000nlrg)
 1. Annie Russell-Maunder, Beryl Burton, Flo Bilton, Jayaben Desai, Sulpicia, Sophia Jex-Blake
 History is full of incredible women who did amazing things. And yet, even though their legacy is still felt today, their names aren't on the tip our tongues. We've all heard of Florence Nightingale and Amelia Earhart - but what about Annie Russell Maunder, Jayaben Desai or Josephine Butler? They're much less well known, yet they all made significant and enduring contributions to our world.
 The writer and comedian Viv Groskop has been trawling the BBC radio archives to find out about a kickass sisterhood that refused to stay at home when that's what was expected of them. We meet the pioneering physician, Sophia Jex Blake; the Nobel laureate environmentalist, Wangari Maathai, the social reformer, Caroline Norton; the champion cyclist, Beryl Burton; we take a trip to Battersea Dogs and Cats Home to learn about its founder, Mary Tealby. And many more.
 Viv also invites contemporary women to nominate their favourite unsung heroines - so we hear from Clare Balding, Cathy Newman, Samira Ahmed, Natalie Haynes, Gemma Cairney, Angela Barnes and Jessica Fostekew about the females they call phenomenal.
 From ancient Rome to the 21st Century, Viv Groskop brings inspiring women out of the shadows and into the spotlight.
 Producer - Moy McGowan
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 Episode 3
 Stephen and his family have to leave their home and move to a smaller house in Dublin.
 He discovers that his friends do not all share his literary tastes. James Joyce's autobiographical masterpiece.
 Read by Andrew Scott.
 Abridged by Sara Davies.
 Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.
WED 14:15 D for Dexter (b04nv6m1)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Skye has made friends with Evan next door, who likes Nirvana. But now Dexter's medicine has gone missing and her mum needs to get up for her interview.
 A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, originally part of the programming for the BBC Children in Need appeal. The serial was inspired by collaboration with Home-Start UK, a national charity offering support to families struggling to cope, who receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.
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 Guitarr...Pip Moore
 Director...Mary Ward-Lowery
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
WED 14:30 August Shines (b04kf8q1)
 Lenny Henry travels to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to tell the story of August Wilson, contemporary America's greatest black playwright.
 When Lenny Henry last year won the London Critics' Circle award for his best-actor performance as Troy Maxson in August Wilson's 'Fences', many admitted they knew little about this great black playwright, whose work brought the lives of working-class Pittsburgh African Americans to Broadway and across the United States.
 Although at his untimely death in 2005, Wilson had been living for many years on the west coast in Seattle, his plays and his soul had long remained in the east, in the venerable old steel town of Pittsburgh where he was born and grew up. This

summer Lenny Henry travelled to the city of three rivers and many bridges, now slowly recovering from post-industrial gloom, to visit the old, multiracial Hill District, where August Wilson lived as a child, and whose geography and characters run through his plays like the Allegheny River through the city. In a sequence of ten plays, known as the 'Pittsburgh Cycle', Wilson charts the stories of black Americans across ten decades of the twentieth century. Vibrant, real, yet filled with the original African rhythms and spirit that the playwright believed should underpin and shape his works, these plays are a magisterial account of the African American twentieth century. At the now semi-derelict childhood home, Lenny Henry meets surviving members of Wilson's family, and encounters those who knew and loved him, like Sala Udin, who helped Wilson in the 1970s set up a powerful black theatre group to tell the stories of the Hill's residents.

Producer Simon Elmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

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Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

WED 18:15 Jane Rogers - The Testament of Jessie Lamb (b02x93cy)

Episode 3

Maternal Death Syndrome is spreading rapidly and Jessie's world is still in crisis. Her aunt Mandy is desperately ill, boyfriend Baz is planning drastic action and her father is adamant that Jessie should not volunteer to be a Sleeping Beauty. Can Jessie be swayed from her path? Jane Rogers dramatises her dystopian novel: winner of the Arthur C Clarke Award 2012.

Jessie Holliday Grainger

Joe Mark Jordan

Baz Oliver Lee

Lisa Nisa Cole

Iain Will Finlason

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

WED 18:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jp6f)

Series 1

Send for Paul Temple

By Timothy! A world of car-bombs, poison cocktails, gentlemen and rogues - where the villains had better watch out! Detective aficionado and expert, Professor Jeffrey Richards recalls the indomitable husband and wife team, Paul and Steve Temple, who battled criminals and scoundrels.

Affectionate five-part series about popular radio detectives.

Featuring the definitive Paul Temple actor, Peter Coke, plus vintage recordings from the legendary series.

Producer: Jon Rolph

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

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WED 22:30 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b04cffq9)

Series 1

Carol Goes Swimming

Carol's life's not really been the same since her best friend Sandra died.

But a trip to the swimming bath brings back memories of their time together with surprising results. Starring Lorraine Ashbourne.

Leading actresses star in Jenny Eclair's comic series about women facing a crisis in their lives.

Carol Lorraine Ashbourne

Manager Jane Slavin

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

WED 22:45 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b01ckgh2)

Series 1

Death

Tim Key takes on the biggest imponderable of them all - death - via his narrative poem: The Boy Who Faked His Own Death.

Musical accompaniment is provided by Tom Basden.

Written and presented by Tim Key

Producer: James Robinson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007jv0)

Series 6

The Fit and Fat Show

Anna Dapton presents her very personal radio guide to staying fit and healthy.

Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey

Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Michael Fenton-

Stevens.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

WED 23:30 The News at Bedtime (b00pftg)

Series 1

Episode 3

Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this 'once upon a time'.

Food campaigner Jack Spratt and the Tooth Fairy debate the nation's nutrition.

With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Charlotte Green, Lewis

MacLeod, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell.

Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (b0080jxp)

Series 1

Episode 3

Keen to learn about sex, Anton's surprised that Liam's tried it.

Stars Shaun Prendergast and Hamish McColl.

From September 1998.

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THU 03:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Listomania (b055jtlt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qvb2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Mark Steel's in Town (m001217m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Agatha Christie (b03y0i8y)

Ordeal by Innocence

2. Searching

Dr. Calgary joins forces with Inspector Huish to try to find out the truth about Rachel Argyle's murder. But the family is still resisting his investigation.

Calgary Mark Umbers

Gwenda Jacqueline Defferary

Kirsten Wanda Opalinska

Hester Phoebe Waller-Bridge

Leo Sean Murray

Mickey Joel MacCormack

Tina Carys Eleri

Philip John Norton

Mary Priyanga Burford

Huish Michael Bertenshaw

Maureen Georgie Fuller

Written by Agatha Christie

Adapted by Joy Wilkinson

Directed by Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

THU 06:30 Deep Six (m000fyxj)

3. Loose Ends

Wrongfully accused of murdering the editor of Socialist Attack,

Terry Prince is on the run from both the Internal Security

Department and gangsters from London's underworld....

Freddie Lees stars in John Fletcher's six-part thriller serial.

Terry Freddie Lees

Sturley John Linstrum

Fortescue Hubert Rees

Elwyn Johnson Chris

Madeleine Emm Linda Taylor

Conrad Phillips Sir James Simpson

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.

THU 07:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08x9f9t)

Series 6

Of Mice and Men; A Can of Worms

The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller shares more words of wit and wisdom:

* Urban myths, the truth and what it means to be called a liar in

Of Mice and Men.

* A Can of Worms, a story about overheard conversations and

the right way to eat pie.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994), which included The SantaLand Diaries, was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice (1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known for his biting funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He has been a contributor to BBC Radio 4 since 1996.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4m first broadcast in July 2017.

THU 07:30 Relativity (m000lb5z)

Series 3

Episode 4

The third series of Richard Herring's comedy drama, Relativity, builds on the warm, lively characters and sharply observed family dynamics of previous series.

His always affectionate, sometimes spiky observation of inter-generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone who has ever tried to combine a relaxing mini break with a four month old who rarely sleeps.

Amid the comedy, Richard broaches some more serious highs and lows of family life. In this series, he focuses on the roller coaster ride of first time parenting, how to maintain a long standing marriage and brass rubbing.

Richard Herring is a comedian, writer, blogger and podcaster and the world's premier semi-professional self-playing snooker player.

Episode 4

A tale of two hotels. Ian and Chloe's relaxing weekend proves to be anything but, with Chloe taking Don home alone.

Meanwhile, Jane treats Ken and Margaret to a slap up cream tea with a little too much prosecco.

Cast:

Margaret Alison Steadman

Ken Phil Davis

Jane Fenella Woolgar

Ian Richard Herring

Chloe Emily Berrington

Pete Gordon Kennedy

Holly Tia Bannan

Mark Fred Haig

Nick Harrison Knights

George Danny Kirrane

Written by Richard Herring

Sound design by Eloise Whitmore

Producer: Polly Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00hg824)

Series 8

Episode 13

It's a song-packed edition - but is it really the end for wonderful Radio Prune?

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese, Graeme Garden,

David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Sketches written by Graeme Garden and Bill Oddie.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue

'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and

quickly developed a cult following.

Music and songs by Bill Oddie, Graeme Garden, John Cleese,

Liam Cohen and Dave Lee.

Producer: David Hatch/Peter Titheradge

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in May 1970.

THU 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jmdd)

Series 4

8. That Old Time Religion

There's a chewing gum fiend on the loose and the Open Day opens a can of cultural worms. Stars Karl Howman.

Cast:

Karl Howman Philip Sims

James Grout Mr Beeston, the headmaster

Paul Copley Mr Long

Vivienne Martin Mrs Rudd

Margaret John Mrs Stone, school secretary

Deirdre Costello Mrs Patterson

Marlene Sidaway Miss Lewis

Tom Watson Mr Holiday, the deputy head

Daniel Roberts.....Asam/Robert

Paul Keating.....A jaz

Amanda Bittan.....Sarah

Paul Jesson.....The Bishop

Jonathan Kydd.....Rabbi Joseph

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1989.

THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b09byhny)

Series 19

Episode 5

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.

Mark Steel, Holly Walsh, Tony Hawks and Fred Macaulay are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as twins, Sean Connery, golf and photography.

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

THU 09:30 Clare in the Community (b00fslwd)

Series 2

Past Caring

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

In this episode, Clare encounters an old friend (but can't remember who she is), tries to match-make and it's Brian's birthday and Clare has brought him a pair of tracksuit bottoms and is organising a dinner.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her 30s, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Starring Sally Phillips and Alex Lowe.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

With:

Richard Lumsden

Gemma Craven

Ellen Thomas

Nina Conti

Andrew Wincott

Vicki Pepperdine

Delroy Brown

Producer: Katie Tyrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

THU 10:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5x)

3. The Chariot Race

The biggest day of Ben Hur's life dawns -the chariot race with Messala.

Each has staked his fortune on the outcome. Each has everything to lose.

Lew Wallace's epic tale stars Jamie Glover as Judah Ben Hur.

Ben Hur Jamie Glover

Messala Samuel West

Simonides Bernard Hepton

Ilderim Freddie Jones

Drusus Ian Masters

Amrah Phyllis Calvert

Mother Margaret John

Esther Deborah Berlin

Tirzah Natasha Pyne

Malluch Gavin Muir

Iras Becky Hindley

Gesius Peter Yapp

Pilate Neville Jason

Assassin Oliver Senton

Roman 1 Joshua Towb

Servant Michael Tudor Barnes

Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.

Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m00125vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0001fcp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00hg824)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 King Street Junior (b007jmdd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Agatha Christie (b03yqn0n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 Deep Six (m000fy9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (b09zrnjd)

Episode 4

Stephen accompanies his father to Cork, and is embarrassed by his behaviour.

But like his father, he sees temptation all around.

James Joyce's autobiographical masterpiece.

Read by Andrew Scott.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

THU 14:15 D for Dexter (b04nvpb5)

Series 1

Episode 4

Evan from next door has taught Skye to play a D on her guitar.

But now he's stuck in her room late at night and her mum has come home drunk.

A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, originally part of programming for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

The serial was inspired by collaboration with Home-Start UK, a national charity offering support to families struggling to cope, who receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.

Writer: Amanda Whittington

Skye...Sydney Wade

Dexter...Elsa Rodgers

Jak...Una McNulty

Evan...Samuel Holland

Alice...Jane Thornton

Mags...Sarah Parks

Lin...Martha Godber

Guitar...Pip Moore

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 14:30 Spank the Plank (b04n62k3)

The low, roosty twang prevalent in funk music is called 'slap bass' - a tricky, sometimes divisive guitar technique involving whacking the bass strings with your thumb.

Comedian Mitch Benn charts its progression from the upright double basses of the 1930s, through Elvis Presley to the high energy rock of bands like Red Hot Chili Peppers and Primus.

Talking to players like Yolanda Charles, Mark King and Guy Pratt, and musicologist Sid Griffin, Mitch discovers how the bass guitar emerged from back of the stage to the front, and into the bright lights of disco and '70s funk.

But Mitch is going to do more than talk about slap bass. He's going to learn how to do it and in preparation for a very discerning audience at the legendary Wunjo's Bass and Keyboard Shop in London's Denmark Street.

Producer: Kevin Core

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

THU 15:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b09byhny)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 Clare in the Community (b00fslwd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08x9f9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Relativity (m000lh5z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 The First Church of the New Millennium by Bryan Appleyard (b007jqmx)

Episode 4

1999: Inspired by his vision, architect Stephen Rix wants his mistress to come with him to the country. Read by David Horovitch.

Brian Appleyard's 1994 novel abridged in 10 episodes by Ed Thomason.

Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

THU 18:15 Jane Rogers - The Testament of Jessie Lamb (b02x97kb)

Episode 4

Jessie becomes increasingly certain that sacrificing her own life for a healthy baby is the most important thing she can do. But her plan to become a Sleeping Beauty hits an obstacle.

Jane Rogers dramatises her dystopian novel: winner of the Arthur C Clarke Award 2012.

Jessie Holliday Grainger

Joe Mark Jordan

Cath Joanne Mitchell

Sal Rebecca Ryan

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b0952qq7)

Series 43

Andrea Catherwood on Constance Markievicz

Constance Markievicz led an amazing life - a leading figure during the Easter Rising of 1916, she was the first woman elected to Westminster though she never took her seat.

Markievicz was born into a wealthy Anglo-Irish family and gained her exotic surname from marriage to a Polish count. She was adventurous, flamboyant, committed to woman's rights, court-martialled and nearly shot.

Nominating her is Andrea Catherwood, ex-ITN correspondent who made her first documentary for Radio 4. Alongside her in the studio is Lindie Naughton, author of Markievicz - A Most Outrageous Rebel.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 19:00 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00hg824)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 King Street Junior (b007jmdd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Agatha Christie (b03yqn0n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Deep Six (m000fy9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m00125vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0001fcp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Relativity (m000lh5z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b07m43rg)

The Curse of the Beagle

In 1831 a 22 year old Charles Darwin set sail on the HMS Beagle for a 5 year voyage that he said changed the course of his life. He later published his stories of the trip but in this reimagining comedy trio The Penny Dreadfuls reveal the untold story that Darwin was to keep to himself.

Humphrey Ker...McCormick, York Minster, General Rosas, Sailor 2

David Reed...Professor Henslow, Fitzroy, Santiago and Cannibal

Thom Tuck...Charles Darwin and Cannibal Steve

With Margaret Cabourn-Smith...Basket, Old Mother Trousers, Cannibal Susan and Sailor 1

Written by David Reed with additional material by Humphrey Ker

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

THU 23:30 Wondermental Cabaret (b00yqspr)

Series 1

4. Bristol

Matt Harvey's warm-hearted poetry cabaret.

Recorded with an audience at the Comedy Box, Bristol.

With poets:

Les Barker

Pete Hunter

Jude Simpson

And one man house band - Jerri Hart

In Dead Poets' Slam, expect deathless words of best-loved poets from the past.

The audience compose their own crowd-sourced poem (the subjects of which can vary wildly, from reflecting on the delights and demerits of cheese, to Sunday mornings, and the winter habits of gerbils).

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

Adapted by Joy Wilkinson
Directed by Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

FRI 06:30 Deep Six (m000fzxd)

4. Framed

Wrongfully framed for a murder, Terry Prince is trying to find out who really did it?

His suspicions fall equally on the government's Internal Security Department and on gangsters from London's underworld....

Freddie Lees stars in John Fletcher's six-part thriller serial.

Terry Freddie Lees

Thompson John Abineri

Sir James Simpson Conrad Phillips

Hobson David Sinclair

Chris Elwyn Johnson

Fortescue Hubert Rees

Linda Taylor Madeleine Cemm

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.

FRI 07:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r4ycv)

Series 1

Minimum Volume

Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, the village where she grew up, to borrow some money from her parents.

But when she tried to head back to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village and were refusing to let anyone in or out.

Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to this alien menace, so Katrina has no choice but to start the resistance movement herself. In the cricket pavilion.

Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village.

Uljabaan is working on an education programme for after the invasion, creating a list of books suitable for children to read.

His chosen advisor is Mrs Leeson from the charity shop.

Katrina is confident she could do a better job, and hopes she could use it for subversive purposes - so she volunteers. But can she sneak anything past Uljabaan? And can she convince Lucy she's not really being a traitor?

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Field Commander Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Computer John-Luke Roberts

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2013.

FRI 07:30 It's Not What You Know (b09w10bc)

Series 5

Episode 3

Joe Lycett tests Melanie Chisholm, Kerry Godliman and Jack Carroll on how well they know their nearest and dearest.

What's Mel C's favourite Spice Girls song, where is Kerry's dream holiday destination and who would play Jack in the film of his life?

All these questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Joe Lycett where panellists' relationships are put to the test...

Produced by Adnan Ahmed.

It was a BBC Studios Production.

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jppg)

Series 2

The Day the Balloon Went Up

Captain Mainwaring gets carried away with the platoon's war effort.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's BBC TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

CAST:

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Fraser John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Vicar Frank Williams

The Verger Edward Sinclair

Squadron Leader Michael Knowles

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

FRI 08:30 Second Thoughts (b00kt9zh)

Series 3

Backs to the Drawing Board

Bill takes time off to help a friend, but Faith is already working at home.

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith beginning married life, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and Faith's teenage children.

Stars James Bolam as Bill, Lynda Bellingham as Faith, Belinda Lang as Liza, Emma Gregory as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Nigel Carrington as Karel Cerny and Brian Bowles as Dennis.

Series three of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1991.

FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b4f8gc)

From 13/08/1979

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:

Roy Hudd, Doris Hare and Dick Vosburgh recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.

Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1979.

FRI 09:30 In the Red (b007k003)

Episode 3

Anarchic BBC reporter George Cragge probes the murder of another London bank manager - while in Broadcasting House, BBC Controllers are counting on divine intervention to topple the Director General.

London is plagued by a series of bizarre murders of bank managers. Hot on the trail of the killer are an old-style Chief Police Inspector and BBC Radio's anarchic crime correspondent, George Cragge.

A blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties starring Michael Williams.

Dramatised by Mark Tavener and Peter Baynham from Mark Tavener's novel.

George Cragge Michael Williams

Frank Jefferson Barry Foster

Geoffrey Crichton-Potter Stephen Moore

Henry Julian Rhind-Tutt

Max Peter Woodthorpe

Controller Radio 2 Stephen Fry

Controller Radio 4 John Bird

Dominic De'ath Benjamin Whitrow

Hercules Fortescue Nicholas Le Prevost

Andrew James Peter Serafinowicz

Agony Aunt Eva Stuart

Oswald Simon Greenall

Chairman Peter Yapp

Other parts by Oliver Sentona and Alice Arnold.

Music by Paul Mottram

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

FRI 10:00 Lew Wallace - Ben Hur (b007jr6d)

4. The King Comes into His Kingdom

After the prince's victory in the chariot race, news arrives of his mother and sister.

Conclusion of Lew Wallace's epic tale starring Jamie Glover as

Judah Ben Hur.

Ben Hur Jamie Glover

Simonides Bernard Hepton

Balthasar Michael Horder

Amrah Phyllis Calvert

Mother Margaret John

Esther Deborah Berlin

Tirzah Natasha Pyne

Malluch Gavin Muir

Iras Becky Hindley

Guide Neville Jason

Man at Inn Joshua Towb

Man 1 Don McCorkindale

Man 2 Derek Waring

Man 3 Peter Yapp

Man 4 Peter Whitman

Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.

Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m001262j)

What's New For December?

Chris Pearson and Scott Bryan present the best new podcasts for December.

Alexi Mostrous, host of Sweet Bobby, discusses his investigative crime podcast, which tells a remarkable story of catfishing and coercive control.

Plus, we'll hear clips from

Paul McCartney: Inside The Songs

Not Another Love Song

Power: Hugh Hefner

Doomsday Watch

The Long Time Academy

Sickbabe

Coiled

Tipsy Tourism

Behind The Desk: The Story of Late Night

Get Birding

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jppg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b00kt9zh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Agatha Christie (b03z91x2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Deep Six (m000fzxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by

James Joyce (b09rzxhc)

Episode 5

Stephen attends the spiritual retreat, where Father Arnall

describes the details of damnation for sinners.

He feels that every word is meant for him.

James Joyce's autobiographical masterpiece.

Read by Andrew Scott.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

FRI 14:15 D for Dexter (b04nvgq5)

Series 1

Episode 5

Skye has run away after she discovered her Mum had stolen Dexter's cough medicine. But now she's worried about her baby brother and is coming back for him.

A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story, one of the highlights of programming for this week's BBC Children in Need appeal.

The serial was inspired by collaboration with Home-Start UK, a national charity offering support to families struggling to cope, who receive funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.

Writer: Amanda Whittington

Skye...Sydney Wade

Dexter...Elsa Rodgers

Jak...Una McNulty

Evan...Samuel Holland

Alice...Jane Thornton

Mags...Sarah Parks

Lin...Martha Godber

Guitar...Pip Moore

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

FRI 14:30 Songlines (b04d4pt1)

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

In 2002, The Wizard of Oz turned 75. John Cavanagh tells the story behind Judy Garland's legendary theme tune.

Features:

Ernie Harburg

Will Friedwald

Deana Rosenberg

Alastair Savage

Martin Taylor

Producer: Caroline Barbour

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

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FRI 17:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r4ycv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 It's Not What You Know (b09w10bc)

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FRI 18:00 The First Church of the New Millennium by

Bryan Appleyard (b007jqnc)

Episode 5

1999: as architect Stephen Rix plans his cathedral he makes a dramatic decision about his life. Read by David Horovitch.

Brian Appleyard's 1994 novel abridged in 10 episodes by Ed Thomason.

Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

FRI 18:15 Jane Rogers - The Testament of Jessie Lamb (b02x9f4n)

Episode 5

Society is splintering, apocalyptic sects with fundamentalist, ecological or anti-scientific beliefs are springing up. Panic, chaos and fear reign.

When Jessie's own world begins to fall apart and her best friend

Sal experiences a shocking act of violence, Jessie realises it is time to take action.

The conclusion of Jane Rogers dramatisation of her award-

winning novel.

Jessie Holliday Grainger

Joe Mark Jordan

Cath Joanne Mitchell

Sal Rebecca Ryan

Baz Oliver Lee

Lisa Nisa Cole

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b01jhb3j)

The Garden of Eden

The story of the Garden of Eden in Genesis is perhaps the most influential tale ever told. Its chief components of God, Adam, Eve, the serpent, temptation and a paradise lost still exert a hold on western thinking. But this ancient story has not always been benign in its effects.

Presenter Dominic Arkwright is joined by three experts:

novelist Zina Rohan, who talks about her own investigations about what this story has meant, particularly to women in the west; Sean Thomas who searched for where the real garden

might have been; and Brook Wilensky-Lanford, whose book 'Paradise Lust' described the events of the Scopes Trial of 1925

- the famous clash in Dayton, Ohio between Darwinists and creationists that featured an American presidential candidate

who declared his belief that Eve was literally made from one of

Adam's ribs.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jpgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b00kt92h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Agatha Christie (b03z91x2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Deep Six (m000fzx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m001262j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 It's Not What You Know (b09w10bc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b03m7zn1)

Series 2

The Future

A trip to Wonderland, a poundland of magical realms.

This time, the Wunderlanders' thoughts turn to the future and all that it could bring.

Sketch show written by and starring Alice Lowe.

With:

Richard Glover

Simon Greenall

Rachel Stubbings

Clare Thompson

Marcia Warren

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

FRI 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00j16ky)

Series 7

Episode 4

Why is a baby in Hell? Only God can bring people back to life, but can God be persuaded?

Stars Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith,

Robert Duncan as Scumspawn, Jimmy Mulville as Thomas and

Timothy West as God.

Other roles played by Felicity Montagu

Written by Andy Hamilton.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

FRI 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01jldck)

Series 3

Barrington Zoo

Barrington council desperately needs to raise money. They must be desperate to call in the services of Unthinkable Solutions,

who create truly unthinkable answers to the problem with

Barrington Zoo.

James Carey's sitcom about a clueless bunch of management

consultants, Unthinkable Solutions, effortlessly screwing-up

their clients' businesses.

Starring:

Marcus Brigstocke

Robin Ince

Catherine Shepherd

Beth Chalmers

With Ewan Bailey, Tilly Gaunt, Simon Greenall and Neil

Edmond.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.