

SATURDAY 01 JANUARY 2022

SAT 00:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (b007jm4s)

The Secondary Phase
Fit The Tenth
Arthur discovers his unique contribution to the history of Brontitall. And a close encounter for Ford and Zaphod...
Douglas Adams' sci-fi comedy following the misadventures of hapless human Arthur Dent.
The Book Peter Jones
Arthur Dent Simon Jones
Ford Prefect Geoffrey McGivern
Zaphod Beeblebrox Mark Wing-Davey
Eddie David Tate
Marvin Stephen Moore
Bird One Ronald Baddiely
The Wise Old Bird John Le Mesurier
Bird Two John Baddeley
Lintilla Rula Lenska
Radiophonic sound and music by Paddy Kingsland.
Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b01k9wpr)

Bohemians
Bohemians - love them or loathe them, we've all met them. Dominic Arkwright and guests discuss avant-garde free spirits - or pretentious, posing pseudo-intellectuals, depending on your point of view.
With an original free spirit; the writer Hanja Kochansky, writer and critic Cosmo Landesman, whose parents' eccentric behaviour caused the young Cosmo much embarrassment; and by the journalist who declares in his blog that he is 'right about everything', James Delingpole.
Has the British bohemian spirit - if there ever was one - disappeared?
Now boho is mainstream, desirable even, what is there to rebel against?
Producer: Sarah Langan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

SAT 01:00 Father Brown Stories (b0081ivr)

Series 2
Actor and Alibi
A theatrical murder amid much back-stabbing is announced in the Chop-House. Father Brown finds himself in the midst of a School for Scandal.
Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.
GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.
Dramatised by John Scotney
Father Brown Andrew Sachs
Mundon Mandeville Peter Jeffrey
Mrs Mandeville Sheila Grant
Inspector Bagshaw Bill Wallis
Ashton Jarvis David Brierly
Norman Knight Charles Baillie
Lady Miriam Talbot Fleur Chandler
Miss Maroni Karen Ascoe
Mrs Sans Pauline Letts
House Manager Jonathan Scott
Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

SAT 01:30 Detective (b0blvc3b)

Series 4
5. The Tip-Off
A local villain tells DS Brook that he is going straight and wants to turn informant on some planned break-ins.
Starring Ray Brooks and Stephen Garlick.
Robert Barr's stories of crime and detection in London featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving Detective Sergeant Dave Brook with his new partner, Detective Constable Tully.
DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
DC Tully Stephen Garlick
DS Harrison Peter Cleall
Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley
Joe Harper Johnny Wade
DS Rigby Christopher Douglas
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1985.

SAT 02:00 Letters From Tove (m000c8qf)

Episode 5
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Translated from the Swedish by Sarah Death
Abridged by Polly Coles
Read by Sarah Lambie
Produced by Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 02:15 D for Dexter (b09f39tp)

Series 4
Episode 5
Dexter's teacher wants to help, but it just makes things worse. And now Skye's more frightened than ever that they'll come and take Dexter away.
Amanda Whittington's heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story exploring the issue of neglect.
Sydney Wade ... Skye
Alfie Johnson ... Dexter
Zoe Johnson ... Shanice
Una McNulty ... Jak
Etta Fusi ... Leanne
Julie Riley ... Mia
Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong ... Mr Doshi
Octavia Bettis ... Nasty Girl
Music by Smashing Pumpkins and Beyoncé, performed by Tom Constantine.
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017..

SAT 02:30 Short Cuts (b08rq6dv)

Series 12
Magical Realism
Josie Long presents documentaries where reality takes on a magical aspect - tales of snake-filled American towns, a visit to a shaman and of crashing back down to earth.
The Curve of the Earth
Produced by Stephanie Rowden
<http://www.stephanierowden.com>
The Shaman
Produced by Rikke Houd
Snake Pit, Waurika
Produced by Sarah Geis
Magical Realism
Produced by Phil Smith
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2017.

SAT 03:00 Drama (b01j2bmz)

Wilkie Collins - The Haunted Hotel
In 1860, the formidable Countess Narona marries a rich young aristocrat in London - but shortly after travelling to Venice her husband dies, apparently of natural causes, leaving the Countess a rich woman.
Years later, guests in a Venetian hotel encounter the terrifying apparition of a murder victim seeking revenge.
Wilkie Collins' gothic horror tale is a powerful combination of ghost story and detective mystery.
Dramatised by Rod Beacham.
Countess Narona Adjoa Andoh
Henry Westwick Harry Lloyd
Agnes Lockwood Jasmine Hyde
Francis Westwick Simon Bubb
Suzannah Westwick Katherine Igoe
Emily Ferrari Alex Rivers
Megan Josie Kidd
Doctor Wybrow Gerard McDermott
Carstairs James Lailey
Doctor Bruno Rod Beacham
Director: Bruce Young.

SAT 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b5wylf)

From 10/02/1981
Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:
Ben Travers
Ray Cooney
Leslie Phillips
Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.
Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1981.

SAT 04:30 In the Red (b007k0qh)

Episode 6
Reporter George is due in court - while BBC controllers keep on plotting to axe the Director General.
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
Andrew James Peter Serafinowicz
Laetitia Victoria Carling
Controller BBC 1 Ian McNiece
Prosecution Geoffrey Whitehead
Fortescue's PA Jane Slavin
With Alice Arnold, Eva Stuart, Gavin Muir, Annabel Mullion

and Richard Turner.

Music by Paul Mottram
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.
SAT 05:00 The Headset Set (b01206gc)
Series 1
Episode 1
It's Sailesh's first day as team leader at Smile5.
This is a mail order catalogue company selling everything from Rolex watches to lawnmowers, from financial products to phone and broadband, from holidays to health insurance.
And somewhere in a brown-field wasteland miles from the nearest town, it runs one of the largest call centres operating in the UK.
This is the world of The Headset Set.
Eavesdrop on both sides of the bizarre, horrific and ludicrous phone calls when customers call in as events unfold with company staff.

Aleesha Chizzy Akudolu
Bernie Margaret-Cabourn Smith
Big Tony Colin Hoult
Sailesh Paul Sharma
Various Philip Fox
Other characters played by the cast.
Written by James Kettle, Stephen Carlin, Andy Wolton, Ben Partridge, Colin Hoult, Dan Tetsell, Dale Shaw, Kevin Core, Rob Gilroy and Tom Neenan
Script editor: Dan Tetsell
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

SAT 05:30 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b03mg0cs)

Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section New Year Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his 5 piece band to kick off the New Year's Eve celebrations.
There's comedy and original live music.
With guests:
Milton Jones
Vocal gymnast, Beardyman
Singer and comedian, Jenny Bede.
Producer: Julia Mckenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

SAT 06:00 Miss Marple (b007jvfn)

A Pocket Full of Rye
There's only one bizarre clue to the agonizing death of a wealthy financier.
Miss Marple must unravel a mystery hidden in a child's nursery rhyme that is to prove one of the strangest cases of her life.
Agatha Christie's whodunit.
Starring June Whitfield as Miss Jane Marple.
From the book first published in 1953 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
Inspector Neele Nicky Henson
Rex Fortescue Derek Waring
Percival Peter Yapp
Jennifer Natasha Pyne
Lance Ian Masters
Patricia Annabel Mullion
Elaine Deborah Berlin
Adele Becky Hindley
Miss Dove Kristin Milward
Miss Ramsbottom Margaret Ward
Mrs Mackenzie Charlotte Mitchell
Gladys Claire Mackie
Crump Don McCorkindale
Mrs Crump Margaret John
Sergeant Hay Joshua Towb
Miss Grosvenor Jilly Bond
Dr Bernsdorff George Parsons
Vivian Dubois Michael Tudor Barnes
Gerald Wright Oliver Senton
Kitty Clare Heyhoe
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b09h3rc7)

Series 44
Will Gregory on Flann O'Brien
Goldfrapp's Will Gregory is centre-stage at the Colston Hall in Bristol to tell Matthew Parris why he feels a kinship with Flann O'Brien.
The Irish writer's books 'At Swim-Two-Birds' and 'The Third Policeman' are now hailed as literary masterpieces, but only came to prominence after the author's death.
Carol Taaffe, who has written about Flann, helps make sense of the man who wrote under three pseudonyms - Brian O'Nolan, Flann O'Brien, and Myles na gCopaleen. They look more closely at the novels and newspaper column he wrote alongside his job in the Civil Service, whilst maintaining a steady presence in Dublin's pubs.
Will reads extracts he believes illustrate the brilliance with which O'Brien slips between realism and surrealism, and Carol sheds light on who said that 'At Swim-Two-Birds' "....was just the book to give your Sister if she's a loud dirty boozy girl."
Producer: Toby Field
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.
SAT 08:00 It's Your Round (b01b8z3b)
Series 2
Episode 6

Angus Deayton presides over the show where the format is, there isn't one.

Instead, each of the four panellists has brought their own round for the other panellists to play. How will each round play out? And, more importantly, who will be beaten at their own game? Featured rounds in this episode:

Alex Horne's "Font, Fighter or Fragrance" in which panellists are given a word and they must guess whether that word refers to a typographical font, the name of a Gladiator from ITV's show "Gladiators" or a "Lynx deodorant" fragrance.

Roisin Conaty's "Four Second Pitch" in which panellists have but four seconds to pitch Angus the elements of an idea for a blockbuster film and a new religion.

Paul Sinha's "World Record Recall" in which panellists have to fill in the missing details from the description of a real record from the Guinness Book of World Records.

And Rufus Hound's "Which Lady Done Say That Thing" in which panellists must guess which audience member said a certain phrase. As the title suggests.

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SAT 08:30 Smelling of Roses (b00dwnch)

Series 4

Episode 1

A theatre awards ceremony sparks no end of subterfuge for event organiser Rosie and her team. All thanks to some hypersensitive theatrical characters...

Prunella Scales stars in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...

Rosie Prunella Scales
Jo Rebecca Callard
Bob Duncan Preston
Tess Annette Badland
Crosby Grantham Timothy West
Stella Steele Richenda Carey
Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

SAT 09:00 Joe Queenan: My Years of Awe and Wonder (b07wpxqh)

John Sergeant introduces two decades of adventures in broadcasting with the best reviewed American on BBC radio - Joe Queenan.

From his early days presenting Postcard from Gotham through to Wonderful Ways to Make a Living, A Brief History of Irony and Hitler's Favourite Cowboy, Joe Queenan has always shown a delight in his interviewees.

"Most journalists don't like people but I'm the complete opposite of that. For the brief moment that we meet, they become almost like friends. I remember all of them still."

You'll hear uncut and previously unbroadcast extended interviews, unscripted and uncut, with:

Ian Hislop
Germaine Greer
Kathy Lette
Armando Iannucci

John Sergeant reveals what it's like to be rung up and asked to give short, snappy thoughts on abstract subjects such as cunning, failure and blame.

And then there's Queenan's unexpected and deep love of Britain (he is married to a woman from Stroud), plus his ongoing amazement that a poor boy from Philadelphia has been given the opportunity to work for the BBC: letters, he says, "that do resonate in America still".

"It's worth remembering that when you're doing these kinds of programmes, they become a part of your life. For four days that's all you're doing. But it's not a job. It's some sort of special adventure. You're meeting unusual people. You're in unusual places. You're doing an unusual thing, asking complete strangers bizarre questions that they hadn't expected you to ask."

Produced at BBC Bristol by Miles Warde.

Made for BBC Radio Extra 4 and first broadcast in September 2016.

SAT 12:00 Many a Slip (b007jrx1)

From 20/08/1974

Quizmaster Roy Plomley challenges his contestants to spot the mistakes.

Eleanor Summerfield and Isobel Barnett battle

David Nixon and Paul Jennings

With some tune-twisters from Steve Race.

Devised and written by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Trafford Whitecock

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1974.

SAT 12:30 Believe It! (b08lhg9p)

Series 3

Knight Fever

The third series of Jon Canter's not quite true autobiography of actor Richard Wilson.

Believe what you like!

Richard was unwell last year. He had a heart attack. But now he's recovered and is fighting fit.

With a new lease of life - he considers those things most likely to make him happy in the future. What's on his bucket list? Get a Knighthood of course!

Himself Richard Wilson
Himself Antony Sher

Himself Daniel Evans
Himself David Tennant
Himself Angus Deayton
Francois Jasmine Hyde
Jane Jasmine Hyde
Suzy Eva Feiler
Dave the Sound Engineer Wilfredo Acosta
Big Issue Seller Kellie Shirley
Produced and directed by Clive Brill.

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

SAT 13:00 The Supernatural North (b091wdfk)

Our imaginations tend to be more like medieval maps than modern ones. They team with myth and fantasy, dragons and anthropophagi. So, as our minds follow the compass point on the map North what is it that we see?

Anodyne manufactured images of Santa and his elves, reindeer sleighs streaking across starry skies, snowmen and children "walking in the air", and polar bears frolicking in crystal caves of ice? Or are our thoughts drawn to the deeper and darker lore of the True North of mountain trolls, demons and direwolves, white witches and white walkers, snow queens and Sámi shamans?

Radio 3 New Generation Thinker Eleanor Rosamund Barraclough journeys to Arctic Norway in search of the supernatural world that haunts the imagination of writers such as Philip Pullman, AS Byatt, CS Lewis, Hans Christian Andersen and the authors of the medieval Icelandic sagas.

Following the trail of a 9th century Norseman called Othhere, who travelled along the northern coast of Norway and down to the White Sea in Russia, Eleanor sets out from the coastal city of Tromsø in northern Norway. But whereas Othhere wanted to survey the land and acquire walrus ivory, reindeer and exotic furs, Eleanor is looking for a stranger North - a place inhabited by mountain trolls, witches and giants.

Featuring:

AS Byatt, author of *Ragnarok*;
Philip Pullman, author of *Northern Lights*;
Professor Peter Davidson of Aberdeen University and author of *The Idea of North*
Dr Carolyne Larrington of Oxford University, a specialist in the Icelandic sagas
Professors Rune Hagen, Tromsø University
Richard Holt of Tromsø University
Artist Jeffrey Vallance

Readers: Elaine Claxton and Paul Heath.

Producer: Philippa Ritchie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in August 2014.

SAT 13:45 Christmas With... (b04vk9nm)

Clare Barker

Clare has had enough; it's the 29th December and it's high time Christmas was packed up for another year. Social work doesn't just stop because it's the festive season, but will a chance encounter bring back a bit of seasonal magic?

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

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

Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Nali Nina Conti
Old Man / Father Christmas Hugh Bonneville
Son Shaun Mason

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
Producer Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

SAT 14:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (m00082z4)

Hadrian's Beard

Emperor Hadrian was so eager to defend the outer reaches of the Roman Empire and repel attacks from the Barbarians, that he was determined to build a wall across Britain, sea to sea, just north of the great fort Vindolanda.

That physical legacy is still in part visible between Northumberland and Cumbria to this day.

This comedy play looks under the skin of the Emperor who broke with various traditions, not least growing a beard where all Roman leaders were previously clean-shaven; and his deep love of all things Grecian.

All does not go according to plan when he arrives and it seems that this brave 'soldier' is more troubled than first impressions suggest.

Written by David Reed
Emperor Hadrian ... Tony Gardner
Queen Bridget ... Mina Anwar

With *The Penny Dreadfuls*:
Humphrey Ker
David Reed
Thom Tuck
And Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.

SAT 14:45 Life With Lederer (m0012nym)

4. The Dinner Party

Cookbook and bottle in hand, Helen Lederer nervously prepares a supper party.

Written by Helen Lederer, Roger Planer and Richard McBrien.

With:
Malcolm Raeburn

Nigel Carrington
Barbara Dryhurst
Sandra Maitland

Produced at BBC Manchester by Paul Z Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1990.

SAT 15:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00m6bhh)

Series 4

Episode 1

An orthopaedic supplies company with its very own transgalactic portal.

The correct way to talk to an emperor.

How Saturday night TV shows are invented.

And a mysterious discovery at the Institute of Creatures.

All is revealed in the return of the comedy sketch show series. Starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

With:
Olivia Colman
James Bachman
Sarah Hadland
Producer Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

SAT 15:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k425)

Series 2

The Dig

Discover the results of a 'live' archaeology dig and visit a very liberal safari park.

Written and performed by:
Marcus Brigstocke
Danny Robins
Dan Tetsell.

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

SAT 16:00 Miss Marple (b007jvfn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b09h3rc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 MR James (b007jtk7)

The Hex

Embroidered in a public controversy with a black magic charlatan called Gardini, Montague receives an unexpected apology from the man.

It's an apology which masks a strange and inexorable curse: Montague has been hexed.

Gregory Evans' drama is based on MR James's short story, *The Casting of the Runes*.

Starring Conrad Phillips and Peter Copley.

Montague Conrad Phillips
Rhodes Peter Copley
Laura Carole Boyer
Elspeth Kim Hartman
Gardini Edward Atienza

Other parts played by Tim Bannerman and Edward Atienza

Producer: Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4's Afternoon Theatre in January 1981.

SAT 18:50 Absent Friends - The 7th Dimension (m0013193)

Episode 1

Toby Hadoke pays tribute to some of the performers, producers and writers from the world of sci fi, horror & fantasy whom we've lost in 2021, including Bernard Holley, Edward Barnes, Bob Baker and John Challis.

The first of two episodes.

Produced by Moy McGowan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 19:00 Joe Queenan: My Years of Awe and Wonder (b07wpxqh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Chain Reaction (b00kwdsm)

Series 1

Jenny Eclair Interviews Jimmy Carr

Acerbic wit Jenny Eclair interviews prolific gag merchant Jimmy Carr in the tag talk show.

This is the series where the guest turns interviewer in the next show.

The very first episode of the popular long-running series.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

SAT 22:30 Ida Barr: Artificial Hip Hop (b00v72r5)

Diversity

Ida Barr is a music hall singer who has embraced hip hop and rap, reflecting the cultural diversity of London's East End, where she has been living in retirement for several decades.

With her genuine love of talking to people, Ida sets out to investigate a new topic in each episode, creating a unique brand of music hall, hip-hop fusion with beat boxer Shlomo.

Ida's subject this time is "Diversity".

Written by and starring Christopher Green as Ida Barr.

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

SAT 22:45 Paperback Hell (b0076cl3)

Series 1

Shopping For Mr Wrong by Romany Cleff

A series of four chapters, by four different authors, all of them imaginary, all straight out of the bestseller charts and none of them very good.

This week, Chapter Three of Romany Cleff's debut novel, *Shopping for Mr Wrong*.

Starring:

Michael Fenton Stevens
Rebecca Front
Mel Hudson
Alex Lowe
Dan Tetsell
Ghost-written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.
Producer: Lucy Armitage.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.
SAT 23:00 Mr and Mrs Smith (b01bgp22)
Pilot Episode - The Anniversary
A weekend break to celebrate their anniversary ends in disaster for Will and Annabelle.
Will's terrible anniversary present is the last straw so Annabelle signs them up for marriage counselling.
Guy mediates between Will and Annabelle, with flashbacks to the events that spawned the argument. By the end, the couple find marital equilibrium once more. Sort of.
Pilot for the following series written by and starring Will Smith.
Will Smith Will Smith
Annabelle Smith Sarah Hadland
Guy, Darryl Paterson Joseph
John, TV repairman Geoffrey Whitehead
Receptionist, Sally Morwenna Banks
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2010.
SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00m0id0)
Series 1
Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?
The Bletchley Park codebreakers grapple with the complexities of religion.
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.
Producer: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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Translated from the Swedish by Sarah Death
Read by Sarah Lambie.
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Polly Coles
Producer: Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.
SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07cb41l)
Rick Astley
Singer Rick Astley chooses 'That's Amore', sung by Dean Martin, and 'Buck Rogers' by Feeder.
SUN 07:20 D for Dexter (Omnibus) (b09hpc9g)
Series 4
Jak is drinking again, so Skye has to look out for Dexter.
She never knows if her mum is going to be in, out, or out of it.
Last night she didn't come home at all. Doesn't bother Skye.
Her mum can do what she wants: it's her life. Except it's

Dexter's life too, and if social services find out how bad things are, they might come and take him away again.
Skye is 14 and Dexter's five, and they live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire. Dexter has just started school, so Skye has to drop him off and pick him up, because Jak can't do it. She'd never remember and if by some miracle she did, the teachers would see her and then there'd be questions. Luckily Skye's been excluded from her school, so she can keep an extra close eye on what's going on at home and make sure Dexter's where he should be.
She needs to be on her toes, because you never know who Jak might bring home next.
A heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story by Amanda Whittington.
Developed with the help of Footsteps 2000, an organisation that supports young people who are affected by a loved one's substance misuse, and receives funding for specific projects from BBC Children in Need.
Omnibus of five parts.
Sydney Wade ... Skye
Alfie Johnson ... Dexter
Zoe Johnson ... Shanice
Una McNulty ... Jak
Etta Fusi ... Leanne
Julie Riley ... Mia
Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong ... Mr Doshi
Octavia Bettis ... Nasty Girl
Music by Smashing Pumpkins and Beyoncé, performed by Tom Constantine.
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on Radio 4 in November 2017.
SUN 08:30 Play It Cool (b05pb52t)
Episode 1
Fast moving sketches and a plethora of comedy characters.
Written by Eric Merriman - best known for his work on numerous BBC series of Beyond Our Ken.
Starring:
Ian Carmichael
Joan Sims
Hugh Paddick.
Films like Private's Progress and I'm All Right Jack helped make Ian Carmichael a major star of both British stage and screen. Play it Cool was his first radio comedy series promising a variety of potty and pompous situations.
With music from:
Rosemary Squires
The Mike Sammes Singers
The Ken Thorne Orchestra
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1964.
SUN 09:00 The Clitheroe Kid (m00131r7)
Series 5
The Old Man of The Sea
Cheeky schoolboy Jimmy raises everyone's spirits with a ruse to get rid of an unwelcome guest.
Starring the diminutive Jimmy Clitheroe.
Legendary sitcom about Lancashire's eternal cheeky schoolboy who lives with his Mother, sister and Grandad.
At its peak, ten million fans tuned in each week to hear Jimmy's latest scheme sparking havoc.
Written by James Casey and Frank Roscoe
The Kid Himself ... Jimmy Clitheroe
Mother Patricia Burke
Grandad Peter Sinclair
Susan Diana Day
Danny Ross Alfie
Theodore Craythorpe/Harry Whittle Leonard Williams
Higginbottom Tony Melody
Barney Deryck Guyler
Theme music by Alan Roper and played by the BBC Northern Dance Orchestra directed by Alan Ainsworth.
Producer: James Casey
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1962.
SUN 09:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000ngj)
Series 3
2. Happiest Place On Earth
The mood at Hardacre's advertising agency is black.
After losing the biggest account of their careers – the Cosmos X10 smartphone – the team have slid back down the greasy pole and find themselves once again serving only the smallest and least interesting clients around.
While Joe, Amanda and Hardacre continue to feel sorry for themselves, Teddy is determined to lift their spirits. Appointing himself chief morale officer, he sets out to brighten the mood at the agency with a succession of increasingly ill-advised morale-boosting schemes.
What starts with an innocuous Hawaiian shirt day soon snowballs into a team-building and bonding exercise none of the staff will ever forget.
Hardacre Nigel Havers
Joe Mathew Baynton
Amanda Josie Lawrence
Teddy Rasmus Hardiker
Laura Olivia Nixon
WPC and Crystal Holly Morgan
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m00131r9)
Singers 2

Ed Sheeran
From Elton John to Stevie Wonder.
Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran shares his castaway choices, with Kirsty Young.
Ed's songs have brought him two Grammys, four Brit awards and global success. Tracks from his album, Divide, occupied nine of the top 10 places in the UK singles chart.
Born into a creative family, Ed had piano and cello lessons as a youngster and briefly sang in a local church choir. At the age of 11, seeing Eric Clapton play Layla on TV at the Queen's Golden Jubilee concert inspired him to take up the guitar. Ten years later, Ed himself was performing at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee concert.
Ed left school and home at 16 to focus on playing gigs in London. Despite relentless performing he failed to secure a recording contract and decided to try his luck in America. During a successful stint performing in Los Angeles, he came to the attention of the Academy Award-winning actor and musician Jamie Foxx, and within months of returning to the UK he'd signed a record deal.
His first single, The A Team, became a top ten hit around the world and won him an Ivor Novello award, and his second and third albums topped the UK and US charts.
In 2015 he performed at Wembley Stadium as a solo artist for three nights to capacity crowds, and in 2017, he headlined on the Pyramid stage on the closing night of the Glastonbury Festival.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.
SUN 10:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0003r3f)
Series 13
The Mesmerist
"Is hypnosis real, and if so how does it work? Does it have any practical uses and which of Hannah and Adam is most susceptible?"
This question came from two Curios, Peter Jordan aged 24 from Manchester and Arran Kinnear aged 13 from Bristol. Arch sceptics Hannah and Adam visit stage hypnotist Ben Dalí to find out if they are susceptible to the power of suggestion. One of them will be successfully hypnotised, but who will it be? Along the way we hear about the history of hypnosis from Wendy Moore author of 'The Mesmerist'. Plus psychologist Devin Terhune explains what we know about the science of hypnosis today.
Presenters: Hannah Fry, Adam Rutherford
Producer: Michelle Martin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000cywg)
Series 6
Blood
Radiolab explores why are we - from horrifying movies to the holy - obsessed by blood? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.
From medicine to the movies, the horrifying to the holy, and history to the present day — Radiolab considers the power and magic of the red liquid that runs through our veins. We meet an artist who opened his veins and got labeled a terrorist, douse ourselves in the meat and metaphors of blood in Shakespeare, wonder if clues to a gory fountain of youth could be lurking in the red blood cells of mice, and trace the complicated supply chain that gets blood from arms to operating tables.
Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.
Hosts Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich investigate a strange world.
From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2013.
SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b07cb41l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m00131rd)
Poetry Please - Winter, Star-gazing And Time
Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Poetry Please: Winter, Star-gazing and Time. Presented by Roger McGough and read by Pippa Haywood, Peter Marinker, Mark Meadows and Nadia Williams.
There are well-known works by Sheenagh Pugh and Alfred Tennyson contemplating the new year. Roger marks Stephen Hawking's 70th birthday with a poem by Robert Frost about the importance of telescopes.
Winter looms large, with poems by Longfellow, Edna St. Vincent Millay and Dana Gioia, but in contrast there are rays of sunshine from John Lyons.
Producer: Toby Field
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
SUN 12:30 HR (b00hr5p5)
Series 1
A Commute
Senior manager Peter is late for work. But so is his Human Resources officer, Sam. They meet on the train, both fearful of a call from their new boss.
But, hold on, is that him in the next carriage?
Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague. Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas Le Prevost
Nigel Paul Rider
Guard Stephen Critchlow
Director: Peter Cavanagh

Starring Tony Hancock.
With 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 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s09s3)
Series 1
Dog Eat Dog
Three promising graduates are still underachieving in their 30s.
Stars Richard E Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi.
Underachiever Giles hits on a money-making scam, while the DSS worries Judith.
Cast:
Richard E Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi with-
Alex Lowe...Robert
Phil Nice...Nigel
Siriol Jenkins...Sarah
Richard Turner...dispatch rider
Written by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner
Produced by Paul Schlesinger.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
WED 09:00 The Write Stuff (b007759c)
Series 10
William Shakespeare
James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness.
Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh are joined by Sabrina Broadbent and Mark Billingham.
Author of the week is William Shakespeare.
Reader: Beth Chalmers
Producer: Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b00dz7yc)
Series 4
Episode 2
A poetry competition sounds like an easy event to organise...until you take into account the egos of the poets involved...
When Rosie sets out to organise a poetry competition, it's hard to tell fact from fiction.
Another assignment for Rosie Burns and the event management company, where the clients are only part of the problem...
Rosie Prunella Scales
Jo Rebecca Callard
Bob Duncan Preston
Tess Annette Badland
Morgan Dean Lorelei King
Geoff Stabb Bill Wallis
Amateur Poets Bruce Alexander
Written and produced by Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.
WED 10:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007qx2z)
3. A Proposal and a Bathing Party
Lucy Honeychurch returns to England much changed after her disturbing trip to Italy.
Set in Italy and England, EM Forster's 1908 tale of a young woman from repressed Edwardian England.
Lucy Honeychurch Cathy Sara
Charlotte Bartlett Sheila Hancock
Mr Emerson John Moffatt
George Emerson Gary Cady
Mr Beebe Stephen Moore
Mrs Honeychurch Julia McKenzie
Freddy Honeychurch Roger May
Cecil Vyse Nathaniel Parker
Mrs Phipps Tessa Worsley
Sir Harry Otway Derek Waring
Minnie Beebe Sara-Jane Derrick
Floyd Jonathan Keeble
Mrs Vyse Pauline Letts
Pianist: Terence Allbright
Dramatised by David Wade.
Director: Glyn Dearman.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.
WED 11:00 The Sondheim Archive (m000pgvl)
2. Send in the Clowns
Maria Friedman pays tribute to the American composer and lyricist, Stephen Sondheim who died in November 2021.
Followed by the second of three programmes from the BBC Radio Theatre in London, in which Maria discusses the incredible impact of his work and performs songs from his hit shows.
Multi-award winning actor, singer and director Maria Friedman has had an association with the musicals of Stephen Sondheim ever since she starred in the National Theatre's production of "Sunday in the Park With George" in 1990.
Maria is joined by actor Mark Umbers who starred in her recent production of "Merrily We Roll Along" and pianist and composer Jason Carr who has done orchestrations for Sondheim musicals.
Plus critic David Benedict who is writing Sondheim's authorised biography and Catherine Jayes who has worked as Musical Director on Sondheim shows.
Producer: Emma Kingsley

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2019.
WED 12:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007symp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 12:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s09s3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:00 Doctor Finlay (b008h45m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 13:30 Detective (b0bmbbrm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 14:00 Man of Iron: Thomas Telford and the Building of Britain (b08cv2fx)
Episode 3
The first full modern biography of Thomas Telford: a shepherd's son, born in 1757, who revolutionised British engineering and set the stage for the Industrial Revolution. After completing his apprenticeship to a stonemason in Langholm, Telford left for London in 1782 with letters of introduction to the two leading architects of the day: Robert Adam and William Chambers. But success eluded him in the metropolis - instead, he found it in Shropshire, thanks to a Borders' contact, Sir William Pulteney, who invited him to work on the reconstruction of Shrewsbury Castle. This led on to his appointment as county surveyor and soon Telford was working on a huge number of public and private properties. Telford's extraordinary career reached its zenith with the construction of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, begun in 1795 and opened in 1805. Still in use today, carrying the Llangollen Canal, it towers a hundred feet high and a thousand feet long over the valley of the River Dee. Built with simple technology, no safety ropes and no experience of building anything so high, unusual care was paid to protecting the workforce: only one man died during construction (and that death was thought to be due to carelessness). It is seen as Telford's masterpiece and he chose it above all of his creations as the background to his official portrait in the Institution of Civil Engineers.
Reader: Robin Laing
Writer: Julian Glover
Abridger: David Jackson Young
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.
WED 14:15 D for Dexter (m00013tw)
Series 5
Episode 3
Skye's getting stressed about leaving Dexter with Jak when she goes on her school trip.
Skye and Dexter are back in this award-winning serial, one of the highlights of the BBC Children in Need Appeal on Radio 4. This year's story was developed with the help of the Young Carers' Transition Project in Nottingham which receives funding from BBC Children in Need, and through long term research with children and families in Gainsborough.
Skye...Sydney Wade
Dexter...Alfie Johnson-McCann
Jak...Una McNulty
Pearce...Beau Anten
Alex...Don Gilet
Alisha...Megan Huntley
Alice...Lauren Bowler
Poem by Octavia Bettis
Writer...Amanda Whittington
Director...Mary Ward-Lowery
Music by David Bowie, performed by Tom Constantine
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.
WED 14:30 Asian Weddings: Something Gold, Nothing Borrowed, Everything New (b01h2c3n)
Big fat gypsy weddings might have hit the headlines, but the traditional British Asian wedding has always been big. Often including several separate ceremonies and events spread over a week or more, the cost of the average Asian wedding in the UK is frequently well over £30,000. With the significance of marriage or 'shaadi' being huge in south Asian culture, weddings are a serious business. From the lavish designer outfits and the elaborate cakes to the grand stages where the bride and groom sit on their thrones, complete with a lighting and sound system to rival a TV talent show, this is an industry worth a reported £300 million a year in the UK alone.
Yasmeen Khan explores the glamorous world of British Asian weddings. She takes in an Asian wedding exhibition in the UK, meeting the clothes designers, wedding planners, toastmasters, food suppliers, chefs, videographers and 'yellow gold' jewellers making their fortunes as the second and third generation tie the knot, all of them keen to help the families show off their wealth. She learns about the different cultural aspects of a Muslim, Sikh and Hindu wedding. She visits a couple's big day and explore the meaning behind cultural traditions, such as the confiscating of the groom's shoes by the bride's sisters and cousins - finding out what he must do to get them back.
Yasmin also delves into the politics of the guest list at an Asian wedding, many of which are huge affairs with hundreds and sometimes thousands of guests! And she discovers just how much family relations are tested as an increasing number of couples pay for something that has traditionally been paid for by the bride's family.
Produced by: Yasmeen Khan & Neil Rosser
A Ladbroke Production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
WED 15:00 EM Forster - A Room with a View (b007qx2z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 16:00 The Write Stuff (b007759c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 16:30 Smelling of Roses (b00dz7yc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 17:00 Believe It! (b08mbgkx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 The Missing Hancocks (m000qmpv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Schalken the Painter by Sheridan Le Fanu (b007jvp4)
1. The Visitor
In 17th Century Leyden, young Flemish painter Godfrey Schalken's love for his master's daughter, Rose, receives a setback when a mysterious visitor comes calling one night by the name of Vanderhausen...
An unabridged reading of Sheridan Le Fanu's supernatural tale in two episodes.
Read by Ian McDiarmid.
Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu (1814-1873) is regarded by many critics as the greatest master of the English ghost story. A product of the decaying Anglo-Irish culture of the early and mid-19th Century, he sums up in his work better than any of his contemporaries the fears and dreads that may haunt the sensitive individual.
Producer: Lawrence Jackson
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Northern Ireland.
First broadcast in June 2005.
WED 18:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jps87)
Series 1
The Shadow Knows
Professor Jeffery Richards unravels the history and portrayals of Walter Gibson's pulp fiction force against evil, The Shadow. Featuring the classic Orson Welles portrayal and an interview with Simon Callow.
Affectionate five-part series about popular radio detectives.
Producer: Jon Rolph
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007symp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s09s3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 Doctor Finlay (b008h45m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 Detective (b0bmbbrm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 The Sondheim Archive (m000pgvl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 The Missing Hancocks (m000qmpv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b04zfzfy9)
Series 1
Doing the Best for Daniel
Jenny Eclair plays a single mother who will stop at nothing to give her son the best education and future. But might she have gone too far?
Writer Jenny Eclair
Producer Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.
WED 22:45 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b01dtxh1)
Series 1
Work
In the last of the series, Tim's laid on a final episode treat: A professional musician will accompany him as he tackles the thorny issue of 'work'. Tom Basden is also present.
Written and presented by Tim Key
With Tom Basden & Isy Suttie
Producer: James Robinson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.
WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007jvym)
Series 6
In-House Documentary
The fly-on-the-wall team follow a family around as they go about their daily lives - you'd never know they were in the house with them!
The team make a documentary about the 'ordinary' things they have done whilst living together.
Starring Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope, Michael Fenton-Stevens and Morwenna Banks.
Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Angus Deayton.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.
WED 23:30 The News at Bedtime (b00pftgs)
Series 1
Episode 7
Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this 'once upon a time'.
It's New Year's Day and riot police are called in as the Teddy Bears try to have their picnic.
With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Joseph Cohen-Cole, Kate Leyden, Lewis MacLeod, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell.
Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.
WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (b007k155)

Maxine Ann Gosling
Janet Ellis Elaine
Psychotherapist Simon Roberts
Big Kid Jackson Leach
Nicholas Parsons Himself
Producer Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.
FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b6q46w)
From 10/03/1981
Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Arthur English, Roy Hudd and Sandy Powell.
Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982. Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1981.
FRI 09:30 In the Red (b007js7t)
Episode 7
Plotting at the BBC reaches a climax, while reporter George edges closer to nailing the serial killer.
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 crime correspondent, George Cragge.
A blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties. Dramatised in seven-parts 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
Laetitia Victoria Carling
Controller BBC 1 Ian McNiece
Carstairs Jeffrey Holland
Caroline Susie Brann
Jemma Alice Arnold
With Geoffrey Whitehead, Paul Shearer and Tim Hope.
Music by Paul Mottram
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
FRI 10:00 Das Kapital (b0b1hwj)
This dramatisation of Karl Marx's iconic work imagines what he would make of our 21st Century global economy. Sarah Woods updates the book to the present day and weaves its themes into a story. And, as with the book, the story begins with 'the commodity'.
"The commodity is, in the first place, an object outside us, a thing that by its properties satisfies human needs of whatever kind."
This is the story of the ultimate commodity: The smartphone. Today, at least half of the adult population owns one and by 2020 it's estimated around 70 per cent will - that's 6.1 billion people. It's a story that takes us from the cobalt mines of Africa to the tech firms of the UK. And what Marx's analysis reveals, is that the objects we each carry in our pockets aren't in fact phones at all.
Marx is a figure who divides opinion, but Das Kapital is one of the most influential books of the modern world. It informed and inspired a political movement that shaped the 20th Century and remains a key text in the study of modern economics. It's one of the few books that can claim to have changed the world.
Sarah Woods works in collaboration with scientists, academics and charities to communicate current issues through innovative drama. For BBC Radio, she has written over thirty plays, series, adaptations and drama-documentaries. Recent Radio 4 projects range from a drama about our relationship with water (The State of Water) to a love story about the flu virus (My Life with Flu). Her most recent play for Radio 4 - Borderland - imagined a future UK, divided by borders. It won the Tinniswood Award for Best Audio Drama script at this year's BBC Audio Drama Awards.
Directed by James Robinson
A BBC Cymru Wales Production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.
FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m001342v)
Tips for new podcasters
Chris Pearson and Laura Grimshaw invite podcasters to offer up tips and advice on podcasting.
Leanne Alie joins us from BBC Sounds Audio Lab, and discusses her independent podcast Coiled.
The producer Charlie Dinkin and the stand up comedian Olga Koch talk comedy podcasts, and the value of collaboration.
BBC Brexitcast creator Dino Sofos talks about the pressures of making daily podcasts, and his new production company Persephonica.
Plus, broadcasters from the BBC and beyond offer their advice, with contributions from:
Bad People's Dr Julia Shaw
Teach Me A Lesson's, Greg James and Bella Mackie
Audio Freqs and Vegan Life Podcast presenter Jake Yapp
If You Dont Know's Roshan Roberts and De-Graft Mensah
BBC Sounds Podcast Producer Ella Watts

The Battersea Poltergeist and Uncanny host Danny Robins
BBC Ouch's Keiligh Baker
The Skewer producer Jon Holmes
Wheel Of Misfortune host Alison Spittle,
The Moon Under Water presenters John Robins and Robin Allender
Whistle Through The Shamrocks writers Nicola Coughlan and Camilla Whitehill,
Tony Bellew Is Angry presenter Tony Bellew
Scott Bryan and Hayley Campbell from Must Watch Podcast
Podcast Radio Hour creator Amanda Litherland
Director and Sound Designer Dirk Maggs.
FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jprv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 12:30 Married (b0081vm4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Doctor Finlay (b008kxdq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Colvil and Soames (b007j9c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Man of Iron: Thomas Telford and the Building of Britain (b08cv2qt)
Episode 5
Julian Glover's biography of Thomas Telford: a shepherd's son, born in the Scottish Borders in 1757, who revolutionised British engineering and set the stage for the Industrial Revolution.
Telford built churches, harbours, canals, docks and the famously vertiginous Pontcysyllte aqueduct in Wales. He invented the modern road and created the backbone of Britain's road network. His bridges are some of the most dramatic and beautiful ever built, most of all the Menai Bridge, which spans the dangerous channel between the mainland and Anglesey.
With his death in September 1834, just as the railway age was dawning, Telford had little idea of how lasting his legacy would be: he shaped the lives of the Victorian civil engineers who followed him and almost everything he built is still in use today.
Reader: Robin Laing
Writer: Julian Glover
Abridger: David Jackson Young
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.
FRI 14:15 D for Dexter (m00014y8)
Series 5
Episode 5
Skye knows now that she'll never get away. She'll stay here forever, like Jak. Because they're made out of the same stuff.
Skye and Dexter are back in this award-winning serial, one of the highlights of the BBC Children in Need Appeal on Radio 4.
This year's story was developed with the help of the Young Carers' Transition Project in Nottingham which receives funding from BBC Children in Need, and through long term research with children and families in Gainsborough.
See Monday for cast details.
Writer...Amanda Whittington
Director...Mary Ward-Lowery
Music by David Bowie, performed by Tom Constantine.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.
FRI 14:30 Birth of an Orchestra (b069rv9w)
Alan Bennett, former members of the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra (1947-55) and students of the new Yorkshire Young Sinfonia discuss Yorkshire orchestras past, present and future.
In 2014 on BBC Radio 4, Alan Bennett recalled his boyhood visits to the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra. In Death of an Orchestra, he was joined by supporters and former members in telling the YSO's history, from 1947 to its sad demise in 1955. As he listened to the programme, David Taylor was coincidentally in the process of creating a new youth orchestra - the Yorkshire Young Sinfonia - and Alan Bennett's story of the YSO gave his project a new sense of purpose: "To create the musicians of tomorrow, providing a springboard to a career in the arts, and stimulate the arts in Yorkshire".
Birth of an Orchestra follows the students of the YYS as they prepare for their inaugural concert - just 60 years on from the YSO's last performance. The young players talk about their musical backgrounds and ambitions, and hear advice from three former members of the YSO with long and distinguished orchestral careers - violinist Stan Smith, harpist Mair Roberts and cellist Betty Wood, a founder member of the YSO at the age of 19.
The programme explores Yorkshire's musical heritage. Alan Bennett remembers an embarrassing visit to the Leeds Triennial Festival, Leeds City Organist Simon Lindley outlines the origins of music-making in the county and Bernard Atha - former Lord Mayor of Leeds - recalls hearing John McCormack sing there in the 1930s.
Producer: Susan Kenyon
A Whistledown production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
FRI 15:00 Das Kapital (b0b1hwj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b6q46w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 16:30 In the Red (b007js7t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 17:00 The Headset Set (b0124pxs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 17:30 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m0011ryb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Berlie Doherty - The Drowned Village (b008k18w)
Kate returns to the village where she spent her childhood. There's a reservoir nearby which was formed by flooding a neighbouring village. She believes that on the anniversary of the death of that village, its church bell tolls and voices can be heard calling...
Stars Kate Lee as Kate, Christian Rodska as Mark, Jane Hazelgrove as Young Jane, Craig Masterson as Young Mark, David Fleeshman as Uncle Mike and Ann Rye as Miss Peters.
Script by Berlie Doherty.
Producer: Kay Patrick
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.
FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b01kj7w)
The Dark Side
Dominic Arkwright and guests wrangle with inner demons and consider the benefits of embracing The Dark Side.
The novelist and film critic Kim Newman tells how the nightmares that beset him through childhood were alleviated when he began to watch horror films. The psychologist Linda Blair considers whether people who embrace their dark side are more likely to be creative, and the writer Ian Marchant tells us how the dark forces of punk enlightened him.
Producer: Sarah Langan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.
FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jprv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 Married (b0081vm4)
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FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m001342v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
FRI 22:00 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m0011ryb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 22:30 Henry Normal's Encyclopaedia Poetica (b0bqw7f5)
Volume 1
Henry Normal presents a mixed salad of satirical poetry.
First of four excursions through Henry's alphabet of stand-up poetry from A to C, to Zzz to Zzz.
With guests Su Andi and Attila the Stockbroker.
Producer: Diane Messias
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1994.
FRI 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00j7vtm)
Series 7
Episode 6
Satan has worked how to return baby Patrick to Earth behind God's back.
But God is all-seeing and knows what Satan is up to. And now God is pretty angry.
Stars Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumpspawn, Jimmy Mulville as Thomas and Timothy West as God.
Other roles played by Mike Fenton Stevens, Philip Pope and Felicity Montagu.
Written by Andy Hamilton.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.
FRI 23:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mbm3j)
Series 4
Episode 2
"Make Me a Celebrity Centaur", an exciting new reality show that features cutting edge surgery and some horses.
Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.
With Sarah Hadland, Olivia Colman and James Bachman.
Producer Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.