

SATURDAY 08 JANUARY 2022**SAT 00:00 The Drowned Village (b008k18w)**

Kate returns to the village where she spent her childhood. Nearby there's a reservoir 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...

Starring Kate Lee and Christian Rodska.

Written by Berlie Doherty.

Kate Kate Lee

Mark Christian Rodska

Young Jane Jane Hazelgrove

Young Mark Craig Masterston

Uncle Mike David Fleeshman

Miss Peters Ann Rye

Producer: Kay Patrick

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1982.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b01kj7w)

The Dark Side

Dominic Arkwright and guests wrangle with inner demons and consider the benefits of embracing The Dark Side.

Novelist and film critic Kim Newman tells how the nightmares that beset him through childhood were alleviated when he began to watch horror films.

Psychologist Linda Blair considers whether people who embrace their dark side are more likely to be creative, and 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.

SAT 01:00 Doctor Finlay (b008kxdq)

The Further Adventures of a Black Bag - Series 1
5. The Golden Fishbone

Finlay is distracted from medicine by a fishbone that brings the promise of a fast fortune!

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish Highland town of Levenford.

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about Scotland's most celebrated doctor Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay John Gordon Sinclair

Dr Cameron Brian Pettifer

Janet Celia Imlrie

Nurse Angus Stella Gonet

Maggie Dallas Maureen Beattie

McKellar David Tennant

Produced and directed at BBC Bristol by Jeremy Howe and Viv Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

SAT 01:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jt9c)

Bad Apples

2. Numbered

After an unexpected twist in his latest murder investigation, Inspector Guscott has asked his old friends from MI6, Colvil and Soames for their discreet assistance.

Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman stars as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Christopher Lee's murder-mystery.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alex Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Jones Davies

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

SAT 02:00 Man of Iron: Thomas Telford and the Building of Britain (b08cv2qt)

Episode 5

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. 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. Concluded by Robin Laing.

Abridged by David Jackson Young

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

SAT 02:15 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.

Amanda Whittington's heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story exploring the issue of neglect.

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.

Music by David Bowie, performed by Tom Constantine.

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018.

SAT 02:30 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 that 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.

SAT 03:00 Das Kapital (b0b1hwj)

Sarah Woods' dramatisation of Karl Marx's iconic work imagines what he would make of our 21st Century global economy. With present day themes weaved in, it 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. In 2018, at least half of the adult population owned one - estimated to rise to 70 per cent by 2020 - 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.

Karl Marx David Threlfall

Richard Harvey David Threlfall

Sasha Kimberley Nixon

Delphin JP Oppong

Nathan Peter Bankole

Peter Samuel James

Jacob Sam Swainsbury

Trader Patrice Naiambana

Joanne Claire Cage

Sarah Woods works in collaboration with scientists, academics and charities to communicate current issues through innovative drama. For BBC Radio, she has written over 30 plays, series, adaptations and drama-documentaries. Borderland - imagined a future UK, divided by borders won the Tinniswood Award for Best Audio Drama at the 2018 BBC Audio Drama Awards.

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.

SAT 04:00 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

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.

SAT 04:30 In the Red (b007js7l)

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 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 McNeice

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 February 1995.

SAT 05:00 The Headset Set (b0124pxs)

Series 1

Episode 2

A new phone system is causing chaos in the call centre at

Smile5, the mail order catalogue company.

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

Other characters played by the cast.

Written by James Kettle, Stephen Carlin, Andy Wolton, Colin Hoult, Madeleine Brettingham, Dale Shaw, Kevin Core, Rob Gilroy, Tom Neenan and Jon Hunter.

Script editors: James Kettle and Dan Tetsell

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

SAT 05:30 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m0011ryb)

Ageing

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"Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for Henry Normal!"

Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times

The eighth instalment in this acclaimed, occasional series in which acclaimed, occasional writer Henry Normal tackles those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.

So far Henry has covered 'Family', 'Life', 'Love', 'Imagination', 'Nature', 'The Universe' and 'Communication'; in this new episode, recorded in front of a live audience in Stratford Upon Avon, he will be talking about getting older.

Through poetry, stories, jokes and quotes Henry will be exploring being in the autumn of his life, when things are "going a different colour and dropping off."

Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated Philomena, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.

Praise for previous episodes in this series:

"It's a rare and lovely thing: half an hour of radio that stops you short, gently demands your attention and then wipes your tears away while you have to have a little sit down"

"It's a real treat to hear a seasoned professional like Henry taking command of this evening comedy spot to deliver a show that's idiosyncratic and effortlessly funny"

"Not heard anything that jumps from hilarious to moving in such an intelligent, subtle way as Henry Normal's show"

Written and performed by Henry Normal

Production Coordinator - Katie Baum

Sound manager - David Thomas

Produced by Carl Cooper

This was a BBC Studios production

SAT 06:00 Ronald Harwood - The Dresser (b01s82g4)

"What do we play tomorrow, Norman?"

"King Lear, sir."

"Then I shall wake with the storm clouds in my head."

Norman has his work cut out, as 'Sir' prepares to tackle yet another performance of Lear.

Starring Freddie Jones, Michael Palin and Melinda Walker.

Written by for the West End stage and Broadway by Ronald Harwood.

Sir ... Freddie Jones

Norman Michael Palin

Her Ladyship Melinda Walker

Madge Jill Graham

Irene Federay Holmes

Mr Thornton Geoffrey Matthews

Mr Oxenby Keith Drinkel

Kent John Baddeley

Gloucester John Webb

Albany James Telfer

Percussionist: Roy Sinclair

Adapted and directed for radio by David Blount.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b09hrxw0)

Series 44

Cornelia Parker on Marcel Duchamp

Marcel Duchamp - the father of conceptual art, and responsible for that famously provocative urinal signed 'R Mutt, 1917' - is

the great life choice of fellow artist Cornelia Parker. She explains to Matthew Parris why he's influenced not only her work but that of so many other artists since his death in 1968. As an art student in the 1970s she recalls the attraction of Duchamp's 'readymades', such as a bicycle wheel or suspended wine bottle rack - manufactured items that the artist selected and modified, antidotes to what he dismissed as conventional 'retinal art'.

They are joined by Dawn Ades, Professor of the History of Art at the Royal Academy. She recalls an occasion when she saw him completely absorbed in a game of chess in a café in the Spanish seaside town of Cadaqués, whilst visiting Salvador Dali. They also discuss Duchamp's intriguing female alter ego, Rose Selavy (Eros, c'est la vie or "physical love is the life") Man Ray's photographs of whom featured in some Surrealist exhibitions.

We hear how Duchamp let the world know that he'd given up being in art in favour of devoting himself to chess whilst still in his 30s. He played the game at a high level, representing France at international tournaments, whilst covertly continuing his art work.

Cornelia Parker explains that his works spoke not just to the Pop Art and Op Art movements of the 1960s, but more broadly to American artists like Bruce Nauman and the composer John Cage, and whose influence can be seen today in the work of, for example, fellow English artist, Rachel Whiteread.

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

SAT 08:00 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 March 2007.

SAT 08:30 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.

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

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.

SAT 09:00 Hilarious Histories – What's So Funny About the Past? (m0002mnk)

Public Historian Greg Jenner embarks on an Arthurian quest to find out how comedy writers make history funny.

Greg is the Historical Consultant to all eight series of CBBC's Emmy and multiple BAFTA award-winning Horrible Histories. In short he is both a nerd and a comedy nerd.

Over three hours, the range of comedy from the BBC archives includes:

* Pauline Peypys' Dowry starring David Mitchell, Olivia Colman, Katherine Parkinson and Sharon Horgan.

* Aulentious (Cariad Lloyd, Rachel Parris, Andrew Hunter-Murray)

* Stand-up from Eddie Izzard.

And, that's not all; we've also excavated audio of Monty Python discussing the controversy surrounding The Holy Grail and Life of Brian, plus a choice selection of shiny trinkets from Horrible Histories.

To help Greg grapple with the big questions over accuracy, ethics, and whether Mr Darcy wore underpants, he's chatting to comedian-turned-Classicalist Natalie Haynes, Horrible Histories Head Writer Ben Ward, Aulentious improvisers Cariad Lloyd and Andrew Hunter-Murray, and Stephen Fry, who apparently was in a show called Blackadder.

Producer: Anne-Marie Luff

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2019.

SAT 12:00 Jest a Minute (b016w0m2)

Series 2

Episode 1

Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff.

With:

Chris Corcoran

Lloyd Langford

Rob Deering

Tom Craine.

Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in December 2006.

SAT 12:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007mcc4)

Series 1

Episode 1

If smugglers were the rock stars of the day, Tamsyn Trelawny was Drumlins Bay's very own Ms Dynamite-ee-ee.

But how will she cope when a keen young soldier from London is appointed the new local customs collector?

18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Tamsyn Trelawny Lucy Speed

Jago Trelawny John Bowe

Major Thomas Falconer Cameron Stewart

Captain Marriot Andrew McGibbon

Squire Bascombe Martin Hyder

Lady Mary Julia Deakin

Dewey Mark Felgate

Various Phil Nice

Producer: Jan Ravens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b060qbwm)

Tomorrow's World, Today

Many of us watched the iconic BBC TV series Tomorrow's World, as it made predictions about the future in which we now live.

Was it correct in its assumptions and predictions?

Former presenter James Burke takes a journey through the archive, and explores how the series fared.

Tomorrow's World began in the "White Heat" of the 1960s - as science and technology began to promise a future previously unimaginable.

From the first orbits of the moon, to the first heart transplant; from the nuclear debates of 20th century, to the economic failure of Concorde; from robots to the internet - Tomorrow's World reported on it all. How did the show do it? And did it get it right?

In 2015, James Burke - a Tomorrow's World reporter from 1966 to 1972 - looked at how the show dealt with huge technological advances and assesses our ability to see what's around the corner.

Featuring:

Judith Hann

Michael Rodd

Maggie Philbin

Howard Stableford

Michael Blakstad

Dame Wendy Hall

Producer: Polly Weston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

SAT 14:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (m000h8gk)

Richard III Rebooted

Rather than a conniving and treacherous hunchback, Richard was an honest and loyal warrior with only a slight spinal kink, nothing you'd notice if you weren't looking for it. This is the story of how, through the invention of the printing press, a good man became the first victim of fake news and how the Tudor dynasty was built on a foundation of lies by the world's first spin-doctor, Henry Tudor.

Written by David Reed.

Starring The Penny Dreadfuls:

Humphrey Ker

David Reed

Thom Tuck

With Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Celeste Dring.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.

SAT 14:45 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrkw)

A Switch in Time

Tackling time-wasting and greetings cards

Producer, writer and performer Armando Iannucci presents his own collection of humorous essays.

Compiled by Jenny Baynes.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

SAT 15:00 Delve Special (b00sz32f)

Series 1

The Shiftton Scandal

Undercover investigative reporter David Lander begins a four-part expose into irregularities over plans to site a new London airport near Birmingham.

With serious allegations aimed at a multi-national giant - what exactly has the government's role been in the plans to demolish the town?

And exactly who is the shifty Mr Browncoat?

Studio production by Stephen Fry, Brenda Blethyn and Tony Robinson.

With:

Jack Klaff

James Griffiths

Stephen Frost

Peter Wear

Mark Arden

Dramatic reconstruction by:

Hilda Schroder

Monica Grey

Jon Strickland

Scott Cherry

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

SAT 15:30 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 16:00 Ronald Harwood - The Dresser (b01s82g4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b09hrxw0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Guy de Maupassant - The Inn (b09rbpy5)

It begins with the first stirrings of a love affair.

It ends in mystery and mayhem.

A young mountain guide finds himself in sole charge of a remote Alpine hotel in the Swiss Alps.

Starring Robin Laing and Gareth Thomas.

Published in 1886, Guy de Maupassant's haunting short story is a wintry, snowbound tale of loneliness and dark imaginings.

Ulrich Robin Laing

Gaspard Gareth Thomas

Louise Hauser Vicki Liddelle

Jeanne Hauser Kirstin Murray

Jean Hauser John Sheddin

Aunt Berthe Tamara Kennedy

Uncle Maurice Sandy Neilson

Dramatised by Sue Glover.

Director: David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

SAT 19:00 Hilarious Histories – What's So Funny About the Past? (m0002mnk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Chain Reaction (b00kwf75)

Series 1

Jimmy Carr Interviews Matt Lucas

Deadpan comedian, Jimmy Carr interviews 'Little Britain' funny man, Matt Lucas.

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

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

SAT 22:30 Ida Barr: Artificial Hip Hop (b00vcq95)

Transparency

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 "Transparency".

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 (b0076cp2)

Series 1

Ensign Mandalay's Hat

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

It's chapter 2 from Ensign Mandalay's Hat.

This is the story of one man's struggle to solve the greatest scientific mystery of his time: male pattern baldness.

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 February 2003.

SAT 23:00 Mr and Mrs Smith (b019rpw8)

Series 1

The Dinner Party

A year into married life and already things are a little creaky.

So, following Will's unimaginative anniversary present (a draining rack), Annabelle's signed them up for a course of marriage counselling.

Counsellor Guy mediates a recent dispute between Will and Annabelle, with flashbacks to the events that spawned the argument...

Will Smith's sitcom about a couple in marriage counselling

Will Smith Will Smith

Annabelle Smith Sarah Hadland

Guy Paterson Joseph

Katrina Tracy Wiles

Doug Simon Bubb

Heather Morwenna Banks

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SAT 23:30 Sami Shah's Beginner's Guide to Pakistan (b06d8pql)

Episode 1

Sami Shah is an award-winning comedian and best-selling author, and one of Pakistan's most successful comedians. Yes, Pakistan has comedians.

Sami's travelled to Birmingham - or, to give it its full name, the Islamic Republic of Birmingham - to give a quick guide to the country which has directly and/or indirectly provided the UK with 1.8% of its population: Pakistan.

In this first episode, he looks at the country's political history, from its foundations in British-ruled India right up to the present day.

It's a litany of coups and assassinations, in the middle of which Sami grew up, moved away and came home - to a very different Pakistan from the one he left. Which isn't to say that there weren't more coups and/or assassinations.

Written and performed by Sami Shah.

The Voice of the Guide: Anita Anand

Producer: Ed Morrish

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

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SUN 06:00 Man of Iron: Thomas Telford and the Building of Britain (Omnibus) (b08dbspl)

"There was no better moment to be born, if you wanted to change the world by building things, than Britain in the second half of the 18th century."

Julian Glover's first full modern biography of Thomas Telford: a shepherd's son who changed the world with his revolutionary engineering.

Telford's life spanned a fascinating time in British history: born in post-Union, post-Enlightenment Scotland, Telford forged a successful career in London and then across the country working on projects that set the stage for the Industrial Revolution.

Born in the Scottish Borders in 1757, Telford's beginnings were not auspicious. But he gained a fine education in his village school and, in that egalitarian time and place, mixed there with children from all different classes. Indeed, contacts from his schooldays played a key role in helping him to become established as one of Britain's leading engineers.

A stonemason turned architect turned engineer Telford built churches, harbours, canals, docks and the famously vertiginous Pontcysyllte aqueduct in Wales. He invented the modern road and created the backbone of our national 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.

Astonishingly, gratifyingly, almost everything he built remains in use today...

Omnibus of five parts.

Read by Robin Laing.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07w0x28)

Sian Lloyd

TV presenter and meteorologist Sian Lloyd chooses 'Can Walter' by Meic Stevens and 'Something Inside So Strong' by Labi Siffre.

SUN 07:20 D for Dexter (Omnibus) (m00016bn)

Series 5

Skye and Dexter's mum Jak hasn't had a drink for 11 months now and she's doing alright.

They've even got a morning routine. She forgets words sometimes, but she might not have known them in the first place. And that's how it is, in recovery.

Skye is 15 and Dexter's six, and they live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire. Skye has always had to look out for Dex. But now Skye's going on a school trip, if she can be sure that Jak will stick to the plan.

Amanda Whittington's heart-breakingly brave, funny and beautiful story exploring the issue of neglect.

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.

Omnibus of five parts.

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.

Music by The Breeders and David Bowie, performed by Tom Constantine.

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018

SUN 08:30 Play It Cool (b05ps3hw)

Episode 2

Days out and big business inspire a plethora of comedy characters galore in fast-moving sketches.

Written by Eric Merriman - best known for Beyond Our Ken. Starring:

Ian Carmichael

Joan Sims

Hugh Paddick

Films like Private's Progress and I'm All Right, Jack propelled Ian Carmichael to stardom on both British stage and screen.

Play It Cool was his first radio comedy series promising a variety of potty and pompous situations.

Music from:

Rosemary Squires

The Mike Sammes Singers

The Ken Thorne Orchestra

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1964.

SUN 09:00 The Clitheroe Kid (m001388d)

Series 5

Lend Me An Ear

Eavesdropping lands schoolboy Jimmy in hot water.

Will it all come out in the wash?

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

Grocer Brian Trueman

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 February 1962.

SUN 09:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000qq8)

Series 3

3. Connecting People

Hardacre's ad agency find themselves competing for an unusual account.

Befriendr is a dating-style app designed to help lonely city-dwellers make friends.

Amanda recruits Joe as the most normal member of the agency, to accompany her to the Befriendr launch event – a chance to network, and maybe even make some new friends themselves.

Meanwhile Hardacre and Teddy – both banned from attending the event for not being normal enough – seek solace in each other's company.

Hardacre resolves to remake Teddy in his own image, teaching him how to be A Real Man.

Edward Rowlett's award-winning sitcom.

Hardacre Nigel Havers

Joe Mathew Baynton

Amanda Josie Lawrence

Teddy Rasmus Hardiker

Laura / 'Gram Woman Olivia Nixon

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001388g)

Singers 2

Kylie Minogue

From ABBA to Stevie Wonder.

Pop star Kylie Minogue shares her castaway choices, with

Kirsty Young.

With seven number ones and 10,000,000 singles sold in the UK, she is the third-biggest selling female artist in Britain and has sold around 70,000,000 records worldwide.

Born in Melbourne in 1968, Kylie and her sister Dannii began their careers as child actors on Australian television. At 17,

Kylie landed the role of Charlene Mitchell in the soap opera Neighbours and her on-screen wedding to Jason Donovan's character Scott Robinson was watched by twenty million people in the UK alone.

Her recording career began after she was spotted singing at a charity event in 1987. Within months she had released a cover version of "Locomotion" which became the biggest-selling Australian single of the decade. Following the single's success,

her first hit with record producers Stock, Aitken and Waterman was "I Should Be So Lucky": her debut album sold seven million copies.

At the age of 21, a romance with INXS lead singer Michael Hutchence led to a change in her image. In 2000, inspired by 1970s disco and assisted by gold hot pants, her single "Spinning

Around" became her first British number one for a decade. She also sang to an estimated global audience of 3.7 billion at the closing ceremony of the Sydney Olympics.

In May 2005 she was diagnosed with breast cancer: following treatment she resumed the tour 18 months later.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

SUN 10:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0003z7x)

Series 13

The Periodic Problem

"Will the periodic table ever be complete?" asks Philip Craven on Twitter.

In 2016 four new chemical elements were given the official stamp of approval - nihonium, moscovium, tennessine, and oganesson. And 2019 was named by the UN as the International Year of the Periodic Table.

In this episode, Hannah and Adam dive into the test tubes of history to hear why the first element was discovered in boiled urine, why chips don't explode and how a cancelled trip to a cheese factory resulted in the creation of the periodic table.

We'll hear from Dawn Shaughnessy from Lawrence Livermore National Lab, part of the team that discovered the latest 'superheavy' elements. Science writer Philip Ball shows Adam

around Humphry Davy's lab equipment at the Royal Institution of Great Britain and Jim Al-Khalili explains why scientists are eager to reach the Island of Stability.

Presenters: Adam Rutherford, Hannah Fry

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000d7ft)

Series 6

For Whom the Cowbell Tolls

Radiolab explores what does it mean and what does it take to belong to a place? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.

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 2019.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m001388j)

Borderliners

Daljit Nagra selects 'Borderliners' featuring a poem by Hannah Lowe which explores the mysteries surrounding the lives of her Chinese Jamaican family.

The term 'borderliner' was once a derogatory term for having mixed heritage. "Between 'bi-racial' and 'bounty,'" Hannah writes, "I find the label 'borderliner' which the dictionary tells me, means uncertain or debatable." Using this term and its

troubling history as the basis for a new poetic form, the poem reflects on borders and borderlines, both physical and psychological.

Drawing on half-memories and imagined images from her family history, Hannah Lowe re-creates moments from the lives of her Jamaican Chinese father who came to the UK by ship in 1947 and became a professional gambler, her Chinese grandfather who moved to Jamaica as a legacy of indentured labour in the Caribbean, and most elusive of all the mystery surrounding the life of her Jamaican grandmother of whom she has only one photograph.

Producer: Jo Wheeler

Reader: Burt Caesar

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4

First broadcast in 2019.

SUN 12:30 HR (b00hv33d)

Series 1

A Role-Play

Peter discovers that he has to reapply for his own job. But he's not the only one...

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

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

SUN 13:00 The Valley at the Centre of the World by Malachy Tallack (Omnibus) (b0b2msdw)

Episode 2

As his neighbours gather for Jo and Ryan's house warming, Sandy wrestles with powerful feelings.

Malachy Tallack's debut novel is a quiet yet powerful study of contemporary rural Scotland that asks what remains when a way of life vanishes.

Set on the rugged west coast of Shetland, in a community only ever a few steps away from extinction, Tallack's novel tackles big questions about land, inheritance and belonging without ever losing sight of the humanity and integrity of its characters.

Concluded by Steven Robertson.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Robin Brooks.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (m0002c9z)

Sir Tim Rice

Lyricist Sir Tim Rice selects 'You Did It', from Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady and Bob Dylan's 'On Our Side' sung by Manfred Mann.

SUN 14:20 Colin Blytheaway - Ground Control (Omnibus) (b0075107)

Tess is married to a real live hero, Scott Carter, an astronaut aboard the International Space Station.

What an honour for her.

Or is it? Is she always going to be simply Mrs Scott Carter? Starring Tamsin Greig and Adam James.

Colin Bytheway's comedy drama chronicling the ultimate long distance relationship.

Omnibus of five parts.

Tess Tamsin Greig
Scott Adam James
Anna Georgie Glen
Shariq Nick Mohammed
Sylvie Felicity Du Jeu
Dmitry Neil McCaul
Reporter Ryan Early
Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

SUN 15:30 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.

Producers: Yasmeen Khan & Neil Rosser

A Ladbroke production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2012.

SUN 16:00 Ronnie Smith - Cherries Hung with Snow (b0075zy2)

Fulham, London, 1958: It's over five years since Tommie was de-mobbed after National Service.

Now he's come back in search of some familiar faces

Starring George Cole.

Ronnie Smith's poignant comedy is interspersed with music of the period.

Older Tommie George Cole
Younger Tommie David Thorpe
Lil Becky Hindley
Duckett John Hartley
Doreen Deborah Berlin
Mrs Letts Kate Williams
Hank Matt Podmore
Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m001388j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 HR (b00hv33d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Sarah Woods - Borderland (b08dnhjx)

A dark vision of a near-future in which the United Kingdom is fragmented and divided by borders.

Layla and her daughter are on a desperate mission across borders from England, through Wales and over the Irish Sea.

Written by Sarah Woods.

Layla Juliet Cowan
Rabaa Sirine Saba
Babak Ali Ariaie
Holly Esme Robinson
Trafficker John Norton
Tunneller Ali Goolyad
Darren Sion Pritchard
Nurse Claire Cage

Based on the stories and experiences of real refugees, Borderland is a thriller about what it means to be a displaced person in the 21st Century.

It explores the rise of the UK's various nationalisms via a nightmare future. But it also offers a unique perspective on the urgent issue of global migration - by giving British listeners a taste of what it might be like to be pushed to leave your home, in a desperate search for a better life.

From an original idea by John Norton.

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in February 2017.

SUN 18:45 Roald Dahl (b041ym4c)

The Man From the South

Win a Cadillac or lose a finger.

What will be the result of an old man's bizarre bet?

Terry Molloy reads Roald Dahl's short story.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1993.

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SUN 22:00 HR (b00hv33d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Delve Special (b00t1qsy)

Series 1

The Shiftton Scandal

In 1982 Shiftton, a town 20 miles north east of Birmingham, was demolished to make way for London's third airport.

David Lander examines the part played in the scandal by Mickey Ozada's Jolly Good Fun Holiday Company and looks at the fate of the Women's Anti-Airport Protest Camp.

Studio production by Stephen Fry, Jack Klaff and Andrew Sachs.

With:

Brenda Blethyn
Moray Watson
Tony Robinson
Jan Ravens

Dramatic reconstruction by:

Mark Arden
Stephen Frost
Felicity Montagu
Phil Nice

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

SUN 23:00 Edge Falls (b007spsj)

Series 1

Family Fun Day

Booking 'Animal Man' Dickie Doubleday for the retail park proves to be a barking idea.

Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst's sitcom following the lives of the staff of Edge Falls Retail Village.

Starring Sarah Lancashire and Mark Benton.

Sonya Sarah Lancashire
Mick Mark Benton
Rez Emil Marwa
Valerie Sarah Hadland
Colin Anthony Glennon
Milosh John Douglall
John Neil Warhurst
Dickie Doubleday Paul Barnhill
Tina/Shaz Jasmine Callan
Miranda Lindsay Allen

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

SUN 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k4j3)

Series 2

The Coach Trip

The Museum's annual away day heads to a medieval fayre in Chaversham.

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 April 2005.

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MON 03:30 Asian Weddings: Something Gold, Nothing Borrowed, Everything New (b01h2c3n)

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MON 04:00 Ronnie Smith - Cherries Hung with Snow

(b0075zy2)

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MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m001388j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 HR (b00hv33d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Doctor Finlay (b008m7by)

The Further Adventures of a Black Bag - Series 1

6. The Match

Finlay is serving for a love match, but tensions rise over who will be his doubles partner...

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish Highland town of Levenford.

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about Scotland's most celebrated doctor Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay John Gordon Sinclair
Dr Cameron Brian Pettifer
Janet Celia Imrie
Georgina McNab Siobhan Redmond
Nurse Angus Stella Gonet
John Angus Gordon Reid
Dre Freddie Lawrence Jamie Glover

Produced and directed at BBC Bristol by Jeremy Howe and Viv Beebey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

MON 06:30 Colvil and Soames (b007j9p)

Bad Apples

3. Connection

In spite of her denials, the Home Secretary, Maggie Lindley appears to be closely linked with Brighton murder victim, Norman Tate.

Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman stars as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Christopher Lee's murder-mystery.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin
Alex Soames Amanda Redman
DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton
Miranda Peel Sheila Reid
Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher
Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan
Maggie Lindley Alphonsia Emmanuel

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

MON 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000t4z)

Series 3

4. Because She's Worth It

Work at Hardacre's advertising agency is brought to a standstill when Teddy becomes obsessed with a series of literary thrillers - the continuing adventures of John Soldier in titles such as Kill And Let Die and The Deathman Cometh.

Soon he has Joe and Amanda hooked on them as well, and all work is put on hold as the team obsess over the most exciting books they've ever read.

Meanwhile, Hardacre receives a visit from old flame Laurie, and finds himself caught in a battle for her affections with a wholly unexpected opponent.

Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom.

Hardacre Nigel Havers
Joe Mathew Baynton
Amanda Josie Lawrence
Teddy Rasmus Hardiker
Laura Olivia Nixon
Laurie Patterson Frances Barber
Book Launch Host Edward Rowett

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.

MON 07:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001327m)

Series 76

Episode 6

The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the Lyric Theatre in Salford. Jon Culshaw and Milton Jones take on John Finnemore and Vicki Pepperdine with Jack Dee in the chair.

Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment. Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 08:00 Marriage Lines (b063ml9j)

Series 2

Episode 7

Can Kate and George organise their baby Helen's Christening? George and Kate's first night out since baby arrived doesn't go well.

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 Richard Briers
Kate Prunella Scales
Kate's Mother Joan Sanderson
Miles Edward de Souza
George's Mum Diana King
George's Dad Geoffrey Sumner
Bertie Peter Hawkins

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

MON 08:30 The Phenomenon Squad (b08490hk)

The Devil

The Beavers are expecting the Devil at No 42. Brabazon and the

squad are out to foil their plans.
Can they save suburbia from Satanism?
Stars Roy Kinneer and Simon Cadell.
Michael Snelgrove's police sitcom about the less-than-competent leader of a crack undercover police squad.
Supt Brabazon Roy Kinneer
Chief Inspector Endicott-Heap Simon Cadell
Sigaloff Royce Mills
WPI Nutkins Susie Blake
MacTooley Alex Norton
Humby Stephen Frost
Derek Anthony Jackson
Donna Karen Archer
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1987.
MON 09:00 Jest a Minute (b0170c50)
Series 2
Episode 2
Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff.
With:
Markus Birdman
Lloyd Langford
Chris Corcoran
Steve Williams
Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.
First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in December 2006.
MON 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rvzqk)
Series 2
Considering the Lillies of the Field
Prince Ludovico of Monte Guano - besieged ruler of the pettiest state in Italy - battles to raise enough money from his meagre subjects to pay for the new Pope's tribute.
The return of 16th century comedy drama about the chaotic lives of the ruling family of Renaissance Italy's most inconsequential city-state.
Starring David Swift and Sian Phillips.
Devised by Neal Anthony.
Written by Roger Danes
Ludovico David Swift
Plethora Sian Phillips
Francesco Graham Crowden
Rosalie Saskia Wickham
Salvatori Nick Romero
Alessandro Paul Bigley
Guido Christopher Kelham
Vitelozzo Kim Wall
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
MON 10:00 Nick Warburton - Lawn Wars (b00td4zv)
A single older woman takes on a gardener - and gets much more than she bargained for.
Nick Warburton's gentle comedy about relationships, property and cricket.
Alice Tilney Anna Calder-Marshall
Anthony Fordham Richard Johnson
Rob Squire Robert Dawes
With thanks to David Afield of Essex County Cricket Club for off-spin advice.
Director: Peter Kavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.
MON 10:45 The Lady of the Sea by Diana Hendry (b07gtgsc)
Every evening Saul and his little daughter drive out of the city to the seaside, to walk on the beach
They breathe the sea air as they keep their appointment with Our Lady of the Sea.
Lin Sagovsky reads Daina Hendry's short story.
Producer: Sara Davies
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1994.
MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m00139lt)
Series 8
Episode 37
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
Manoush Zomorodi explores how great ideas can come from anywhere. How does TED find them? With Cloe Sasha Brooks.
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.
MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m00139lw)
Hannah Cockroft MBE
Paralympic gold medalist Hannah Cockroft chooses 'You To Me Are Everything' by The Real Thing and Coldplay's 'The Scientist'.
MON 12:00 Marriage Lines (b063ml9j)
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MON 13:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jt9p)
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MON 14:00 Born Lippy by Jo Brand (m0001d8g)
1. Family
Jo Brand turns advice giver in a typically irreverent guide to life. She says she's messed up enough times to feel confident she has no wisdom to offer anyone. But who cares? She's going to do it anyway.
Once upon a (very, very) long time ago Jo Brand was what you might describe as "a nice little girl". Of course, that was before

the values of cynicism, misogyny and the societal expectation that Jo would be thin, feminine and demure sent her off down Arsey Avenue.
The plot thickened when, due to a complicated fusion of hormones, horrible family dynamics and a no-good boyfriend they hated, Jo ended up leaving home at 16.
Now she's considerably further along life's inevitable journey and, in this memoir, she reveals a side of herself that we don't normally hear - the things she wishes she'd known and the things she hopes for the future. As you'd expect, she pulls no punches.
In today's episode, Jo begins with the wisdom (or otherwise) of giving advice, and guidance on how to survive your family.
From her own battlefield experiences, she suggests the best attitude for family holidays and Christmas. Sometimes, it's just a case of lowering your expectations.
Written and read by Jo Brand
Abridged and produced by Pippa Vaughan
A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2018.
MON 14:15 D for Dexter (m000b4q4)
Series 6
Episode 1
It's freezing because the boiler is broken and now Jak is making eyes at the plumber. Skye hasn't washed her hair for days, Dexter needs a haircut, and falling in love wasn't in Skye's plan. How can she admit it to herself or explain it to her mum? It doesn't fit in with caring for a little brother. Also, it's terrifying. Skye is sixteen and Dexter seven. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always end well. Now Skye's attempting to build her own life, but she can't leave Dex behind. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic Mum, Jak, can't. Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story, which won the 2016 Audio Drama Award for Best Serial and a Special Commendation in Best Actress category for Sydney Wade as Skye in 2019.
Skye and Dexter's story is developed through close collaboration with BBC Children in Need and one of the projects they help fund, SAYIT, a Sheffield-based charity that provides practical support around LGBT+ life, sexual health, HIV and mental wellbeing. It is also inspired by ongoing voluntary work in Gainsborough.
Written Amanda Whittington.
Skye Sydney Wade
Jak Una McNulty
Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann
Scarlett Scarlett Courtney
Ryan Adam Courting
Aiden Will Kirk
Music by Tom Constantine
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.
MON 14:30 Laurel and Hardy on Tour (b0076zb4)
"We came to Britain on vacation," said Stan. "but it turned out to be the hardest work we've ever had in our lives."
Comedy historian Glenn Mitchell examines the impact made by the comedy duo Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy during their various tours of Europe between 1932 and 1954.
Featuring comedian Harry Worth, showbiz publicist Laurie Bellew and members of the public who met the duo.
Producer: Stephen Garner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
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MON 18:00 Five Strange Stories by AL Barker (b093m4gr)
1. The Game
Two Manchester lads growing up together end up sharing more than their passion for football.
Written by AL Barker.
Read by Stephen Tompkinson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.
MON 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09ntd0h)
1. The Scratch
Potent and playful drama set in a near-future in which doctors can no longer prescribe antibiotics. By award-winning dramatist, Oliver Emanuel.
"There is a piece of paper stuck on our fridge.
It's always been there.
This is what it says:
No knives
No playing outside
Always wash your hands."
It's Monday. Two of these rules are about to be broken. By Friday, this family's world will have turned upside down.
Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Lizzie Christine Bottomley
Paul Roderick Gilkinson
David Robin Laing
GP Kevin Mains
The Truth About Hawaii was developed through Wellcome Experimental Stories in consultation with Prof. Joanna Coast (Professor in the Economics of Health & Care, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol) and Dr Adam Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and Resistance at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine).
Consultants: Prof Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts
Director: Kirsty Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b036k6m1)
Richard Osman and Jacqueline Wilson
Children's author Dame Jacqueline Wilson and TV presenter and producer Richard Osman discuss their favourite books with Harriett Gilbert.
Richard Osman's choice: Towards the End of the Morning by Michael Frayn
Published by Faber and Faber
Jacqueline Wilson's choice: The Orchard on Fire by Shena MacKay
Published by Vintage
Harriett Gilbert's choice: Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson
Published by Vintage
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MON 22:30 Hearing With Hegley (b009y1s3)
Series 1
Episode 1
The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents a selection of his work.
With contributions from Keith Moore, Susan Norton, Andrew Bailey and Nigel Piper.
Producer: Phil Clarke
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.
MON 22:45 Lenny Henry's Rogues Gallery (b07bdghz)
Series 1
I Never Forget A Face
The story of a modern day miracle, as witnessed by a blind man.
First in a series of comic monologues with twists-in-the-tale, written and performed by Lenny Henry.
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m00132yl)
Series 107
Episode 2
Andy Zaltzman and the News Quiz return to satirise the weeks news from the UK and beyond.
This week Andy is joined by Alice Fraser, Chris McCausland, Katie Perrior and Ahir Shah. They look at the smallprint on Keir Starmer's 'contract with Britain', rate Boris Johnson's new look, and discuss Novak Djokovic's double fault.
Chair's Script: Written by Andy Zaltzman
Additional Material: Written by Simon Alcock, Nathan D'Arcy Roberts, Alice Fraser, Rajiv Karia and Hannah Platt
Production Coordinator: Katie Baum
Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
Producer: Gwyn Rhys Davies
A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00hr4mz)
Episode 2
Comedy series in which comedian Alan Francis explores the workings of his own mind in relation to his life, friends and long-suffering girlfriend Jane.
Alan has come to the conclusion that he needs to talk to Jane about their relationship.
With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock. Written by Alan Francis with Julian Dutton, Anthony Neilson and Richard Turner.
Producer Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 The Lady of the Sea by Diana Hendry (b07gtgsc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Jest a Minute (b0170c50)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rvzqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m00004z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001327m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Stand By For West (m00045r5)

Battle for Inspector West

1. Honeymoon Spells Danger

Scotland Yard's youngest chief inspector has an old score to settle with a notorious blackmailer.

CAST:

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Prendergast John Cazaban

Chief Inspector Roger West is of the creation of noted crime writer, John Creasey, who authored over 600 novels, using over 20 pseudonyms. More than 40 Roger West novels were written between 1942 and 1973 with the basis for this first series, first published in 1948.

Much like Paul Temple, West - "Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector" - has a long-suffering wife who also gets involved with the action. A total of six novels were adapted for radio by Maurice Travers.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1967.

TUE 06:30 Colvil and Soames (b007j9z)

Bad Apples

4. Realisation

With the Home Secretary still denying any nefarious connections with the murdered Norman Tate, Colvil and Soames get a breakthrough in their investigation.

Christopher Lee's murder-mystery starring Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alix Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Maggie Lindley Alphonsia Emmanuel

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

TUE 07:00 Small Scenes (b0745q59)

Series 3

Episode 4

Award-winning sketch series starring Daniel Rigby, Mike Wozniak, Cariad Lloyd, Henry Paker and Jessica Ransom. Featuring more overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life, such as a woman who uncovers the conspiracy behind cryptic crosswords, a captain who's inappropriately cool in a crisis and the perils of dating a banker.

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak, with additional material from the cast.

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

TUE 07:30 It's a Fair Cop (b0bh8vp2)

Series 4

Office Banter

Another chance to hear this episode from 2018. Serving police officer Alfie Moore with the second episode of the series in which he makes his audience take the policing decisions in a real life case. This week he deals with the subject of sexual misconduct. What is the legal definition and how do you investigate allegations? With stories of cases he's dealt with and audience participation Alfie handles this very sensitive and current issue with skill and empathy.

Writer and presenter Alfie Moore

Script editor Will Ing

Producer Alison Vernon-Smith

A BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007k370)

The Silent Bugler

It's 1902 and British secret agent Seagoon is heading to Dresden on a deadly mission

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Charles Chilton

Rerecording from February 1958 of a show first broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1954.

TUE 08:30 Winston (b00pbv78)

Winston Back Home

So This Is What Happiness Is All About

The idyllic return of Winston and Nancy to Winterleaf Gunner proves to be short-lived...

Peter Timiswood's bawdy comedy serial stars Bill Wallis as Winston, Maurice Denham as Father, Shirley Dixon as Nancy, Liz Goulding as Rosie and Christian Rodska as William.

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m00132y1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007nchq)

Series 1

Episode 2

Sly barmaid Tamsyn Trelawny and her band of smugglers battle to try and outwit local customs officer, Captain Marriott. 18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe as Jago Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer, Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire Bascombe, Julia Deakin as Edna, Mark Felgate as Dewey and Phil Nice as Roy.

Producer: Jan Ravens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

TUE 10:00 DH Lawrence - Sons and Lovers (b007jlqq)

Episode 1

Paul Morel is born in Nottinghamshire at the turn of the 20th century. His father is a hard-working, hard-drinking miner, but his mother a refined woman of middle-class aspirations.

As family conflict grows, Paul's mother turns to her sons. Published in 1913, DH Lawrence's classic novel dramatised in three parts by Michael Butt.

Paul Morel Benedict Sandeford

Gertrude Morel Elizabeth Estenson

Walter Morel Clive Russell

Miriam Fiona Clarke

Young Paul Simon Lanos

William Joseph Attenborough

Annie Andrea Nicholas

Mrs. Davies Kate Rutter

Mr. Jordan Peter Meakin

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b0b9v0tq)

Could the PM Have a Brummie Accent?

BBC Political Correspondent, Chris Mason, examines the changing accents of politics and politics of accents, with help from politicians, language experts and an impersonator.

The programme examines the ways that stereotypes and prejudices can be loaded onto accents, how the voting public responds to different voices, and what politicians can do and have done about it all.

With the help of the archive, the former Labour leader Neil Kinnock and former Conservative minister Edwina Currie reflect on the political soundtrack of their lifetimes. How have their voices, those of their contemporaries and the sound of the national political conversation changed?

How is it possible and when it is sensible to change your accent? Chris is joined by Steve Nallon, who impersonated Margaret Thatcher on Spitting Image, to listen back to her as a new backbencher and later as Prime Minister.

And what about the sound of political reporting? The archive allows the former Today Programme presenter Jack Di Manio to give Chris - a son of the Yorkshire dales - a lesson in speaking 'properly'.

So are we really becoming more open minded about this aspect of political communication? The programme hears from two MPs who say they still struggle to be understood in the Commons today.

Producer: Joey D'Urso

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007k370)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 12:30 Winston (b00pbv78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:00 Stand By For West (m00045r5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Colvil and Soames (b007j9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Born Lippy by Jo Brand (m0001f03)

2. Love and Friendship

Jo Brand turns advice giver in a typically irreverent guide to life. She says she's messed up enough times to feel confident she has no wisdom to offer anyone. But who cares? She's going to do it anyway.

Once upon a (very, very) long time ago Jo Brand was what you might describe as "a nice little girl". Of course, that was before the values of cynicism, misogyny and the societal expectation that Jo would be thin, feminine and demure sent her off down Arsey Avenue.

The plot thickened when, due to a complicated fusion of hormones, horrible family dynamics and a no-good boyfriend they hated, Jo ended up leaving home at 16.

Now she's considerably further along life's inevitable journey and, in this memoir, she reveals a side of herself that we don't normally hear - the things she wishes she'd known and the things she hopes for the future. As you'd expect, she pulls no punches.

Today, Jo turns unflinchingly to love and friendship. This includes the story of an unsuitable teenage boyfriend and the appalling poetry he inspired, as well as Jo's five golden rules for keeping friends (even if they do say you look like Brian Blessed in drag).

Written and read by Jo Brand

Abridged and produced by Pippa Vaughan

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

TUE 14:15 D for Dexter (m000b8k0)

Series 6

Episode 2

The boiler's broken so it's freezing. Jak has found a soulmate in Ryan-the-heating-engineer (or Brian-the-plumber) who is making the job last days. Skye can't leave Dexter at home because Ryan/Brian keeps leaving the door open and she's worried Dex will run down the street and get in some randomer's car. It's happened before. Skye is used to having Dexter in tow, but now she wants to play guitar with Scarlett. Just the two of them.

Skye is sixteen and Dexter seven. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always end well. Now Skye's attempting to build her own life, but she can't leave Dex behind. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic Mum, Jak, can't.

Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story, which won the 2016 Audio Drama Award for Best Serial and a Special Commendation in Best Actress category for Sydney Wade as Skye in 2019.

Skye and Dexter's story is developed through close collaboration with BBC Children in Need and one of the projects they help fund, SAYIT, a Sheffield-based charity that provides practical support around LGBT+ life, sexual health, HIV and mental wellbeing. It is also inspired by ongoing voluntary work in Gainsborough.

Written Amanda Whittington.

Skye Sydney Wade

Jak Una McNulty

Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann

Scarlett Scarlett Courtney

Ryan Adam Courting

Aiden Will Kirk

Music by Tom Constantine

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

TUE 14:30 The House That Jazz Built (b00p315y)

Paul Merton explores the origins of one of the world's most famous venues and examines its impact in the world of music: Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club.

Recorded on location at Ronnie Scott's the programme features interviews with leading jazz artists Salena Jones, Ian Shaw, Jay Phelps and James Pearson and features music and archive from personalities associated with the venue which celebrated its 50th birthday in 2009.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

TUE 15:00 DH Lawrence - Sons and Lovers (b007jlqq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b01s09kc)

Series 3

Bath Spa University

A lively and funny quiz show, hosted by Steve Punt, where a team of three University students take on a team of three of their professors.

Coming this week from Bath Spa University, the specialist subjects are Creative Music Technology, Creative Writing and Physical and Environmental Geography, with questions ranging from VAT rates and model railways all the way to Meet The Kardashians and the Ku Klux Klan - via Mo Farah and Dame Nellie Melba.

The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds, and the 'Highbrow and Lowbrow' round 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.

The host Steve Punt, although best known as a satirist on The Now Show, is also someone who delights in all facets of knowledge, not just in the Humanities (his educational background) but in the sciences as well. He has made a number of documentaries for Radio 4, on subjects as varied as "The Poet Unwound - The History Of The Spleen" and "Getting The

Gongs" (an investigation into awards ceremonies), as well as a comedy for Radio 4's Big Bang Day set in the Large Hadron Collider, called "The Genuine Particle".

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2013.

TUE 16:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007nchq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Small Scenes (b0745q59)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 It's a Fair Cop (b0bb8vp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Five Strange Stories by AL Barker (b094281x)

2. I'll Never Know

A journalist finds some rare carved panels and discovers a connection with their artistry and meaning.

Written by AL Barker.

Read by Angela Thorne.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

TUE 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09nvrhj)

2. Infection

Potent and playful drama set in a near-future in which doctors can no longer prescribe antibiotics. By award-winning dramatist, Oliver Emanuel.

Sarah is 10 years old. She's not allowed to play outside. But when her brother takes her into some nearby woods, an everyday scratch turns her whole family's world upside down.

Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Lizzie Christine Bottomley

Doctor Anita Vettesse

The Truth About Hawaii was developed through Wellcome Experimental Stories in consultation with Prof. Joanna Coast (Professor in the Economics of Health & Care, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol) and Dr Adam Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and Resistance at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine).

Consultants: Prof Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts

Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b0418kfw)

Series 18

Myfanwy

The hauntingly beautiful Welsh song Myfanwy 'is in the air in Wales' according to singer Cerys Matthews.

She along with others discuss what the melodic tale of unrequited love means to them. They include a Welsh woman living in Sicily for whom the song represents 'hiraeth', a longing or homesickness for Wales and another who believes it expresses the 'wounded soul of the Welsh'.

A man remembers how his late brother and he used to sing it in pubs in North Wales and how the song symbolises the unrequited love he felt for him.

Members of the Ynysowen choir, started after the mining disaster in Aberfan as a way of dealing with the emotion, talk about the song's power, and an ex soldier recalls digging for survivors with lines from it playing in his head "Give me your hand, my sweet Myfanwy".

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007k370)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Winston (b00pbv78)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 Stand By For West (m00045r5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jt9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b0b9v0tq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (b0bb8vp2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Cowards (b00772jj)

Series 1

Episode 2

Elephant rides and bear fights in the bizarre world of the comedy sketch show team.

Featuring the talents of writers and performers Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.

TUE 23:00 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrlb)

A Life at the Opera

Tackling operas and some thoughts on ears.

Producer, writer and performer Armando Iannucci presents his own collection of humorous essays.

Compiled by Jenny Baynes.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

TUE 23:15 The Damien Slash Mixtape (m00013w5)

Series 2

Episode 2

Multi-character YouTube star Damien Slash makes the move from online to Radio 4, in this fast-paced, one-man sketch comedy show.

From the surreal to the satirical, from the zeitgeist to the absurd, Damien serves up a range of high octane characters, all from his own voice. Adverts, actors, hipsters, trolls - no aspect

of modern life is left un-skewed.

Written by and starring Damien Slash (aka Daniel Barker).

Guest starring Natasha Demetriou

Production coordinated by Hayley Sterling

Producer: Matt Stronge

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

TUE 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076jz1)

Series 1

Episode 5

Dr Watson battles Sherlock Holmes at Cluedo, Chambers, Collins and Roget play scrabble, a 2,000 year old mummy goes to the wrong address and a woman has odd dreams.

Starring Olivia Colman, Sally Hawkins, Steven Kynman, Chris Pavlo and Robert Webb.

Written by James Cary, Sally Hawkins, Catherine Shepherd, Jon Holmes and Adam Bromley.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002.

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WED 06:00 Stand By For West (m00046rb)

Battle for Inspector West

2. Terror for a Bride

In a mysterious case of blackmail, Chief Inspector West hunts a missing honeymooning bride.

CAST:

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Prendergast John Cazabon

Carosian Francis de Wolff

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Various Charles Haggitt

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Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1967.

WED 06:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jt9z)

Bad Apples

5. Corpse

While Colvil and Soames are searching the flat of murder victim Norman Tate, who should walk through the door but ... Norman Tate.

Christopher Lee's murder-mystery starring Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alix Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Maggie Lindley Alphoncia Emmanuel

Norman Tate Brian Bowles

DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Jones Davies

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

WED 07:00 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)

Series 3

Legacy

After a recent brush with death, Richard considers the legacy he will leave behind. So he ponders the best way to bequeath something to the next generation.

The third series of Jon Canter's not quite true autobiography of Richard Wilson. Will you believe any of it?

Himself Richard Wilson

Himself David Tennant

Himself John Humphrys

Herself Kathy Clugston

Himself Daniel Evans

Mr Bean Simon Greenall

Jennifer La Marr Lucy Robinson

Lucinda Lucy Robinson

Margy Kellie Shorley

Mary McCormack Martine McMenemy

Julie Eva Feiler

Produced and directed by Clive Brill.

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

WED 07:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000yg46)

Series 2

Parties

Ellie Taylor welcomes you to "Safe Space", a place where anyone can offload their controversial opinions without fear of judgment... She talks to members of the public about their gripes and then reveals one of her own - that parties are awful and should be banned. Joining her to prove her point are regular sidekick Robin Morgan (Mock The Week) and special guest Ella Al-Shamahi, author of "The Handshake: A Gripping History".

Written by Ellie Taylor and Robin Morgan

Produced by Sam Michell for BBC Studios

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007tdvy)

Series 4

The Wild Man of the Woods

The lad announces that he's rejecting society to go and live a truly rural life.

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? (b00s3j28)

Series 1

But Is It Art?

Three promising graduates are still underachieving in their 30s. Stars Richard E Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi.

A chance meeting with modern artist Helen Frinkworth and an arty party promise to open up a kaleidoscopic world of social and professional opportunities for Judith. In response, Giles engineers the 'Canova with Kickers' incident and in so doing plunges Judith into the world of media sleaze.

Cast:

Richard E Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi with:-

Abigail Cruttenden...Helen

Alexander Armstrong...Barry

Jane Slavin...art critic

Alice Arnold...Cornelia

Paul Shearer...Simon

Richard Turner...Tim

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 (b00775lc)

Series 10

John le Carre

James Walton chairs the literary quiz with John Walsh, Sebastian Faulks, Jane Thynne and Wendy Holden. From March 2007.

WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b00f405t)

Series 4

Episode 3

An environmental conference sounds just the sort of job for Rosie Burns, but are her own company's green credentials good enough?

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

Patrick James Ellis

Frankie Alison Skilbeck

Kelly Victoria Donovan

Written and produced by Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

WED 10:00 DH Lawrence - Sons and Lovers (b007jlr6)

Episode 2

Clinging to her sons, unhappy Gertrude is jealous of Paul's success and his friendship with Miriam.

Published in 1913, DH Lawrence's classic novel dramatised by Michael Butt.

Paul Morel Benedict Sandeford

Gertrude Morel Elizabeth Estenson

Walter Morel Clive Russell
Miriam Leivers Fiona Clarke
William Joseph Attenborough
Annie Andrea Nicholas
Mrs. Radford Kate Rutter
Director: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
WED 11:00 The Sondheim Archive (m000pp72)
3. Anyone Can Whistle
Maria Friedman pays tribute to the American composer and lyricist, Stephen Sondheim who died in November 2021.
Followed by the last of three programmes from the BBC Radio Theatre in London, in which Maria explores Sondheim programmes in the BBC's archive, discusses the incredible impact of his work and performs songs from his hit shows.
Multi-award winning actor, singer and director Maria 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.
She's 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.
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3. Being Kind
Jo Brand turns advice giver in a typically irreverent guide to life. She says she's messed up enough times to feel confident she has no wisdom to offer anyone. But who cares? She's going to do it anyway.
Once upon a (very, very) long time ago Jo Brand was what you might describe as "a nice little girl". Of course, that was before the values of cynicism, misogyny and the societal expectation that Jo would be thin, feminine and demure sent her off down Arsey Avenue.
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Now she's considerably further along life's inevitable journey and, in this memoir, she reveals a side of herself that we don't normally hear - the things she wishes she'd known and the things she hopes for the future. As you'd expect, she pulls no punches.
In today's episode, Jo draws on her nursing experiences and walking from Hull to Liverpool to give guidance on the vital life skill of being kind. She applauds Billy Bragg for his motivational music and describes the moment he "almost" made her cry on telly.
Written and read by Jo Brand
Abridged and produced by Pippa Vaughan
A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2018.
WED 14:15 D for Dexter (m000b8k5)
Series 6
Episode 3
Skye is supposed to be meeting Scarlett but she can't leave Dexter, and she can't get a message to her either. It's not safe for Scarlett to sleep in her van every night. Especially when Aiden Hardy's out looking for her.
Skye is sixteen and Dexter seven. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always end well. Now Skye's attempting to build her own life, but she can't leave Dex behind. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic Mum, Jak, can't.
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Written Amanda Whittington.
Skye Sydney Wade
Jak Una McNulty
Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann
Scarlett Scarlett Courtney
Ryan Adam Courting
Aiden Will Kirk
Music by Tom Constantine
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.
WED 14:30 The Sound of Space (b050bwpp)

The previously silent world of outer space is changing. In this audio tour around the Universe, Dr Lucie Green explores the sounds of space.
Some sounds have been recorded by microphones on-board interplanetary spacecraft. Others have been detected by telescopes and sped up until their frequency is tuned to our ears. The rest are sonified X-rays, space plasma or radio waves that reveal tantalising secrets about the universe that our eyes cannot see.
Everyone can recall the sound of the singing comet - a symphony created using measurements from the Rosetta mission. But many other sounds have been created from space data, from lightning on Jupiter to vibrations inside the Sun. From spinning pulsars to black holes and gamma ray bursts, outside our Solar System space becomes even stranger.
Joining Lucie Green on this sonic journey through space are: Prof Tim O'Brien (Associate Director of Jodrell Bank Observatory), Honor Harger (Executive Director of the ArtScience museum in Singapore) and Dr Andrew Pontzen (Cosmology Research Group, University College London) with archive from Dame Jocelyn Bell-Burnell.
Producer: Michelle Martin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000yg46)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Five Strange Stories by AL Barker (b09f4d9c)
3. The Dress
Solicitor Conrad Filby finds that a revealing scarlet dress becomes an issue in his love life.
Written by AL Barker – Audrey Lilian Barker [1918 – 2002] – who had ten collections of short stories published and won the first Somerset Maugham Prize in 1947.
Read by Keith Drinkel.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.
WED 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09nvs2y)
3. Crisis
Potent and playful drama set in a near-future in which doctors can no longer prescribe antibiotics. By award-winning dramatist, Oliver Emanuel.
Sarah is 10 years old. She's not allowed to play outside. But when her brother takes her into some nearby woods, an everyday scratch gets infected and turns her whole family's world upside down.
Now Sarah's in an isolated room in hospital. Her family and medical team are hoping this will stop the infection.
Whilst Sarah's imagination drifts to Hawaii, her parents are left to make an unbearable choice for their daughter.
Sarah Jocelyn Brassington
Lizzie Christine Bottomley
David Robin Laing
Doctor Anita Vettesse
The Truth About Hawaii was developed through Wellcome Experimental Stories in consultation with Prof. Joanna Coast (Professor in the Economics of Health & Care, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol) and Dr Adam Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and Resistance at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine).
Consultants: Prof Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts
Director: Kirsty Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
WED 18:30 The Radio Detectives (m0002s6t)
Series 2
As My Whimsy Takes Me
Author Dorothy L Sayers created the classic aristocratic amateur sleuth who appeared on radio as well as in books, films and on TV.
Professor Jeffrey Richards delves into the casebook of the elegance and stylish British gentleman detective.
With Ian Carmichael, Simon Brett and Jill Paton Walsh.
Second affectionate five-part series about popular radio detectives.
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007tdvy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s3j28)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 20:00 Stand By For West (m00046rb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 20:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jtbm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 21:00 The Sondheim Archive (m000pp72)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
WED 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000yg46)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007jscz)
Series 2

Stately Home
The sketch show team take their audience on a posh day out. Precision comedy written and performed by Tim Firth, Tim de Jongh, Michael Rutger and William Vanduyck.
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.
WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007jvz8)
Series 6
Backchat
Time for you to get stuck into the radio station's most popular programme - the forum for listeners' complaints.
Starring Morwenna Banks, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Music by Philip Pope and Steve Brown.
Producer: David Tyler
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.
WED 23:30 Creme de la Crime (b007zmpf)
Series 1
A Bowl Full of Serial Killers
A melange of multi-murderers for Michael Feydeau -TV's much-loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert David Pershore
Tales from the vaults of villainy written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.
With:
Emma Kennedy
Chris Pavlo
Director: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.
WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (b007k1dj)
Series 1
Episode 8
As their owners quarrel, is it the end for fish Anton and Liam?
With Shaun Prendergast and Hamish McColl. From October 1998.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Born Lippy by Jo Brand (m0001fcr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 D for Dexter (m000b8k5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 The Sound of Space (b050bwpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 DH Lawrence - Sons and Lovers (b007jlr6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (b00775lc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 Smelling of Roses (b00f405t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Believe It! (b08n2yhf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000yg46)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Stand By For West (m00046kl)
Battle for Inspector West
3. Shadow on a Millionaire
Michael Grant is taken for a ride, and Inspector West finds a door slammed in his face.
CAST:
Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen
Janet West Sarah Lawson
Michael Grant Philip Bond
Christine Grant Denise Buckley
Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce
Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood
Julietta Eva Stuart
Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton
Carosian Francis de Wolff
Chief Inspector Roger West is of the creation of noted crime writer, John Creasey, who authored over 600 novels, using over 20 pseudonyms. More than 40 Roger West novels were written between 1942 and 1973 with the basis for this first series, first published in 1948.
Much like Paul Temple, West - "Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector" - has a long-suffering wife who also gets involved with the action. A total of six novels were adapted for radio by Maurice Travers.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1967.
THU 06:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jtbv)
Bad Apples
6. Revelation
The precise relationship between the Home Secretary, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, and the man murdered on

Brighton beach is made uncomfortably clear.
Conclusion of Christopher Lee's murder-mystery starring Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.
Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin
Alix Soames Amanda Redman
DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton
Miranda Peel Sheila Reid
Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher
Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan
Maggie Lindley Alphonsia Emmanuel
Norman Tate Brian Bowles
DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Jones Davies
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
THU 07:00 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)
Series 2
The Charity Gig
The Evans family are back for another series. Former convict Bob is forced to live with his uptight son Gruff, sympathetic daughter-in-law Alice and granddaughter Carys whilst on parole.
Ex-fraudster Bob gets the opportunity to catch up with a former resident of C Wing, who has written about his time in prison.
Bob Steve Speirs
Gruff Elis James
Alice Katy Wix
Richard Flint Neil Pearson
Tabitha Adelayo Adedayo
Hakan Naz Osmanoglu
Pam Anna Brophy Leon
Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn
Produced by Victoria Lloyd
A BBC Studios Production, first broadcast in October 2018.
THU 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000k9r7)
Series 9
Episode 2
More shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave.
Set in a Scots-Asian corner and written by and starring Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli, the award winning Fags, Mags & Bags returns for a 9th series with all the regular characters and some guest appearances along the way.
In this episode Ramesh gets jealous after his fiancé Malcolm gets closer to Lenzie's new Hipster butcher, Nathan Laser (played by Gavin Mitchell) after he sponsors her new Women's football team.
Join the staff of Fags, Mags and Bags in their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built it up over the course of over 30 years and is a firmly entrenched, friendly presence in the local area. He is joined by his shop sidekick Dave.
Then of course there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not particularly keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but natural successors to the business. Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them - whether they like it or not!
Cast:
Ramesh: Sanjeev Kohli
Dave: Donald Mcleary
Sanjay: Omar Raza
Alok: Susheel Kumar
Malcolm: Mina Anwar
Hilly: Kate Brailsford
Nathan Laser: Gavin Mitchell
Thin Elizabeth: Maureen Carr
Bishop Briggs: Michael Redmond
Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b011f3pf)
The Foolproof Fool
Lamb finds his true vocation - but how will he cope with his big opportunity?
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
CAST:
Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler
Lamb Richard Murdoch
Mildred Murfin Norma Ronald
Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddiley
Nathan B. Lockheed John Graham
Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in August 1971.
THU 08:30 After Henry (b007jnl5)
Series 2
The Kitten
'One kitten looks pretty much like another kitten so far as I'm concerned. They're just small versions of cats. And I'm not that keen on cats.'
Sarah and her mother disagree over tidiness of the house - until a visitor arrives...

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
Sarah Prunella Scales
Eleanor Joan Sanderson
Russell Benjamin Whitrow
Clare Gerry Cowper
Policeman Michael Hadley
Percy Bradshaw Simon Brett
Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.
THU 09:00 Many a Slip (b007js4m)
From 25/07/1978
Roy Plomley challenges Eleanor Summerfield and Gillian Reynolds to battle David Nixon and Tim Rice in the panel game to spot mistakes.
With some tune-twisters from Steve Race.
Devised and written by Ian Messiter.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1978.
THU 09:30 Clare in the Community (b00gkktk)
Series 2
Doolah's Choice
The bossy social worker sticks her oar in Helen's wedding and Megan's home birth.
CAST:
Clare Barker Sally Phillips
Brian Harris Alex Lowe
Ray Richard Lumsden
Helen Golightly Gemma Craven
Irene Ellen Thomas
Megan Whardby Nina Conti
Simon Burrows Andrew Wincott
Rosie Vicki Pepperdine
Ben Delroy Brown
Clare in the Community began as a Harry Venning-created comic strip in *The Guardian*. The series is set in a social services office – The Sparrowhawk Family Centre - where Clare is a social worker who knows all the jargon and prefers to address other people's problems whilst resolutely ignoring her own. She is reluctantly white, middle class and heterosexual...
Written by Harry Venning and Dave Ramsden.
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.
THU 10:00 DH Lawrence - Sons and Lovers (b007jlrk)
Episode 3
Gertrude clings to her son Paul, who now turns to a new lover even though he has not forgotten his first love.
Conclusion of DH Lawrence's classic novel dramatised by Michael Butt.
Paul Morel Benedict Sandeford
Gertrude Morel Elizabeth Estenson
Walter Morel Clive Russell
Miriam Leivers Fiona Clarke
William Joseph Attenborough
Annie Andrea Nicholas
Mrs. Radford Kate Rutter
Clara Dawes Janice Chambers
Baxter Dawes Peter Meakin
Director: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001388g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m00037x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b011f3pf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 After Henry (b007jnl5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Stand By For West (m00046kl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jtbv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Born Lippy by Jo Brand (m0001fv4)
4. Clothes
Jo Brand turns advice given in a typically irreverent guide to life. She says she's messed up enough times to feel confident she has no wisdom to offer anyone. But who cares? She's going to do it anyway.
Once upon a (very, very) long time ago Jo Brand was what you might describe as "a nice little girl". Of course, that was before the values of cynicism, misogyny and the societal expectation that Jo would be thin, feminine and demure sent her off down Arsey Avenue.
The plot thickened when, due to a complicated fusion of hormones, horrible family dynamics and a no-good boyfriend they hated, Jo ended up leaving home at 16.
Now she's considerably further along life's inevitable journey and, in this memoir, she reveals a side of herself that we don't normally hear - the things she wishes she'd known and the things she hopes for the future. As you'd expect, she pulls no punches.
In today's episode, Jo acknowledges she is a bit weird about clothes because she doesn't like them much and can't be bothered with them, except her lucky steel toe-capped boots.

She is keen to point out that - whatever else you may be if you're female - you are not what you wear.
Written and read by Jo Brand
Abridged and produced by Pippa Vaughan
A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2018.
THU 14:15 D for Dexter (m000b8k7)
Series 6
Episode 4
Last night Skye and Dexter went to Sheffield with Scarlett in the van. It only took an hour and it seemed like a dream. Scarlett makes everything seem easy. But with Dexter, it's complicated.
Skye is sixteen and Dexter seven. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always end well. Now Skye's attempting to build her own life, but she can't leave Dex behind. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic Mum, Jak, can't.
Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story, which won the 2016 Audio Drama Award for Best Serial and a Special Commendation in Best Actress category for Sydney Wade as Skye in 2019.
Skye and Dexter's story is developed through close collaboration with BBC Children in Need and one of the projects they help fund, SAYiT, a Sheffield-based charity that provides practical support around LGBT+ life, sexual health, HIV and mental wellbeing. It is also inspired by ongoing voluntary work in Gainsborough.
Written Amanda Whittington.
Skye Sydney Wade
Jak Una McNulty
Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann
Scarlett Scarlett Courtney
Ryan Adam Courting
Aiden Will Kirk
Music by Tom Constantine
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.
THU 14:30 Homer, Hagrid and the Incredible Hulk (b06hk68g)
Ben Hammersley meets creators and fans to investigate how extended fictional universes, from Harry Potter to Game of Thrones, took over global culture.
Ben visits Professor Dumbledore's office to talk to Stuart Craig, production designer on the Harry Potter films; goes to Los Angeles to meet Lauren Faust, creator of My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic; and travels to San Diego Comic Con where he discusses different universes with Marc Zicree, writer on numerous film and TV series, including Star Trek.
Ben also speaks to authors Robin Hobb and Warren Ellis, and to Axel Alonso and Ryan Penagos from Marvel. And he hears from numerous fans, including Game of Thrones superfans Linda Antonsson and Elio Garcia about the joys of fandom.
Producer: Giles Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
THU 15:00 DH Lawrence - Sons and Lovers (b007jlrk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Many a Slip (b007js4m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Clare in the Community (b00gkktk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000k9r7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Five Strange Stories by AL Barker (b09g3jvs)
4. The Paradise Garden
When Joan goes plundering exotic plants a strange voice warns her off, but still the lady persists.
Written by AL Barker – Audrey Lilian Barker [1918 – 2002] – who had ten collections of short stories published and won the first Somerset Maugham Prize in 1947.
Read by Jill Graham.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.
THU 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09nxvy5)
4. The Choice
Potent and playful drama set in a near-future in which doctors can no longer prescribe antibiotics. By award-winning dramatist, Oliver Emanuel.
Sarah is 10 years old. She's scratched her knee and developed an infection.
Now Sarah's in an isolated room in hospital. Her family and medical team are hoping this will stop the infection, but they're running out of time.
Whilst Sarah's imagination drifts to Hawaii, her mother tries to hunt down the antibiotic of last resort.
Sarah Jocelyn Brassington
Lizzie Christine Bottomley
Kylie Dani Heron
The Truth About Hawaii was developed through Wellcome Experimental Stories in consultation with Prof. Joanna Coast (Professor in the Economics of Health & Care, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol) and Dr Adam Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and Resistance at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine).
Consultants: Prof Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts
Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b09jd67j)

Series 44

Louise Richardson on Daniel O'Connell

Academic Louise Richardson chooses the hero of Catholic emancipation in 1829, Daniel O'Connell. With Matthew Parris. From 2017.

On a field outside Dublin, Daniel O'Connell met and shot a former royal marine in a duel. John d'Esterre had been outraged when O'Connell, the later hero of Catholic emancipation, described the mainly Protestant Dublin corporation as a 'beggarly corporation'. O'Connell later claimed that he had practised with two pistols every week, knowing that one day he would be challenged to a duel.

Nominating O'Connell is the vice chancellor of Oxford and terrorism expert Louise Richardson. It's not the violence of the duel that appeals, but O'Connell's revolutionary way of marshalling huge support for his causes, which were always conducted in a remarkably non-violent way. "The altar of liberty totters when it is cemented only with blood," O'Connell said. He took his seat in Westminster in 1830 and thereafter fought for the abolition of slavery and the repeal of the union, a cause in which he failed. Patrick Geoghegan, O'Connell's biographer and special advisor to the new Irish prime minister, adds the colour to a truly extraordinary and important life.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b011f3pf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 After Henry (b007jnl5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 20:00 Stand By For West (m00046kl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 20:30 Colvil and Soames (b007jtbv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 21:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0003z7x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000k9r7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00yqhrk)

Series 1

Gelbetia

A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have experienced a succession of bizarre adventures. This week we hear about his travels in Gelbetia, a country run by doctors. The series has attracted an excellent cast led by Neil Pearson and award winning star of the RSC's current season, Mariah Gale. Cast includes fantastic actors Tamsin Greig, John Standing, Paul Bhattacharjee, Christopher Douglas, Catherine Shepherd, Vicki Pepperdine, Phil Cornwell, Antonia Campbell Hughes, Jo Bobin and Katherine Jakeways.

For years Bill Dare wanted to create a satire about different worlds exploring Kipling's idea that we travel, 'not just to explore civilizations, but to better understand our own'. But science fiction and space ships never interested him, so he put the idea on ice. Then Brian Gulliver arrived and meant that our hero could be lost in a fictional world without the need for any sci-fi.

Gulliver's Travels is the only book Bill Dare read at university. His father, Peter Jones, narrated a similarly peripatetic radio series: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Produced by Steven Canny.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

THU 23:00 Listen Against (b00fgt0r)

Series 2

Episode 1

An Archers convention, a live pitbull on Radio 4's Today programme and a Popmaster crisis for Radio 2.

The show that prizes the back off your radio, fiddles around with the programmes inside and then puts it all back together the wrong way round.

Written by and starring Jon Holmes, With Alice Arnold.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

THU 23:30 The Secret World (b012rf47)

Series 2

Episode 5

Prince Charles ends up helping his driver move a sideboard. Jon Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From July 2010.

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FRI 06:00 Stand By For West (m00046kl)

Battle for Inspector West

4. Bait for a Bogey

Roger West takes a trip to the seaside - and receives a dinner invitation from a lady.

CAST:

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Julietta Eva Stuart

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Carosian Francis de Wolff

Detective Sergeant Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

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Much like Paul Temple, West - "Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector" - has a long-suffering wife who also gets involved with the action. A total of six novels were adapted for radio by Maurice Travers.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1967.

FRI 06:30 What Do You Think? by Francis Durbridge (m0013b2n)

Is a crime writer using his apparent breakdown and plotlines to mask an actual murder?

A one-off crime drama from the pen of Paul Temple creator, Francis Durbridge.

Charles Melford Frank Partington

Victor Wade Lewis Stringer

Felix Layton Rolf Lefebvre

Carol Layton Sheila Grant

Mildred Wade Peggy Butt

PC Smith Jonathan Scott

Sergeant William Eedle

Constable Lee Fox

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1962.

FRI 07:00 The Headset Set (b01292x3)

Series 1

Episode 3

Everyone is falling ill in the open-plan offices of Smile5, the catalogue company that sells anything and everything. Eavesdrop on both sides of the bizarre, horrific and ludicrous phone calls when customers call in as events unfold with company staff.

Aleesha and other characters Chizzy Akudolu

Bernie and other characters Margaret-Cabourn Smith

Big Tony, Ralph and other characters Colin Hoult

Sailesh, Bradley and other characters Paul Sharma

Variouss Philip Fox

Writers: James Kettle, Stephen Carlin, Celia Pacquola, Andy

Wolton, Benjamin Partridge, Colin Hoult, Kevin Core,

Madeliene Brettingham, Rebecca Hobbs and Dan Tetsell.

Script editor: James Kettle

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

FRI 07:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m00138s6)

The Pink Flamingo Problem

Marian Keyes is a multi award-winning writer, with a total of over 30 million of her books sold to date in 33 languages. Her close friend Tara Flynn is an actress, comedian and writer. Together, these two friends have been through a lot, and now want to use their considerable life experience to help solve your biggest - and smallest - of their listeners' problems.

From dilemmas about life, love and grief, to the perils of laundry or knowing what to say at a boring dinner, we'll find out what Marian and Tara would recommend - which might not solve the problem exactly, but will make us all feel a bit better.

In their first episode, Marian and Tara tackle a problem pink flamingo, a messy daughter and a contested will.

Recorded in Dublin with emails received from listeners around the world, the hosts invite you to pull up a chair at their virtual

kitchen table as they read and digest their inbox.

Got a problem you want Marian and Tara to solve? Email: marianandtara@bbc.co.uk.

Producer: Steve Doherty.

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jpvh)

Series 3

Keep Young and Beautiful

New War Office policy sparks drastic action amongst the platoon's old guard.

CAST:

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Wig Maker Michael Burlington

Additional music by Dennis Gomm.

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

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

FRI 08:30 Married (b007v2sz)

Series 1

Episode 3

Grumpy bachelor Robin Lightfoot is feeling a little warmer towards his adopted "wife" - until his doppelganger's other woman turns up to rock the boat.

With a new wife and kids, Robin learns more about his parallel universe.

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Linda Sue Elliott-Nicholls

Dirk Steve Frost

Lord Reith Lewis MacLeod

Ned Sam Bradley

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b7hfpce)

From 17/03/1981

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: : Leslie Phillips, Ben Travers and Ray Cooney.

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 Ballylenon (b007jx54)

Series 5

Episode 1

Phonsie's sale of the Hoover ancestral home sparks much speculation.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in 1956.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as

Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine

McCartney as Vivienne Boal, Charlie Bonnar as Packy

McGoldrick, Marcella Riordan as Peg Sweeney and John

Guiney as Father O'Flaherty.

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

FRI 10:00 Lesley Bruce - Glass (m0013b2r)

How the lives of Franklin, Mesmer and Mozart are linked by the invention of the glass harmonica.

Lesley Bruce's drama about how Benjamin Franklin's invention

of the glass harmonica in 1761 impacted in the lives of

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Mesmer and two sight-

impaired musicians Marianne Kirschgassner and Marie Therese

von Paradis.

Marianne Kirschgassner Tracey Wiles

Franz Mesmer Nicholas Farrell

Herr Kirschgassner John Rowe

Nanna Marlene Sidaway

Marie Therese von Paradis Victoria Finney

Benjamin Franklin Jon Strickland

Mozart Adam Godley

All other parts played by member of the cast.

Director Claire Grove

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0013b2t)

What's new for January?

Chris Pearson and Scott Bryan suggest new listening for

January.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jpvh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Married (b007v2sz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Stand By For West (m00046vl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 What Do You Think? by Francis Durbridge (m0013b2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Born Lippy by Jo Brand (m0001g8p)

5. Being Different

Jo Brand turns advice giver in a typically irreverent guide to

life. She says she's messed up enough times to feel confident she has no wisdom to offer anyone. But who cares? She's going to do it anyway.

Once upon a (very, very) long time ago Jo Brand was what you might describe as "a nice little girl". Of course, that was before the values of cynicism, misogyny and the societal expectation that Jo would be thin, feminine and demure sent her off down Arsey Avenue.

The plot thickened when, due to a complicated fusion of hormones, horrible family dynamics and a no-good boyfriend they hated, Jo ended up leaving home at 16.

Now she's considerably further along life's inevitable journey and, in this memoir, she reveals a side of herself that we don't normally hear - the things she wishes she'd known and the things she hopes for the future. As you'd expect, she pulls no punches.

Today, Jo concludes with her singular perspective on "being different". Whether it was her rebellious teenage years or moving from a nursing career to the stand-up comedy circuit, Jo knows that it's hard to find out who and what you are - and also in gaining equality for both sexes. But she's hopeful that, as long as we're on the same page (and that page isn't 3), there's scope for great strides forward.

Written and read by Jo Brand

Abridged and produced by Pippa Vaughan

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

FRI 14:15 D for Dexter (m000bcdr)

Series 6

Episode 5

Skye has had enough of everything. But just as she's about to crack, she finds Scarlett at the house in Sidney Street. The boiler is fixed and there's even hot water.

Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story, which won the 2016 Audio Drama Award for Best Serial and a Special Commendation in Best Actress category for Sydney Wade as Skye in 2019.

Skye is sixteen and Dexter seven. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always end well. Now Skye's attempting to build her own life, but she can't leave Dex behind. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic Mum, Jak, can't. Dex has special needs caused by Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Skye and Dexter's story is developed through close collaboration with BBC Children in Need and projects they fund. This year we've worked with SAYIT, a Sheffield-based charity that provides practical support around LGBT+ life, sexual health, HIV and mental wellbeing. The story is also inspired by research on the ground in Gainsborough.

Skye Sydney Wade

Jak Una McNulty

Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann

Scarlett Scarlett Courtney

Ryan Adam Courting

Aiden Will Kirk

Music by Tom Constantine

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

FRI 14:30 Eddie Goes Country (b01p2w7d)

Eddie Mair has harboured a secret. But no more - it's a lifelong love of Country music. He wants to know why these three chord melodramas call him and many of his fellow Celts.

While, to the casual listener, Country is often regarded as a twang of twee tunes and lachrymose lyrics for the permanently melancholic, Eddie suggests that it is actually a 'complex state of mind'. He considers the accessible merits of the music and discovers the roots of Country.

Returning to Scotland, Eddie attends the Celtic Connections Music Festival in Glasgow. Here he compares notes, likes and dislikes with fellow broadcaster and Country aficionado Ricky Ross, along with singers Eleanor McEvoy and Dick Gaughan. On hand to explain the 18th century Scots/Irish exodus to America and Canada is emigration historian Professor James Hunter. And providing a master class on the Celtic musical lineage detected in contemporary Country Music is musicologist Dr. Katherine Campbell from Edinburgh University.

And for the first time, Eddie will reveal where his musical devotion took root. It began on the Sabbath in a yellow Triumph PI. That almost sounds like the beginning of a Country song.

Produced by Jo Coombs and Stewart Henderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

FRI 15:00 Lesley Bruce - Glass (m0013b2r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b7hfp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Ballylenon (b007jx54)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 The Headset Set (b0129x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m00138s6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Five Strange Stories by AL Barker (b09gk3kx)

5. You Have to Laugh

What starts off as a decorator's prank turns out to be not so funny after all.

Written by AL Barker – Audrey Lilian Barker [1918 – 2002] –

who had ten collections of short stories published and won the first Somerset Maugham Prize in 1947.

Read by James Bolam.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

FRI 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09ny2dh)

5. Disaster

Potent and playful drama set in a near-future in which doctors can no longer prescribe antibiotics. By award-winning dramatist, Oliver Emanuel.

Sarah is 10 years old. She's scratched her knee and developed an infection.

Whilst her family prepare for an unexpected future, Sarah's imagination takes her to Hawaii where she's about to meet the king of rock and roll.

Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Lizzie Christine Bottomley

Paul Roderick Gilkison

David Robin Laing

Elvis Presley Kevin Mains

Doctor Anita Vettesse

The Truth About Hawaii was developed through Wellcome Experimental Stories in consultation with Prof. Joanna Coast (Professor in the Economics of Health & Care, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol) and Dr Adam Roberts (Senior Lecturer in Antimicrobial Chemotherapy and Resistance at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine).

Consultants: Prof Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts

Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

FRI 18:30 Shah Rukh Khan's Heroes (b06rcwtd)

Taj Mohammed Khan

Bollywood icon Shah Rukh Khan's selection of his personal heroes, starts with a tribute to his late father, Taj Mohammed Khan who died when he was just a teenager.

First broadcast on the BBC Asian Network in 2012.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jpvh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Married (b007v2sz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Stand By For West (m00046vl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 What Do You Think? by Francis Durbridge (m0013b2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0013b2t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m00138s6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Henry Normal's Encyclopaedia Poetica (m00016h2)

Volume 2

Henry Normal opens volume two with poems about courtship and the language of love.

He covers early Greek poets, and British greats like Donne and Shakespeare, with a nod to French language and Italian art.

Henry is also joined on stage at the Contact Theatre,

Manchester, by poets Belinda Burton and John Hegley.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1994.

FRI 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00bz9zn)

Series 1

Episode 1

Meet a reluctant beekeeper, two feuding librarians and a man determined to strike a deal with Santa.

Perrier award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With Ben Moor, Katherine Parkinson and Ben Willbond.

Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by the cast,

Carl Cooper, Tony Roche and Andy Marlatt.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

FRI 23:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mg8mx)

Series 4

Episode 3

A horse makes his own packed lunch and there's advice on how to become the next Zorro.

Plus a boy's effectiveness as a wolf early-warning system is compromised, and an evangelist refuses to tell people about Jesus.

Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

With Olivia Colman, Sarah Hadland and James Bachman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

Firs broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.