

SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022

SAT 00:00 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.

The last of five stories written by novelist and short story writer, Audrey Lilian Barker.

Read by James Bolam.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

SAT 00:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09ny2dh)

5. Disaster

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.

Conclusion of Oliver Emanuel's potent and playful drama set in a near-future in which doctors can no longer prescribe antibiotics.

Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Lizzie Christine Bottomley

Paul Roderick Gilkison

David Robin Laing

Elvis Presley Kevin Mains

Doctor Anita Vettesse

Developed through Wellcome Experimental Stories in consultation with Professor Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts.

Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

SAT 00:30 Shah Rukh Khan's Heroes (b06rcwtd)

Taj Mohammed Khan

Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan begins a selection of his personal heroes with a tribute to his late father - "most important hero of my life".

Named as one of the youngest freedom fighters for India at the time, Taj Mohammed Khan played an integral part in Shah Rukh's life until he died of throat cancer when he was just 15. Shah Rukh talks about all the lessons his father taught him; kindness, patience, humour and that "it is not special to be special, it is special to be ordinary."

He also credits his father as the reason he entered the industry. Shah Rukh says the great Dilip Kumar was his dad's favourite actor and that's why he decided to play the role of Devdas in the remake, a role originally played by Dilip Kumar.

He also talks about how he wants to be like his dad; a gentleman, a good father and someone with a lot of strength. The actor explains how he misses his father, "the stories can go on and on about my father, and I can spend a whole lifetime talking about my dad. And tell you how he has had such a major impression on my life and I really do miss him".

First broadcast on the BBC Asian Network in May 2012.

SAT 01:00 Stand By For West (m00046vl)

Battle for Inspector West

4. Bait for a Boogey

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

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

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

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 Born Lippy by Jo Brand (m0001g8p)

5. Being Different

Jo shares 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.

Jo Brand concludes her typically irreverent guide to life.

Jo's memoir 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.

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.

SAT 02:15 D for Dexter (m000bodr)

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.

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

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 November 2019.

SAT 02:30 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.

Producers: Jo Coombs & Stewart Henderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

SAT 03:00 Lesley Bruce - Glass (m0013b2r)

In 1761, Benjamin Franklin invented the glass harmonica.

Lesley Bruce's drama explores the impact of this peculiar instrument on the lives of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Mesmer - as well as two visually-impaired musicians, Marianne Kirschgassner and Marie Therese von Paradis.

Benjamin Franklin Jon Strickland

Mozart Adam Godley

Franz Mesmer Nicholas Farrell

Marianne Kirschgassner Tracey Wiles

Herr Kirschgassner John Rowe

Marie Therese von Paradis Victoria Finney

All other parts played by the cast.

Director Claire Grove

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

SAT 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b7hfp)

From 17/03/1981

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

Leslie Phillips

Ben Travers

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.

SAT 04:30 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.

Phonsie Doherty TP McKenna

Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal Aime McCartney

Packy McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar

Peg Sweeney Marcella Riordan

Father O'Flatley John Guiney

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

SAT 05:00 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 Chizzy Akudolu

Bernie Margaret-Cabourn Smith

Big Tony Colin Hoult

Sailesh Paul Sharma

Various Philip Fox

Other characters played by the cast.

Written by James Kettle, Stephen Carlin, 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 July 2011.

SAT 05:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m001386f)

The Pink Flamingo Problem

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

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.

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

SAT 06:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b09sdrsk)

JB Priestley's classic story of a 1929 concert party tour charts new adventures for factory worker Jess Oakroyd and newly independent Miss Trant.

Starring Ralph Ineson, Fenella Woolgar and Roy Hudd.

Dramatised by John Retallack.

Jess Oakroyd Ralph Ineson

Miss Trant Fenella Woolgar

Jimmy Nunn Roy Hudd

Inigo Jollifant Oliver Gomm

Susie Dean Isabella Inchbald

Mr Ridvers Gerard McDermott

Mrs Joe Ellie Darvill

Monte Mortimer Clive Hayward

Leonard Oakroyd Gary Duncan

Mr Joe Philip Bretherton

Morton Mitcham Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

Jerry Jermingham Adam Fitzgerald

Agent Rupert Holliday Evans

Inspector David Reakes

Box Office Lady Katherine Weara

Music composed by Neil Brand

Musicians Neil Brand, Michael Hammond & Alex Hammond

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b09jd67j)

Series 44

Louise Richardson on Daniel O'Connell

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 adviser to the new Irish prime minister, adds the colour to a truly extraordinary and important life.

Presented by Matthew Parris.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

SAT 08:00 The Write Stuff (b00775lc)

Series 10

John Le Carré

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness.

Team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh are joined by

Jane Thynne and Wendy Holden.

Author of the week is Carré.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

SAT 08:30 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?

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

Patrick James Ellis

Frankie Alison Skilbeck

Kelly Victoria Donovan

Written and produced by Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

SAT 09:00 Knowing Steve, Knowing You (b06gx1tz)

Comedian and actor Steve Coogan talks to the novelist and screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce about his life and career.

Featuring fresh interviews with:

John Thomson

Henry Normal

Michael Winterbottom

Simon Greenall

Graham Duff

Sioned Wiliam

Steve Brown

Featured archive material:

* Knowing Knowing Me, Knowing You: Alan Partridge

Documentary:

The hapless host takes a fly-on-the-wall behind-the-scenes look at Pear Tree Productions.

From 03/07/1993

* Nebulous – The Buzzing

Professor Nebulous battles against giant, murderous insects in the sci fi comedy with Mark Gatiss and guest star Steve Coogan.

From 04/10/2005

* Hey, Rradio!!! (Clip)

Steve Coogan makes his national radio debut on Radio 1 in 1988 with 'A Question of International Revolutionary Politics' in the comedy cabaret extravaganza "Hey, Rradio!!!"

From 14/10/1988

* The Word Made Fresh (Clip)

Steve Coogan performs his early comedy creation Duncan Thickett in this curtain raiser to the first BBC Radio Young Writers Festival.

From 17/10/1988

* Front Row (Clip)

A clip of Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon talking to John Wilson about their television series "The Trip" on Radio 4's "Front Row".

From 28/10/2010

Producer: Stuart Ross.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in October 2015

SAT 12:00 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)

Series 2

The Charity Gig

Ex-fraudster Bob gets the opportunity to catch up with a former resident of C Wing, who has written about his time in prison. The Evans family are back.

Former convict Bob is forced to live with his uptight son Gruff, sympathetic daughter-in-law Alice and granddaughter Carys whilst on parole.

Written by Gareth Gwynn and Benjamin Partridge.

Bob Steve Speirs

Gruff Elis James

Alice Katy Wix

Richard Flint Neil Pearson

Tabitha Adelayo Adedayo

Hakan Naz Osmanoglu

Pam Anna Brophy Leon

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

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

SAT 12:30 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 Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial.

Winston Bill Wallis

Father Maurice Denham

Nancy Shirley Dixon

Rosie Liz Goulding

William Christian Rodska

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

SAT 13:00 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, 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 ITV's 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? Chris 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.

SAT 14:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00yqhrk)

Series 1

Gelbetia

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.

His begins with the tale of his travels in Gelbetia - a country run by doctors.

Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.

A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.

Brian Neil Pearson

Rachel Mariah Gale

Brendal Katherine Jakeways

Dr Malik Paul Bhattacharjee

Nurse Hill Sean Baker

Judge Sam Dale

Juror Nyasha Hatendi

Cliptin Jane Whittenshaw

Nurse Suzy Sally Orrock

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.

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SAT 14:30 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.

SAT 15:00 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

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.

SAT 15:30 Listen Against (b00fgt0r)

Series 2

Episode 1

An Archers convention, a live pitbull on BBC Radio 4's Today

programme and a Popmaster crisis for Radio 2.

This is the show that prises the back off your radio, fiddles 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.

SAT 16:00 JB Priestley - The Good Companions (b09sdrsk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b09jd67j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 18:00 Wally K Daly (b007k41c)

Nightmare World

Gary Henderson and old man Jenkins head up a mountain road to Hill House every November 13th.

But on their ascent this year, the mountain begins to shake like hell on earth. And Gary? He meets himself coming back...

As a world-wide power failure brings chaos and terror to Earth, one town in every country undergoes a curious and startling transformation.

Starring James Laurensen, Nigel Anthony, Peter Jeffrey and Geoffrey Whitehead.

Gripping sci-fi thriller by Wally K Daly.

Gary Henderson James Laurensen

Jenkins Nigel Anthony

AP Smith Peter Jeffrey

Prime Minister Geoffrey Whitehead

Venables Joe Dunlop

Kate Melinda Walker

Captain Christopher Scott

Co Pilot Christopher Good

Chief Scientific Officer John Warner

Controller Dominic Richards

Colonel Nicholas Courtney

Soldier Ian Michie

Lorna Cara Kelly

Joker Ken Cumberlidge

Billy Sue Sheridan

Pamela Jo Kendall

Jumbo Child Joanna Mackie

Director: David Hitchinson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in March 1989.

SAT 19:00 Knowing Steve, Knowing You (b06gx1tz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Chain Reaction (b0011pzf)

Series 1

Matt Lucas Interviews Johnny Vegas

'Little Britain' funny man, Matt Lucas interviews up front comic, Johnny Vegas.

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 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b018zvmk)

Series 3

Reading

Just what is the point of books?

Adam Bloom investigates his fear of reading aloud.

After very negative but funny experiences at school, the comedian managed to avoid reading a book for much of his adult life. But he does find one novel that inspires him to start reading again.

Comedian Adam Bloom sets the world to rights.

Written by and starring Adam Bloom.

With:

Rob Rouse

Hattie Hayridge

Stefano Polini

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

SAT 23:00 Mr and Mrs Smith (b01b9kdj)

Series 1

Sally's Birthday

Will and Annabelle attend her mum's 60th Birthday Party. Will makes an effort to get on with his straight talking father-in-law John.

Counsellor Guy mediates a recent dispute between Will and Annabelle, with flashbacks to the events that spawned the argument. By the end, the couple find marital equilibrium once more. Sort of.

Will Smith's sitcom about a couple in marriage counselling.

Will Smith Will Smith

Annabelle Smith Sarah Hadland

Guy Paterson Joseph

John Geoffrey Whitehead

Sally Susie Blake

Shop Assistant Tracy Wiles

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SAT 23:30 Sami Shah's Beginner's Guide to Pakistan (b06fn26p)

Episode 2

Sami turns his attention to Pakistan's social and cultural history.

From its music and cinema, to its increasing religious conservatism as the nature of Islam in the country has changed through the years, all the way to the best brewery in Pakistan.

Alright, the only brewery in Pakistan.

Award-winning Sami Shah is one of Pakistan's most successful

comedians.

From Birmingham -Sami concludes his quick guide to Pakistan. 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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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b09jd67j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Born Lippy by Jo Brand (Omnibus) (m0001h0d)

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.

Jo begins with the wisdom (or otherwise) of giving advice, and guidance on how to survive your family. Drawing on her own battlefield experiences, she suggests the best attitude to love and friendship and finding your way in the world while being kind and 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, particularly in gaining equality for both sexes.

But she's hopeful, as long as we're on the same page (and that page isn't 3), that there's scope for great strides forward.

Omnibus of five parts 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.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b0b0sffh)

Russell Watson

Singer Russell Watson chooses the 'Intermezzo' from Cavalleria Rusticana and 'You Are So Beautiful' sung by Joe Cocker.

SUN 07:20 D for Dexter (Omnibus) (m000bf2v)

Series 6

Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story by Amanda Whittington.

Skye is now 16 and Dexter seven. They live in Gainsborough's south-west ward in Lincolnshire, at the neglected sharp-end of some very alarming and surprising statistics regarding deprivation in England's rural/urban margins.

Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. We may not always share her beliefs or like what she does but we care. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic Mum, Jak, can't.

But now Skye's looking outward too, attempting to pull away from the family, to explore more adult issues, including her own sexual orientation. To build her own life.

But Dexter too has his obsessions and challenges, caused in part by foetal alcohol syndrome. If Skye breaks away, what will happen to him?

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

Skye and Dexter's story is developed through close collaboration with BBC Children in Need, who help us with their research resources and expertise.

It is also inspired by ongoing voluntary work in Gainsborough.

On the recommendation of CinN, we have begun a longer-term partnership with SAYIT, a Sheffield-based charity they fund that provides practical support around LGBT+ life, sexual health, HIV and mental wellbeing.

Omnibus of five parts.

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 November 2019.

SUN 08:30 Play It Cool (b05qdyim)

Episode 3

Women's magazines and ballroom dancing inspire comedy characters galore in fast-moving sketches.

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

Starring:

Ian Carmichael

Joan Sims

Hugh Paddick

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 (m0013hh1)

Series 5

The Day I Told The Truth

Will anyone believe the cheeky schoolboy when he spies some suspicious-looking characters?

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

With Michael Brennan, Tony Melody, 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 in February 1962.

SUN 09:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m00004z)

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.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0013gyy)

Singers 2

Lily Allen

From Etta James to The Stone Roses.

Singer-songwriter Lily Allen shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

After first dipping her toe in musical waters by releasing her demos on social media, by 2014 Lily was one of the headline acts at Glastonbury.

But her first appearance at the festival was actually as a newborn baby carried through the crowd in swaddling. Indeed, she was as good as baptised at the font of celebrity culture – her dad, Keith, is an actor and writer, her mum, Alison, is an award-winning film producer – for a time her step-dad was Harry Enfield.

So, it seems almost inevitable that she's ended up at the centre of a media-saturated life.

Except that in all likelihood she would have been propelled there entirely by her own endeavours: her lyrics are witty and wise-ass and capture concisely what it is to be a savvy, young woman today.

She says, "the only thing I can do really is write lyrics and the only way I know how to do that is by being honest and doing it with integrity because otherwise there's no point".

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

SUN 10:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000458p)

Series 13

An Instrumental Case

"We play many musical instruments in our family. Lots of them produce the same pitch of notes, but the instruments all sound different. Why is this?" asks Natasha Cook aged 11, and her

Dad Jeremy from Guelph in Ontario, Canada.

For this instrumental case Hannah and Adam are joined by the Curious Cases band - Matt Chandler and Wayne Urquhart - to play with today's question.

Bringing the science we have acoustic engineer and saxophone player Trevor Cox. Plus materials expert Zoe Laughlin demonstrates a selection of her unusual musical creations, including a lead bugle.

Presenters: Adam Rutherford, Hannah Fry

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000dhmy)

Series 6

Apologetical

Radiolab explores a sea of sorry-not-sorries - what does it truly mean to make amends? With Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich.

How do you fix a word that's broken? A word we need when we bump into someone on the street, or break someone's heart. In our increasingly disconnected secular world, "sorry" has been stretched and twisted, and in some cases weaponised. But it's also one of the only ways we have to piece together a sense of shared values and beliefs. Through today's sea of sorry-not-sorries, empty apologies, and just straight up non-apologies, we wonder what it looks like to make amends.

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 2018.

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m0013hh3)

Suckers! Poet and Parasite

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses

Suckers! Poet and Parasite, as poet Paul Farley explores the

itchy relationship between poets and blood-sucking parasites.

Parasites are not an obvious subject matter for poetry, but in

fact there are a surprising number of poems about these miniature blood-suckers. From Donne's 'The Flea', to

Rimbaud's 'Lice Hunters' and D.H. Lawrence's 'Mosquito', it

seems that a number of prominent poets have been fascinated by the notion of blood-sucking and by the uncomfortable

relationship between man and parasite.

Paul Farley considers this long relationship between poets and parasites as he looks for leeches in the pools of Dungeness,

visits the mosquito colonies cultivated under Gower Street in London and marvels at the strange beauty of the flea specimens

in the Rothschild Collection of Fleas at the Natural History Museum.

In the company of entomologists and of fellow poets, Susan Wicks, Antony Dunn and Sarah Howe, Paul examines both

classic and contemporary poems to discover how parasites have been portrayed - and transformed - in verse.

Produced by Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

SUN 12:30 HR (b00j1dvv)

Series 1

A Leaving Party

Peter meets Sam on his way to a leaving party. But they suffer a mishap...

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

Elevator voice Sam Dale

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

SUN 13:00 Owl Sense by Miriam Darlington (Omnibus) (b09rww3w)

In the Chauvet Caves of southern France is the oldest known depiction of an owl in the world – dating back 36,000 years. It was discovered in 1994 by a group of cavers.

Fascinatingly, this closely observed bird is drawn from behind, but with its head swivelled backwards 180 degrees, to meet the gaze of people walking towards it.

Humans have long been captivated by owls - as a predator, messenger, emblem of wisdom, something pretty to print on a tote bag or portent of doom.

Author Miriam Darlington sets out to tell a new story about owls. In her watching and deep listening to the natural world, she cleaves myth from reality and will change the way you think of this magnificent creature.

We meet Murray, the teaching owl, the fragile barn owl, the ghost like qualities of a tawny owl, the small but feisty little owl and long eared owls.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Pete Nichols.

Read by Teresa Gallagher

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2018.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07djlzp)

Olivia Newton-John

Singer Olivia Newton-John chooses 'Anyone Who Had a Heart' by Dionne Warwick and her own song 'Gaia'.

SUN 14:20 How Does That Make You Feel? (Omnibus) (m00088hb)

Series 11

Therapist Martha's clients have made few changes to their

circumstances.

Richard Fallon MP has had a chance encounter with the Duchess of Sussex causing him to faint.
 Meanwhile Toby has been trying on his shoes and, alarmingly, urging him to make an early-day will in his favour.
 Frances Tomelty Martha
 Roger Allam Richard
 Omnibus of series 11 written by Shelagh Stephenson.
 Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
 First broadcast in five parts on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.
SUN 15:30 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.
 Plus members of the public who got to meet them.
 Producer: Stephen Garner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
SUN 16:00 Laurel and Hardy by Tom McGrath (m000j8wd)
 Oliver Hardy and Stan Laurel are trapped in a radio studio - it's another fine mess.
 But when the red light goes on, Stan and Ollie rise to the occasion...
 Starring Robbie Coltrane and John Sessions.
 Tom McGrath's drama about cinema's greatest-ever comedy duo stars
 Oliver Hardy Robbie Coltrane
 Stan Laurel John Sessions
 All other parts played by Mr Sessions and Mr Coltrane.
 With John Scringer at the piano.
 Director: Patrick Rayner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0013hh3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]
SUN 17:30 HR (b00j1dvv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Nick Stafford - The Fire Inside (b0075gpk)
 A stranger seeks shelter at an isolated farmhouse in the depths of winter.
 The occupants, Jack and Mavis, put him in an upstairs room, sparking a sinister chain of events - and an investigation into what's really been going on...
 Supernatural tale by Nick Stafford
 Jack Philip Jackson
 Mavis Kate Rutter
 Ellis Jonathan Tafler
 Colin Stephen Critchlow
 Janet Becky Hindley
 Director: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.
SUN 18:45 The Shoreline at Sunset by Ray Bradbury (b083h2t2)
 At summer's end, two beachcombers have the shore to themselves again, until they discover a strange creature.
 A short story by Ray Bradbury, first published in the Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction in March 1959.
 Read by Ed Bishop (Ed Straker in Gerry Anderson's 'UFO' for ITV).
 Producer: Rosemary Watts
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.
SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000dhmy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
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SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0013gvy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000458p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 HR (b00j1dvv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 22:30 Delve Special (b0013xrt)
 Series 1
 The Shifton Scandal
 Why did a Government Minister support the plan to build London's Third Airport 20 miles north east of Birmingham?
 David Lander now attempts to answer that question by examining in detail the sex scandal which rocked the government and caused a sensation in 1982.
 Studio production by Stephen Fry, Moray Watson, Jan Ravens and Jack Klaff.
 With:
 Brenda Blethyn
 Mark Arden
 Tony Robinson
 Stephen Frost
 Felicity Montagu
 Dramatic reconstruction by:
 Peter Wear
 Phil Nice
 Hilda Schroder
 Brett Usher
 Colin Starkey
 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 (b007tc73)
 Series 1
 Healthy Week
 Feel the burn! Edge Falls is going fit, fit, fit.
 And while there's Pilates in the car park and a separate fat section in the restaurant one desperate man just wants to return a sales item.
 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
 Rick Turino Anthony Glennon
 Miranda Lindsay Allen
 Victor/Jim Neil Warhurst
 Karl Paul Barnhill
 Woman Rachel Bavidge
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.
SUN 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k4r1)
 Series 2
 By Royal Appointment
 Discover the joys of musical theatre, learn all about the wonder of the sea, plus marvel at the monarchy with the museum's new royal theme park.
 Written and performed by:
 Marcus Brigstocke
 Danny Robins
 Dan Tetsell
 With Lucy Montgomery.
 Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.
 Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

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MON 06:00 Stand By For West (m00048fd)
 Battle for Inspector West
 5. Trail From A Tip-Off
 An unexpected phone-call for Janet West - while Inspector West doesn't quite know where he is...?
 Starring Patrick Allen.
 Created and written by John Creasey.
 Dramatised by Maurice Travers.
 Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen
 Janet West Sarah Lawson
 Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce
 Julieta Eva Stuart
 Carosian Francis de Wolff
 DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister
 Pearly Willis Henry Stamper
 Superintendent Mulloon Harry Webster
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.
MON 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jprs)
 Series 1
 1. A Case of Making Good
 A rich woman receives a mysterious parcel of tenners and the past unfolds like a flower. Can redundant pitman turned discrete private investigator, Stephen J Blackburn solve the case?
 One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.
 Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan.
 With Rita May, Vanessa Rosenthal, Lorraine Peters, Lucia Laratonda and Robin Polley.
 Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby
 Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.
MON 07:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)
 Series 3
 5. The Appliance of Science
 Hardacre's ad agency are pitching to the University of Oxfordshire, an online-only institution dedicated to internet learning. Their efforts are complicated by the arrival at the agency of Elgin Hardacre (James Northcote), hired by his father (Nigel Havers) as a copywriter - despite having no relevant skills or experience.
 While Hardacre shows no interest in his son and Amanda (Josie Lawrence) dismisses him as an idiot and resolves to fire him by the end of the week, Joe (Mathew Baynton) and Teddy (Rasmus Hardiker) take pity on Elgin and take him under their wing. In the process, they discover that however bad Hardacre might be as a boss, he's infinitely worse as a father - and Elgin in turn reveals some peculiar beliefs.
 Cast:
 Hardacre.....Nigel Havers
 Joe.....Mathew Baynton
 Amanda.....Josie Lawrence
 Teddy.....Rasmus Hardiker
 Laura.....Olivia Nixon
 Elgin.....James Northcote
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2018.
MON 07:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m00138j0)
 Series 27
 Episode 1
 David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
 Alan Davies, Lucy Porter, Lou Sanders and Justin Edwards are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as pigs, underwear, camels and sausages.
 Produced by Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4
MON 08:00 Marriage Lines (b0647y7d)
 Series 2
 Episode 8
 Baby Helen is annoying Kate and George's neighbours.
 Richard Briers and Prunella Scales star in their second series based on the mutual love and mistrust of a young married couple.
 Originating on BBC TV, it was adapted for radio due to its popularity by Richard Waring from his own TV scripts.
 A decade later, Richard Briers was starring as Tom Good in The Good Life whilst Prunella Scales starred as Sybil in Fawlty Towers. They remained friends until Richard Briers' death in 2013.
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London.
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.
MON 08:30 The Phenomenon Squad (b084p6qt)
 Fraud
 The undercover police squad try to foil a massive art fraud. But Crispin Pollock has other ideas.
 Roy Kinnear and Simon Cadell star in Michael Snelgrove's sitcom about the less-than-competent leader of a crack undercover police squad.
 Supt Brabazon Roy Kinnear
 Endicott-Heap Simon Cadell
 Sigaloff Royce Mills
 WPI Nutkins Susie Blake
 MacTooley Alex Norton
 Humby Stephen Frost
 Crispin Stephen Tomkinson
 Mother Julie Berry
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1987.
MON 09:00 Jest a Minute (b017890)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 Rhod Gilbert's comedy quiz from the Glee Club in Cardiff.
 With Lucy Porter, Milton Jones, Lloyd Langford and Chris Corcoran.
 Producers: Paul Forde and Gareth Gwynn.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in 2006.
MON 09:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rzk4y)
 Series 2
 An Englishman Abroad
 Monte Guano, the pettiest of Italian states, plays host to an honoured English aristocratic guest - the somewhat suspect Lord Luton.
 Second series of the comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy devised by Neal Anthony.
 Written by Sue Limb.
 Stars David Swift as Ludovico, Sian Phillips as Plethora, Graham Crowden as Francesco, Saskia Wickham as Rosalie, Paul Bigley as Alessandro and Nicholas Grace as Lord Luton.
 Producer: Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
MON 10:00 JM Barrie - The Admirable Crichton (b00k2mfh)
 Russell Tovey stars in JM Barrie's classic satire about the changing fortunes of Crichton, the perfect butler.
 Liberal aristocrat Lord Loam favours a return to nature, with masters and servants living together as equals, but Crichton is

the perfect butler and the perfect snob who adores the intricacies of the class system. He cannot help but be horrified by his master's opinions, and it will take a sea change to alter them.

Crichton Russell Tovey
 JM Barrie David Bannerman
 Lady Mary Beth Chalmers
 Lord Loam David Timson
 Lady Agatha Martha Howe-Douglas
 Ernest Woolley Gunnar Cauthery
 Tweeny Lizzy Watts
 Rev John Treherne Adrian Grove
 Lord Brocklehurst Stephen Hogan
 Lady Brocklehurst Tina Gray
 Abridged and directed by Fiona Kelcher.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m0013hq9)

Series 8

It Takes Time

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores alternatives to our era of instant gratification. What can we learn when things can't be rushed? First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0013hqe)

Jack Dee

Comedian Jack Dee chooses Downtown by Petula Clark and Really Free by John Otway and Wild Willy Barratt.

MON 12:00 Marriage Lines (b0647y7d)

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MON 13:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jprs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String by Michael Crawford (b019dh51)

1. Fatherhood

Frank Spencer-like moments at the births of his two daughters, as Michael Crawford begins the first of a five-part reading of his autobiography.

Celebrated for his roles as the hapless Frank Spencer in the BBC TV sitcom, *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em* - and as the man in the mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, *The Phantom of the Opera* - Michael Crawford is one of Britain's best loved entertainers.

Abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

MON 14:15 D for Dexter (m000plzb)

Series 7

Episode 1

Skye is anxious and distracted, with nothing to do. She's usually on Dexter-duty, a full time job: looking after an eight-year-old with special needs. But Dexter's going away. For four nights. To stay with his dad.

Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story, which won the 2016 Audio Drama Award for Best Serial, a Special Commendation in Best Actress category for Sydney Wade as Skye in 2019, and was runner up in Best Serial category in 2020.

Skye is seventeen and Dexter eight. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always end well. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. There's the fall-out from Covid (you try home-schooling an eight-year-old with no laptop or Wi-Fi), and Jak's crazy attempts at 'Truth-Seeking'.

Skye can't stop thinking about Scarlett, the girl she met last year, who left town. But Aiden Hardy is still around and he's got a thing for Skye. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic mum Jak can't. But maybe it's Dexter who's kept Skye going, not the other way round. How will she survive without him?

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 on-going voluntary work in Gainsborough.

Written by Amanda Whittington.

Skye Sydney Wade

Jak Una McNulty

Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann

Ed Mark Addy

Scarlett Scarlett Courtney

Aiden Hardy Will Kirk

Director, Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

MON 14:30 The Qatar Philharmonic (b01ngs58)

The Qatar Philharmonic was established in 2008, the first western symphony orchestra in a Gulf state, and just one of a number of institutions intended to demonstrate the country's cultural ambitions.

Razia Iqbal visits Katara, the official cultural village of Doha, and talks to members of the orchestra, many of whom have been imported from Europe. And she interviews the country's

'culture queen', Sheikha Mayassa Al-Thani, daughter of the Emir of Qatar.

Produced by Francesca Panetta and Lucy Greenwell

A Falling Tree Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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MON 16:00 Jest a Minute (b01789j0)

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MON 16:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rzky4)

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MON 17:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 The Unbelievable Truth (m00138j0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Midnight Tales by Bram Stoker (b01g7xq3)

1. The Secret of the Growing Gold

Fair hair becomes an unusual tool of marital revenge. A tale from the mind behind 'Dracula'.

Bram Stoker's tales abridged in five episodes by Donald Bancroft.

Read by Dyfed Thomas.

Producer: David Benedictus

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

MON 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09pkyy1)

6. Storm Warning

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 scratched her knee, developed an infection and when that infection threatened her life, her parents agreed to have her leg amputated.

Angry and blaming the government's policy, her brother's tweeted an image of Sarah in hospital. Now the outside world is waking up to the reality of a society without antibiotics.

Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Lizzie Christine Bottomley

Paul Roderick Gilkinson

David Robin Laing

Journalist 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.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b036v8b0)

Ricky Ross and Tom Heap

Deacon Blue frontman Ricky Ross and Countryfile reporter Tom Heap discuss their book choices with Harriett Gilbert, providing an eclectic mix of subject matter from crime thrillers set in Nazi Germany to spiritual life in Scotland and gentle ageing in West London.

March Violets by Philip Kerr (this edition is part of the Omnibus called Berlin Noir)

Publisher: Penguin

Mole Under the Fence: Conversations with Roland Wallis by Ron Ferguson with Mark Chater

Publisher: Saint Andrew Press

Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont by Elizabeth Taylor

Publisher: Virago

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 Hearing With Hegley (b00b0sgk)

Series 1

Episode 2

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 (b07c2v2p)

Series 1

The Birthing Project

An alien updates his governing council on a research trip to Earth that ended in disaster.

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 (m001395s)

Series 107

Episode 3

Andy Zaltzman presents a look back at the week's headlines, in a tough week for the Prime Minister.

Joined by a panel of Ayesha Hazarika, Paul Sinha, Kiri Pritchard-McLean and Simon Evans, Andy looks back over the events of 20th May 2020 with Sue Gray-like focus. As well as Downing Street parties, the panel discuss rising energy bills, pig heart transplants, space telescopes and Michael Gove being trapped in a lift.

Chair's Script: Written by Andy Zaltzman

Additional Material: by Alice Fraser, Mike Shephard, Celya AB and Rajiv Karia

Production Coordinator: Katie Baum

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Gwyn Rhys Davies.

A BBC Studios Production.

MON 23:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00hv1rj)

Episode 3

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 and Jane are due to meet at the solicitors.

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 March 2009.

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TUE 06:00 Stand By For West (m00046ly)

Battle for Inspector West

6. Explosion in Red

It's a bad day for Scotland Yard, and Inspector Roger West. Just what is the arch-villain up to?

CAST:

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Superintendent Mulloon Harry Webster

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 The Blackburn Files (b007jps6)

Series 1

2. A Case of Parma Violets

Trailing a distinctive perfume, Betty Shuttleworth turns to private investigator Stephen J Blackburn when she suspects her husband's having an affair...

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With Rita May, Christine Cox, Gerry Kersey and Anne Rye.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby
Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

TUE 07:00 Dot (b0bd7rw0)

Series 3

Saucepans for Spitfires!

A national initiative to boost morale causes havoc in the personnel team, as Dot and the gals turn on each other. Retro comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel in the rollicking Cabinet War Rooms comedy by Ed Harris.

Dot Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle Kate O'Flynn

Peg Freya Parker

Peabody David Acton

Mrs Background Emma Handy

Ding Dong Ryan Whittle

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

TUE 07:30 It's a Fair Cop (b0bk1tw7)

Series 4

Hedgerow Hedge Row

Another chance to hear this episode from 2018. The third in the series in which comic and long-serving police officer recounts a real life case he's dealt with and asks the audience what decisions they would have made in his shoes. This week – neighbour disputes. When neighbours fall out over a hedge is it really a police matter? And what do you do when disappearing pets come into the equation?

This is the fourth of this immensely popular series which provides insight into the workings of our police force whilst exposing some of the surprising and very funny quirks amongst the Radio 4 audience.

Writer and presenter Alfie Moore

Script Editor Will Ing

Producer Alison Vernon-Smith

A BBC Studios Production

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007j19j)

The Whistling Spy Enigma

Spy Neddie must make contact with his informer. But can he whistle the secret tune? Stars Spike Milligan. From September 1954.

TUE 08:30 Winston (b00pgpm3)

Winston Back Home

A Whale of a Time with Chekhov

Angry Nancy takes action when she hears what old rogue

Winston has been up to...

Peter Tinniswood'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 April 1994.

TUE 09:00 The News Quiz (m001395s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]

TUE 09:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007qesv)

Series 1

Episode 3

Tamsyn and Jago's smuggling exploits are to be chronicled at close quarters by a group of fly-on-the-wall balladeers. They get some exciting material as Jago's up before an unusually hard-line judge - and it seems there's no escape from the noose...

18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead

Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Starring Lucy Speed as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bove as Jago

Trelawny, Cameron Stewart as Major Thomas Falconer,

Andrew McGibbon as Captain Marriot, Martin Hyder as Squire

Bascombe, Mark Felgate as Dewey, Mark Perry as Judge

Pettiforth and Michael Fenton Stevens as Anthony the

Balladeer.

Producer: Jan Ravens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

TUE 10:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0085krx)

A Study in Scarlet

1. Revenge

London, 1881: a penniless doctor meets a curious young man

with some extremely strange habits....

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's first story of his legendary Baker

Street detective, Sherlock Holmes, first published in 1887.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams

Dramatised in two parts by Bert Coules.

Sherlock Holmes ... Clive Merrison

Dr John Watson... Michael Williams

Stamford ...Paul Downing

Stangerson ... Matt Zimmerman

Alice ... Jane Slavin

Drebber ... Ed Bishop

Mrs Hudson ... Anna Cropper

Mme Charpentier... Marcia King

Inspector Gregson ... John Moffatt

Inspector Lestrade ... Donald Gee

PC Rance ... Michael Kilgarriff

Violin: Alexander Balanescu

Director: Ian Cotterell

Producer: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b0b6bw77)

Joe v Max

Bonnie Greer tells the story of one of the most famous sporting

contests of all time - a boxing match in June 1938 between the American Joe Louis and the German Max Schmeling. The fight took on massive international, social and cultural significance and millions of people around the globe listened to the contest on their radios, making it the largest radio event in history. Schmeling had shocked the world two years earlier when he defeated Louis and became the toast of Germany, with Hitler and Goebbels among his fans. A rematch was inevitable. For the first time, most of white America was behind a black fighter and Jews in the US and Europe, all too aware of the Nazi threat, were also cheering Louis.

With the world on the brink of war, it was projected as a contest between different social and racial ideals, a showdown between democracy and totalitarianism.

President Roosevelt told Louis, "Joe we need muscles like yours to defeat Germany."

Presenter: Bonnie Greer

Producer: Jonathan Mayo

A TBI production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 13:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jps6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 14:00 Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String by Michael Crawford (b019dn36)

2. Filmmaking

Actor and singer Michael Crawford reads the second of a five-part reading of his autobiography including working with Oliver Reed and Michael Winner, and meeting Gene Kelly.

Celebrated for his roles as the hapless Frank Spencer in the BBC TV sitcom, *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em* - and as the man in the mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, *The Phantom of the Opera* - Michael Crawford is one of Britain's best loved entertainers.

Abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

TUE 14:15 D for Dexter (m000pmwb)

Series 7

Episode 2

Four nights away from each other. It's never happened before.

Dexter has gone to stay with his dad and Skye is worried he

won't cope without her. Starring Sydney Wade and Mark Addy.

Skye is seventeen and Dexter eight. They live in Gainsborough

in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always

end well. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary,

extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. There's the fall-out

from Covid (you try home-schooling an eight-year-old with no

laptop or Wi-Fi), and Jak's crazy attempts at 'Truth-Seeking'.

Skye can't stop thinking about Scarlett, the girl she met last

year, who left town. But Aiden Hardy is still around and he's got

a thing for Skye. She has always had to look after Dex because

their alcoholic mum Jak can't. But maybe it's Dexter who's kept

Skye going, not the other way round. How will she survive

without him?

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provides practical support around LGBT+ life, sexual health,

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voluntary work in Gainsborough.

Written by Amanda Whittington

Skye Sydney Wade

Jak Una McNulty

Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann

Ed...Mark Addy

Scarlett Scarlett Courtney

Aiden Will Kirk

Music by Tom Constantine

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

TUE 14:30 The Audio Describers (b05ssqpl)

Matthew Sweet enters a whole new cinematic world that sighted

people know little or nothing about - audio description. It's the

voice in your ear that tells you what's happening if you can't see

the pictures.

The audio description profession has its own stars, its own

virtuosi. How do they allow visionary cinema to exist beyond

the realm of vision? This is cinema for radio.

Matthew meets the men and women who do this work - the

invisible co-stars of the world's greatest actors, invisible

collaborators of the greatest writers and directors.

In fact, the practice of using evocative and poetic language to

bring moving pictures to life has a much longer tradition. In

early 20th-century Japan, Benshi narrators would interpret –

and often elaborate on - Western and home-grown films for

Tokyo audiences. The art form continues today.

In Edwardian Britain, film explainers would bring an aural

addition, often with musical accompaniment, to silent films.

Matthew Sweet finds this tradition is also alive and well - at a

film festival in Scotland.

Producer: Dom Byrne

A Blakeway production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

TUE 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b0085krx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b01s4744)

Series 3

University of Leeds

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 the University of Leeds, the specialist subjects are Civil Engineering, Popular Music Studies and Psychology, with questions ranging from dada and Dylan, to concrete and cogwheels - via penguins and postage stamps.

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 (b007qesv)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:30 It's a Fair Cop (b0bk1tw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 Midnight Tales by Bram Stoker (b01g8766)

2. The Coming of Abel Behenna

Two rivals in love make a pact. Will it end in betrayal?

Dracula creator Bram Stoker's tales abridged in five episodes by Donald Bancroft.

Read by Dyfed Thomas.

Producer: David Benedictus

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

TUE 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09plrly)

7. Lies

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 scratched her knee, developed an

infection and when that infection threatened her life, her

parents agreed to have her leg amputated.

With the British public up in arms about Sarah's situation, the

political fallout becomes a global issue.

Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Leo Kevin Mains

Congolese Ambassador Adura Onashile

UN Secretary General 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 (b041xbxf)

Series 18

Adagio in G minor

Albinoni's Adagio in G Minor, is one of the most popular and

moving pieces of music but, as academic and composer Andrew

Gant explains, it wasn't written by Albinoni and is now

attributed to the twentieth century Italian composer, Giacomini.

Award-winning veteran BBC foreign correspondent, Malcolm

Brabant recalls the 'cellist of Sarajevo', Vedran Smailovic,

playing it everyday for weeks amidst the wreckage of the

beautiful city, as Serbian gunfire raged around.

Virginia McKenna explains how the piece became so special to

her and her late husband, Bill Travers, who died twenty years

ago this month, the piece was played at the beginning and end

of his memorial service.

And TV producer, Gareth Gwenlan reveals why it was chosen

as the theme for the character played by Wendy Craig, in the

seventies sitcom, *Butterflies*.

Producer: Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007j19j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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TUE 20:00 Stand By For West (m000461y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jps6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b0b6bw77)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (b0bk1tw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Cowards (b0079nt1)

Series 1

Episode 3

Packing cases and breaking vows 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 May 2007.

TUE 23:00 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrlr)

From the Man Who Mistook his Bike for Olives
Spotlighting dictators - the 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 (m0001rjw)

Series 2

Episode 3

Multi-character YouTube star Damien Slash makes the move from online to Radio 4, in this new 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 Natasia Demetriou

Production coordinated by Hayley Sterling

Produced by Matt Stronge

A BBC Studios production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

TUE 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076k1x)

Series 1

Episode 6

Meet Thomas Hardy's agent, the theft of Hitler's family jewels, the world's first man and email problems in ancient Rome.

Sketch show 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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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 It's a Fair Cop (b0bk1tw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Stand By For West (m0004fx7)

Battle for Inspector West

7. Mastermind at Midnight

Supervillain Carosian's plans finally become evident, but he's not the only mastermind behind the criminal enterprise.

CAST:

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

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.

WED 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)

Series 1

3. A Case of Brotherly Love

Private investigator Stephen J Blackburn hunts for a Canadian's long-lost brother, decades after their cruel separation....

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With John Graham Davies, Norman Mills, Ray Ashcroft and Bill Rodgers.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby
Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

WED 07:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (b09d431q)

Series 2

Britain's Place in the World

The Godfather of Alternative Comedy delivers a mixture of stand-up, memoir and philosophy from behind the counter of his Imaginary Sandwich Bar.

Alexei considers Britain's place in the world and discusses his return to stand-up comedy after a 17 year hiatus.

Along the way he reveals where all of the Millets shops have gone, discloses the key to reworking old material for a modern audience and offers a compelling argument for Britain losing a war - and soon.

Written and performed by Alexei Sayle

Original music and lyrics by Tim Sutton

Producer: Joe Nunnery

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2017.

WED 07:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000ybnb)

Series 2

Comedian Ellie Taylor (The Mash Report, Live At The Apollo) is no fan of exercise and so had taken to Radio 4 to promote this controversial opinion, with help from her regular sidekick Robin Morgan (Mock The Week). They talk to members of the public about their own gripes and dislikes, and also they speak to fitness fan and bumbag aficionado, Mr Motivator, for his views on the virtues of moving about a bit.

Written by Ellie Taylor and Robin Morgan.

Produced by Sam Michell for BBC Studios

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b0071p4)

Series 4

Agricultural 'Ancock

The Lad turns farmer - unaware that sneaky Sid's sold him a top cricket ground.

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 February 1957.

WED 08:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s6n88)

Series 1

Et In Arcadia Ego

Giles and David decide the answer to Judith's mysterious malaise is a trip to the wilds of Cornwall. They leave the confines of the flat in Streatham for a week of fresh air, Volvos and green wellies. What they don't bargain for, however, is that this rural cocktail is spiked with violent Young Farmers.

Stars Richard E Grant and Peter Capaldi.

Produced by Paul Schlesinger.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

WED 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00775wp)

Series 10

Tom Stoppard

Literary quizmaster James Walton presides over team captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Peter Kemp and Sue Limb.

This episode comes from the Oxford Literary Festival.

The author of the week is Tom Stoppard, and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

WED 09:30 Smelling of Roses (b00f86x3)

Series 4

Episode 4

Rosie Burns and company find themselves involved in the relaunch of a radio station...and of an old disc jockey's career.

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

Brad Marshall Colin Stinton

Kenny Truman Chris Emmett

Valerie Pilkington Sheila Mitchell

Written and produced by Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

WED 10:00 Sherlock Holmes (b008747m)

A Study in Scarlet

2. The Country of the Saints

"You may consider me a murderer; but I say I'm just as much an officer of justice as you are."

Dr Watson assists the Baker Street sleuth in the battle to solve their first gruesome case...

Conclusion of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's first Sherlock Holmes story first published in 1887.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.

Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison

Dr John Watson Michael Williams

Jefferson Hope Shane Rimmer

Mrs Hudson Anna Cropper

Wiggins Alan Dean

Inspector Gregson John Moffatt

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Director: Ian Cotterell

Producer: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

WED 11:00 Neil Innes: Dip My Brain In Joy (m000py8k)

1. Bangs, Belches, Smut & Smoke

Diane Morgan celebrates the life and work of Neil Innes, the music and comedy legend of The Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band & The Rutles. A towering talent, occasionally known as the 7th Python & regularly found with a duck on his head. His legacy of music and comedy is rich, inspiring and inspired.

Neil said of his work, "Shakespeare wrote comedies as well as dramas. I'm just like Shakespeare, except with better songs."

His influence permeates modern comedy and his back catalogue is diverse and prolific. Neil wrote and performed anarchic rock with The Bonzos, he penned and performed pitch-perfect pastiches of the Beatles for The Rutles, he appeared in Monty Python and the Holy Grail and Monty Python's Life of Brian and he is one of only two non-Pythons with a writing credit on Monty Python's Flying Circus - the other being Douglas Adams. He released over 20 albums including How Sweet To Be An Idiot, Innes Book of Records, and Recycled Vinyl Blues. And on top of being comedically and musically gifted, he was also a really nice man. A beautiful, kind, gentle soul. Considered, absurd, and delightful.

Over the next three weeks, we're going to celebrate his life, work and absurdist tendencies in this three hour collage of scraps and archive. There are old interviews, performances and programmes, conversations with family, friends and fans including his wife of over fifty years Yvonne, Stephen Fry, Adrian Edmondson, Kevin Eldon, Rick Wakeman and Arthur Smith, bandmates Rodney Slater, Phil Jackson, Ken Thornton, and John Halsey (better known to Rutles fans as Barry Wom), TV producer Ian Keill, record producer Martin Lewis, studio engineer extraordinaire Steve James, musical arranger extraordinaire John Altman, and Pythons Terry Gilliam and Michael Palin.

In Part One, Bangs, Belches, Smut & Smoke, we look at Neil's early life and his musical and artistic influences. And we go out on the road, and into the recording studio, with the group of absurd young men who came together by chance, to mutilate the trad jazz movement of the 1920s, to subvert the new wave of psychedelic pop and to nurture a quite deliberate misunderstanding of anarchy - The Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band. Neil died on Sunday 29th December 2019. He was 75. At the time of his death, he was working on a new album, and a project called Radio Noir, part-audio memoir, part-experimental work of art, part- exploration of the human brain and you will hear some extracts and some unreleased songs throughout the programme.

Written and produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Laura Grimshaw.

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3. On Stage

Success in 'No Sex Please, We're British', but a marriage fails.

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Abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

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WED 14:15 D for Dexter (m000pp88)

Series 7

Episode 3

Skye can't stop thinking about Scarlett and worrying about Dexter. Ed is late calling and isn't replying to texts. What if something's happened to Dex?

Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story, which won the 2016 Audio Drama Award for Best Serial, a Special Commendation in Best Actress category for Sydney Wade as Skye in 2019, and was runner up in Best Serial category in 2020.

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Aiden Will Kirk

Guitar by Tom Constantine

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

WED 14:30 Words, Words, Words (b00v1v2e)

Comedian Sue Perkins explores the house of Samuel Johnson, author of *A Dictionary of the English Language (1755)* - the book that would set the standard for all future dictionaries.

With biographer Henry Hitchens she meets John Simpson, editor of the *Oxford English Dictionary*, and antiquarian bookseller Karen Thomson joins her in a visit to the British Library to undertake a whirlwind tour of the earliest English dictionaries, with all their attendant quirks and oddities.

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3. The Dream in the Dead House

An Englishman in Munich receives a most unexpected rescue.

Dracula creator Bram Stoker's tales abridged in five episodes by Donald Bancroft.

Read by Dyfed Thomas.

Producer: David Benedictus

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

WED 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09pm3ss)

8. The End of Everything

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 scratched her knee, developed an infection and when that infection threatened her life, her parents agreed to have her leg amputated. It's been a waiting game ever since. Have the doctors managed to cut all of the infection out? They're about to find out...

Lizzie Christine Bottomley

Wolfson Robin Laing

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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 (b007jp9j)

Series 2

The Little Grey Cells of Hercule Poirot

Author Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot is one of her most famous and long-running characters, appearing in 33 novels.

Professor Jeffrey Richards delves into the casebook of the fastidious Belgian sleuth with a genius for lateral thinking. 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 (b007v1p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s6n88)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 Stand By For West (m0004fx7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 Neil Innes: Dip My Brain In Joy (m000py8k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000ynbb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007yrwf)

Series 2

Colourthon

The sketch show team attempt their own radio charity fundraiser.

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 Bleak Expectations (b01nxt2d)

Series 5

A Pleasant Yet Dull Life Re-Evilled

Pip Bin is beginning to miss the conflict with his absent evil nemesis Mr Gently Benevolent when he receives an intriguing invitation to a house party with Britain's poshest man, the Baron-Viscount-Marqu-earl-et the Lord-Dukey Clampvulture of Too-Many Titles.

But one of the other guests may not be all he seems....

Mark Evans's epic Victorian comedy in the style of Charles Dickens.

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Clampvulture Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

General Kartoffel-Kopf Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

WED 23:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b0610182)

Series 2

Alcohol

Comedian Simon Evans returns with a series about the economics of some of the goods - or bads - we are addicted to. If you crave your daily coffee, can't get by without a cigarette, feel that mid-afternoon slump without your sugar-fix, or can't face an evening without a glass of wine, you are definitely not alone. But have you ever thought about the economics that has made your addiction possible? Who does it profit? And would you want to make some canny investments that take advantage of our human weaknesses?

Simon looks at the economics, history and health issues behind these oh-so-addictive commodities.

With the help of economics guru, More Or Less host Tim Harford and the Queen of investment know-how, Merryyn Somerset-Webb, Simon walks us around the economics of these very familiar commodities and pokes fun at our relationship with them.

Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2022

THU 00:00 Midnight Tales by Bram Stoker (b01g97vd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09pm3ss)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jp9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Stand By For West (m0004fx7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String by Michael Crawford (b019dqsc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 D for Dexter (m000pp88)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Words, Words, Words (b00v1v2e)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Sherlock Holmes (b008747m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (b00775wp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Smelling of Roses (b00f86x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (b09d431q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000ynbb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Falco (b00k7xct)

Venus in Copper

1. The Serial Widow

Marcus Didius Falco comes face to face with temptation when he's hired to follow a professional bride with a habit of outliving her husbands.

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Hyacinthus Stephen Critchlow

Politia Julia Hills

Cake Seller/Lusius Laurence Saunders

Cossus Jonathan Tafler

Tyche Bella Merlin

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

THU 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)

Series 1

4. A Case of Plagiarism

Private investigator Stephen J Blackburn is called in when writer Hartley J Newton is convinced his TV script has been pinched...

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With Gerry Kersey, Christine Cox, Peter Bell and James Tomlinson.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

THU 07:00 Ankle Tag (m00010z6)

Series 2

The Nappy Advert

The family need to increase their income, so Big Bob gets a job.

Bob Steve Speirs

Gruff Elis James

Alice Katy Wix

Lauren Ruth Bratt

Receptionist Adelayo Adedayo

Canteen Guy Naz Osmanoglu

Nappy Advert v/o Anna Leong Brophy

Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn

Produced by Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios Production, first broadcast in November 2018.

THU 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000khkq)

Series 9

Episode 3

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, Dave introduces his new girlfriend, Margot.

Love is in the air, but not everyone is convinced by her motives after it's revealed they met on a Moving Alan fan website.

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

Bishop Briggs: Michael Redmond

Hilly: Kate Brailsford

Mrs Armstrong: Maureen Carr

Margot: Gabriel Quigley

Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4

THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b011kvmq)

Transatlantic Trouble

The bumbling bureaucrats welcome a niece from America and face up to a new Under-Secretary.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler. With Norma

Ronald, Ronald Baddiley and 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 September 1971.

THU 08:30 After Henry (b007jnsf)

Series 2

The Married Man

'Many people have found that a couple of months negotiating gear levers in golf-club car parks can rather take the edge off romance.'

Clare's latest love affair proves difficult to keep secret from granny Eleanor.

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 Scates

Eleanor Joan Sanderson

Russell Benjamin Whitrow

Clare Gerry Cowper

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 (b007jv0k)

From 08/08/1978

Roy Plomley challenges Eleanor Summerfield and Gillian Reynolds to battle David Nixon and Tim Rice in the panel game to spot mistakes.

Featuring more tune-twisters from Steve Race.

Devised and written by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1978.

THU 09:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rw8p7)

Series 3

Here's Looking At You, Kid

Robert discovers acting isn't everything it appears to be...

The return of the farcical comedy about the trials and tribulations of a young actor desperately seeking work.

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

Robert Wilson John Gordon Sinclair

Desmond Shaw Gary Waldhorn

Sue Gina McKee

With:

Sally Grace

Toby Longworth

Ainsley Foster

Ian Angus Wilkie

Christopher Roe

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1993.

THU 10:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jnlm)

The Sign of the Four

1. Timbertoe

When criminals become unimaginative and crimes unchallenging, the Baker Street sleuth seeks stimulation elsewhere - as a young woman arrives looking for her father...

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story of his legendary detective, Sherlock Holmes, first published in 1890.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams

Dramatised in two parts by Bert Coules.

Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison

Dr John Watson Michael Williams

Jonathan Small Brian Blessed

Mary Morstan Moir Leslie

Abdullah Khan Amerjit Deu

Mrs Hudson Anna Cropper

Thaddeus Sholto Richard Tate

Major Sholto Michael Kilgarriff

Bartholomew Sholto John Bull

Inspector Jones Sion Probert

Violin: Alexander Balanescu

Director: Ian Cotterell

Producer: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.

THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0013gvy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

THU 11:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000458p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 12:00 The Men from the Ministry (b011kvmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 12:30 After Henry (b007jnsf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:00 Falco (b00k7xct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 14:00 Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String by Michael Crawford (b019dwb6)

4. Frank

Creating Frank Spencer in 'Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em' and taking on risky stunts, Michael Crawford continues reading from his autobiography.

Celebrated for his roles as the hapless Frank Spencer in the BBC TV sitcom, *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em* - and as the man in the mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, *The Phantom of the Opera* - Michael Crawford is one of Britain's best loved entertainers.

Abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

THU 14:15 D for Dexter (m000ppqc)

Series 7

Episode 4

Skye has finally spoken to Scarlett. But she's miles away.

Dexter's still with Ed. But Aiden Hardy keeps turning up.

Skye and Dexter return in this heart-breaking, heart-warming story, which won the 2016 Audio Drama Award for Best Serial, a Special Commendation in Best Actress category for Sydney Wade as Skye in 2019, and was runner up in Best Serial category in 2020.

Skye is seventeen and Dexter eight. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always end well. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. There's the fall-out from Covid (you try home-schooling an eight-year-old with no laptop or Wi-Fi), and Jak's crazy attempts at 'Truth-Seeking'. Skye can't stop thinking about Scarlett, the girl she met last year, who left town. But Aiden Hardy is still around and he's got a thing for Skye. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic mum Jak can't. But maybe it's Dexter who's kept Skye going, not the other way round. How will she survive without him?

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 by Amanda Whittington.

Skye Sydney Wade

Jak Una McNulty

Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann

Ed...Mark Addy

Scarlett Scarlett Courtney

Aiden Will Kirk

Guitar by Tom Constantine

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

THU 14:30 A Love Supreme: 50 Years On (b051s0fp)

Often cited as one of the greatest albums ever made, John Coltrane's *A Love Supreme* is revered not just by jazz aficionados but music fans the world over. Released in 1965, British saxophonist Courtney Pine explores what makes it such a unique and important record.

John Coltrane intended *A Love Supreme* to be a spiritual record - a declaration of his religious beliefs and personal spiritual quest. However the album also had a wider cultural significance. It was released in February 1965, just days after black rights activist Malcolm X was assassinated and weeks before Martin Luther King led the March on Alabama, and for many the sound and feel of the music captures perfectly the sadness, confusion and anger of America's growing black consciousness movement.

Courtney visits Gaumont State Theatre in Kilburn, North London, where Coltrane performed on a tour in 1961. He is joined by a trio of leading British jazz saxophonists - Nat Birchall, Finn Peters and Jason Yarde - whose lives have been inspired and shaped by *A Love Supreme* and the music and spirit of John Coltrane.

Our quartet of musicians explore why the album touches so many and continues to do so with each new generation.

Produced by Jim Lister

A Folded Wing production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

THU 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jnlm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:00 Many a Slip (b007jv0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 16:30 An Actor's Life for Me (b00rw8p7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 17:00 Ankle Tag (m00010z6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000khkq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Midnight Tales by Bram Stoker (b01g8bxg)

4. A Dream of Red Hands

Jacob Settle hides a dark past. What does his dream mean?

Dracula creator Bram Stoker's tales abridged in five episodes by Donald Bancroft.

Read by Dyfed Thomas.

Producer: David Benedictus

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

THU 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09pn78z)

9. The Accident

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 scratched her knee and developed an infection. When the infection threatened her life, her parents agreed to have her leg amputated. The amputation hasn't

stopped the infection and Sarah only has days to live...

It's past midnight, her parents stand on the roof of the hospital. One of them thinks there's a way to save their daughter's life, the other thinks it's time to say goodbye...

Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Lizzie Christine Bottomley

David Robin Laing

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Consultants: Prof Joanna Coast and Dr Adam Roberts

Director: Kirsty Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.

THU 18:30 Great Lives (b09jvlglt)

Series 44

Nazir Afzal on Gandhi

Matthew Parris invites the former Chief Crown Prosecutor for North West England Nazir Afzal who was responsible for convicting the men who sexually abused young girls in Rochdale to nominate a great life. He has chosen Mahatma Gandhi, also a lawyer, whom he says inspired him to speak out on behalf of those who were marginalised and ignored by the rest of society.

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 19:00 The Men from the Ministry (b011kvmq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

THU 22:00 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000khkq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00yye83)

Series 1

Juradia

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have had a number of bizarre adventures.

This week we hear about his travels in Juradia, a country where every other person is a lawyer.

Written by Bill Dare

Produced by Steven Canny

Brian Gulliver's Travels is a new satirical adventure story from Bill Dare. 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, Vicky Pepperidge, 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.

Satirical targets over the series: the medical profession and its need to pathologize everything; the effect of marriage on children; spirituality and pseudo-science; compensation culture; sexism; the affect of our obsession with fame.

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*.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

THU 23:00 Listen Against (b00f10gk)

Series 2

Episode 2

Time runs away in preparations for the switch-on of the BBC Collider - and the Greenwich time signal pips are still running rogue...

The show that prises 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 (b012ylgm)

Series 2

Episode 6

James Bond star Daniel Craig tries to get car insurance. Jon

Culshaw explores famous folk's private lives. From August

2010.

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FRI 05:00 Ankle Tag (m00010z6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000khhq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Falco (b00k89mm)

Venus in Copper

2. The Unexpected Offer

Falco is searching for the truth about the deaths of Severina's three husbands, when an unexpected offer forces him to question his instincts.

Maybe he should consult his new feathered friend?

Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective in a gripping serialisation of Lindsey Davis's best seller.

Marcus Didius Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Ann Madeley

Polia Julia Hills

Doctor Jez Thomas

Thalia Chipu Chung

Severina Zotica Tracy Wiles

Cossus Jonathan Tafler

The Parrot Colin Rote

Hortensius Novus Ian Brooker

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

FRI 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jptk)

Series 1

5. A Case of Haddock and Plaice

An elderly couple's time-share cash con sparks private investigator Stephen J Blackburn's first case abroad.

The last of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South

Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne as Stephen J Blackburn, Judy

Flynn as Tracey Duggan.

With Gerry Kersey, Lorraine Peters, Norman Mills, Lucia

Laratonda and James Tomlinson.

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1989.

FRI 07:00 The Headset (b012fs7b)

Series 1

Episode 4

It is appraisal day in the offices of catalogue company Smile5, but only Sailesh has prepared for it.

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

Various Philip Fox

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

Wolton, Benjamin Partridge, Colin Hoult, Kevin Core,

Madelene Brettingham, Rebecca Hobbs and Dan Tetsell.

Script editor: James Kettle

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

FRI 07:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m0013gyj)

The Badly-Dressed Boyfriend Problem

In this week's instalment, Marian and Tara tackle a badly-dressed boyfriend, a weighted blanket, the problem with noisy eaters and much more.

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.

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 God production for BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds

FRI 08:00 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

Series 3

Absent Friends

Captain Mainwaring returns to platoon insubordination - and an escaped convict.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV

scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

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

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney

Additional music by Dennis Gomm.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

FRI 08:30 Married (b007vkjd)

Series 1

Episode 4

Robin is starting to like his life trapped in a parallel universe as a married man. But then comedian Arthur Smith turns up from his old universe.

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Dirk Steve Frost

Ned Sam Bradley

Maxine Ann Gosling

Adrian Turnbull Anthony Ofoegbu

Arthur Smith Arthur Smith

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

FRI 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)

From 24/03/1981

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts: Leslie Crowther, Barry Cryer and Dick

Vosburgh.

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 (b007jx5y)

Series 5

Episode 2

Guard Gallagher gets new lodgings, as arguments rage over the

cottage.

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

CAST:

Phonsie Doherty TP McKenna

Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey Stella McCusker

Vivienne Hawthorne Aine McCartney

Rev Hawthorne Gerard Murphy

Peg Sweeney Marcella Riordan

Father O'Flatley John Guiney

Packy McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

FRI 10:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jnsx)

The Sign of the Four

2. The Great Agra Treasure

"I wouldn't tell her too much. Women are never to be entirely

trusted - not the best of them."

The great detective's latest case is proving difficult to crack-

and for Watson, there are tricky matters of the heart to

negotiate...

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.

Conclusion of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story of his legendary

sleuth, Sherlock Holmes.

Sherlock Holmes ... Clive Merrison

Dr John Watson... Michael Williams

Jonathan Small ... Brian Blessed

Mary Morstan ... Moir Leslie

Mrs Hudson ... Anna Cropper

Sherman ...John Moffatt

Wiggins ... Alan Dean

Mrs Forrester ... Elizabeth Mansfield

Jacobson ... Vincent Brimble

Insp Jones ... Sion Probert

Abdullah Khan ...Amerjit Deu

Mahomet Singh ... John Bull

Major Sholto ... Michael Kilgarriff

Violin: Alexander Balanescu

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Director: Ian Cotterell

Producer: David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.

FRI 11:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0013v45)

New Year, New Start

Chris Pearson and Chrystal Genesis pick out podcasts which discuss fresh starts, in the fields of work, health and relationships.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Married (b007vkjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Falco (b00k89mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jptk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String by Michael Crawford (b019fx7g)

5. Phantom

The tribulations and ultimate triumph of 'The Phantom of The Opera'. Michael Crawford concludes reading from his autobiography.

Celebrated for his roles as the hapless Frank Spencer in the BBC TV sitcom, *Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em* - and as the man in the mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, *The Phantom of the Opera* - Michael Crawford is one of Britain's best loved entertainers.

Abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.

FRI 14:15 D for Dexter (m000pth3)

Series 7

Episode 5

Skye might have made a big mistake. But Dexter is ok and Ed wants to buy her breakfast.

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

Wade as Skye in 2019, and was runner up in Best Serial category in 2020.

Skye is seventeen and Dexter eight. They live in Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, where standing out as different doesn't always

end well. Skye narrates, inviting us into her ordinary, extraordinary life: a dysfunctional world. There's the fall-out

from Covid (you try home-schooling an eight-year-old with no laptop or Wi-Fi), and Jak's crazy attempts at 'Truth-Seeking'.

Skye can't stop thinking about Scarlett, the girl she met last year, who left town. But Aiden Hardy is still around and he's got

a thing for Skye. She has always had to look after Dex because their alcoholic mum Jak can't. But maybe it's Dexter who's kept

Skye going, not the other way round. How will she survive without him?

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 by Amanda Whittington.

Skye Sydney Wade

Jak Una McNulty

Dexter Alfie Johnson-McCann

Ed...Mark Addy

Scarlett Scarlett Courtney

Aiden Will Kirk

Guitar by Tom Constantine

Director...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

FRI 14:30 There's More Here Than I Thought (b00jxc77)

Winifred Gill was an artist, craftswoman, puppeteer and social reformer. She was also friend and supporter of painters such as

LS Lowry, Duncan Grant, Roger Fry, Vanessa Bell and poet Walter de la Mare. Yet whereas their reputations are secure,

Winifred Gill's name is barely known. Writer Kate Mosse sets out to explore her fascinating life.

Winifred died nearly thirty years ago, but thanks to the hard work and persistence of her niece Margaret Bennett and

Margaret's cousin Chrystine Bennett, all that's about to change. You can now find Winifred's papers in the Bodleian Library in

Oxford. And in June, the Courtauld Gallery in London will be devoting a whole room to her work as part of an exhibition

about the Omega Workshops.

Join Kate Mosse as she travels from the East End of London where Winifred spent the last twenty-seven years of her life, to the Courtauld Gallery in London and the Bodleian Library in

Oxford in search of this talented, hardworking woman who was involved in many important social and artistic movements of the

twentieth century.

Producer: Lucinda Montefiore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

FRI 15:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jnsx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Ballylenon (b007jx5y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 The Headset (b012fs7b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m0013gyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Midnight Tales by Bram Stoker (b01g9873)

5. The Squaw

An arrogant American earns himself a horrific retribution.

Dracula creator Bram Stoker's tales abridged in five episodes by Donald Bancroft.

Read by Dyfed Thomas.

Producer: David Benedictus

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

FRI 18:15 The Truth About Hawaii by Oliver Emanuel (b09ppwdx)

10. Resistance

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 scratched her knee and developed an infection. When the infection threatened her life, her parents agreed to have her leg amputated. But the amputation didn't stop the infection.

Her family have been told she has days to live, but a scientist has offered them a glimmer of hope.

We join Sarah's imaginative world as she heads to the front line in the war between humanity and bacteria.

Sarah Jocelyn Brassington

Lizzie Christine Bottomley

Paul Roderick Gilkison

Minister for Health Kevin Mains

Matron Adura Onashile

Headmistress 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 February 2018.

FRI 18:30 Shah Rukh Khan's Heroes (b06rd13t)

Dhyan Chand

Bollywood icon Shah Rukh Khan's celebrates his personal heroes with a tribute to Indian hockey legend Dhyan Chand.

Producer: Ranjit Doal

First broadcast on the BBC Asian Network in 2012.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

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FRI 19:30 Married (b007vkjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Falco (b00k89mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jptk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0013v45)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m0013gyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Henry Normal's Encyclopaedia Poetica (m00018d7)

Volume 3

Henry Normal opens volume three of his Encyclopaedia Poetica, celebrating the rich tradition of the poet as a revolutionary, in a cardigan.

This edition's poems cover politics, class, bouncy castles, and the buses, trams and trains of Manchester.

Henry is joined on stage at the Contact Theatre, Manchester, by the poets Kevin Fegan and Lemn Sissay.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

FRI 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b007731j)

Series 1

Episode 2

Meet the China Lion, the singing friend, and introducing the Daniel Bedingfield-loving East European couple.

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 (b00mk7rn)

Series 4

Episode 4

A plea for donations to Britain's only balloon-animal sanctuary, a wooden boy who's a bit annoying - and what to do at work if you suspect you have a decadent colleague.

Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

With Olivia Colman, Sarah Hadland and James Bachman.

Producer Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.