

SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2022

SAT 00:00 The Case of Charles Dexter Ward by HP Lovecraft (m00jkrn)

Episode 5

Has Heawood found a connection between the murder of Lucy Hawthorne and the disappearance of Charles Dexter Ward? Julian Simpson's HP Lovecraft-inspired universe as seen through the prism of podcasters Matthew Heawood and Kennedy Fisher.

The story began with a missing-person investigation; Charles Dexter Ward has vanished from a secure psychiatric hospital in Rhode Island. Two months later his psychiatrist Doctor Willett murders a woman in Highgate, England. Are the two events connected?

Matthew Heawood Barnaby Kay
Kennedy Fisher Jana Carpenter
Ezra Wheedon Alun Armstrong
Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas
Music by Tim Elsenburg
Producer: Karen Rose

Director/Writer: Julian Simpson

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

SAT 00:15 And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer (b012yym0)

Episode 5

Zaphod accidentally sets off Asgard's defence system, but gets in to see Thor anyway.

And Random "borrows" Ford's credit card...

Eoin Colfer's sequel to Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

Read by Stephen Mangan.

With Peter Serafinowicz as the Guide.

Producer: Heather Larmour

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

SAT 00:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b01qctqr)

Series 4

On The Waterfront

Paul Gambaccini returns with the series about how some of the greatest Best Picture Oscar winning films were made, and what they tell us about the history of the time.

The 27th Academy Awards, for films released in 1954, were dominated by 'On The Waterfront', a gritty, black and white masterpiece, set at the highly unionised New Jersey docks, then controlled by the mob.

A real tale of corruption and murder on the waterfront is transformed into a fiction - as a simple minded ex-boxer, played by Marlon Brando, wrestles with his conscience as he turns informer to win the girl he loves.

This film not only gives us the most famous scene ever to take place in the back of a taxi, ("I coulda been a contender!"), it also showcases the talents of director Elia Kazan, and an astonishingly strong support cast - Rod Steiger, Karl Malden, Lee J Cobb and newcomer Eva Marie Saint- Method Acting at its height.

It also marks the end of the powerful team of director Elia Kazan and Method actor Marlon Brando - blown apart by Brando's horror at Kazan's decision to testify in front of the House Un-American Activities Committee, HUAC - then investigating the red-scare in Hollywood.

Is it a coincidence that 'On The Waterfront' tells the story of a man who informs - snitches on his friends - but holds the moral high ground?

Featuring a rich mix of archive and original interviews with actors, screen writers and film critics, and a revelatory interview with Thomas Hanley, a real life longshoreman who played Brando's young friend Tommy back in 1954.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

SAT 01:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jpmw)

Death on the Nile

5. Suspicions

The Belgian sleuth's holiday has become a hideous nightmare.

Can he finally fathom out the murderous events afloat?

The conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit.

Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Colonel Race Donald Sinden

Mrs Allerton Rosemary Leach

Pennington Stratford Johns

Linnet Ridgeway Elaine Pyke

Simon Doyle Robert Daws

Tim Allerton Nicholas Boulton

Jacqueline de Bellefort Amanda Barton-Chapple

Mrs Otterbourne Shirley Dixon

Rosalie Otterbourne Emma Woodvine

Joanna Southwood Joanna Monro

Monsieur Blondin Sean Baker

Rockford Ed Bishop

Fanthorp Robert May

Miss Van Schuyler Irene Sutcliffe

Dr Bessner Keith Drinkel

Thomas Cook Agent Timothy Alcock

Waiter Chris Pavlo

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

SAT 01:30 VI Warshawski (b0089j85)

Killing Orders

1. Remembrance of Things Past

Chicago private eye, VI Warshawski, is not happy to be asked for help by her Aunt Rosa who hates her - and the feeling's mutual.

Sara Paretsky's thriller about a feisty Chicago private investigator.

Kathleen Turner stars as VI Warshawski.

With Martin Shaw.

Dramatised in six parts by Michelene Wandor.

VI Warshawski Kathleen Turner

Roger Ferrant Colin Shaw

Gabriella Avril Clark

Albert William Hootkins

Rosa Eileen Way

Father Carroll Don Fellows

Father Pelly Colin Stinton

Father Jablonski Peter Penry-Jones

Sara Paretsky created one of the most popular female sleuths in modern crime fiction. Her heroine, VI Warshawski, is a strong female character in a male-dominated world. VI is comfortable packing heat and trailing nasty suspects but she never loses touch with her basic femininity.

Paretsky says of her Warshawski: "I was troubled by the way women were portrayed, [in detective fiction] they always seemed either evil or powerless. I thought it was time for a tough, smart, likeable female private investigator".

Kathleen Turner also starred in the same role in the 1991 film 'VI Warshawski'.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991.

SAT 02:00 The Librarian by Salley Vickers (b0b7hr0d)

Episode 10

Sylvia's good work in inspiring the youngsters of East Mole threatens to be overshadowed.

Salley Vickers' lyrical tribute to the power of children's literature.

Concluded by Barbara Flynn.

Abridged by the author.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.

SAT 02:15 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (b00svclh)

10. The Birth

With the baby due, expectant single mother Jane receives unexpected financial help.

Conclusion of Lynne Reid Banks' groundbreaking story of middle-class Jane - pregnant and unmarried - and trying to cope with her life in the 1950s.

Dramatised by Juliet Ace.

Jane Lynne Seymour

John Trevor Laird

Mavis Marie Gordon-Price

Toby John McAndrew

Dr Maxwell John Rowe

Producer: Alison Hindell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

SAT 02:30 Tempus Fugit (b00p2cbz)

Why does time seem to speed up the older you get?

Ian Peacock finds out what is going on in our brain when we perceive time.

He discovers why, when we're young, summer holidays seem to stretch forever. But as we age, those precious two weeks in the sun are over in a flash.

Ian looks at how we measure time and how it can be distorted in our minds, and asks what we can do to make the most of the precious time we have.

Producer: Fiona Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

SAT 03:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hk2dv)

2. Conflicts

Charles's life as a complacent Victorian gent has been overturned by his secret meetings with the mysterious Sarah on the under-cliff at Lyme.

Having vowed to end the liaison he finds himself lured one last time. He kisses Sarah passionately. Then discovers they're being watched...

Conclusion of John Fowles' passionate epic of two lovers in conflict with starched Victorian society.

Starring Jonathan Firth and Emily Bruni.

With John Hurt as the narrator.

Dramatised by Graham White. .

Narrator John Hurt

Charles Jonathan Firth

Sarah Emily Bruni

Ernestina Kelly Reilly

Dr Grogan TP McKenna

Mrs Endicott Susan Jameson

Sam Nick Sayce

Mary Ella Smith

Mr Freeman Gerard McDermott

Mrs Rogers Colleen Prendergast

Montague Wayne Foskett

Prostitute Sophie Roberts

Curate John Cummins

Dramatised by Graham White.

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

SAT 04:00 Whispers (b007k3jj)

Series 3

Episode 6

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

John O'Farrell and Dan Tetsell join team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

SAT 04:30 Girlies (b08kgzq5)

Series 1

Episode 3

Dan and Sonal move house. Vinny and Ali try to assert some control over their young son, who's causing havoc because Vinny's pregnant.

Ramesh turns up unannounced...

Five 30-something Asian women get together for "girlie" evenings

Comedy serial written by Sudha Bhuchar and Shaheen Khan.

Tula Zita Sattar

Ramesh Ameet Chaana

Vinny Bharti Patel

Jabeen Shaheen Khan

Sonal Sudha Bhuchar

Samina Sakuntala Ramanan

Dan Roger Liddle

Marianne Alice Arnold

Alia Sophie Levy

Sara Nyla Levy

Masi Charubala Chokshi

Karan Susan Sheridan

Salim Shiv Grewal

Ali ... Burt Caesar

Javed ... Omar Salimi

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Kristine Landon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

SAT 05:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04nv6m8)

Series 2

Testing Times

It's the day after Lucy's 18th birthday, and her parents aren't happy, and not only because she took that bottle of rum from their drinks cabinet.

They think she is wasting her life being part of the resistance, so unless she can pass her A Levels they're going to stop her coming to the meetings.

Does it really take a village to raise a child? Or will they make things worse?

Eddie Robson's sitcom about aliens invading the village of Cresdon Green.

Starring Hattie Morahan and Peter Davison.

Aliens have locked villagers behind an impenetrable force-field in order to study human behaviour and to decide if Earth is worth invading.

The only inhabitant who seems to be bothered by their new alien overlord is Katrina Lyons, who was only home for a weekend to borrow the deposit for a flat.

So along with Lucy Alexander (the only teenager in the village, willing to rebel against whatever you've got) she formed The Resistance - slightly to the annoyance of her parents Margaret and Richard.

This is also much to the annoyance of Field Commander Uljabaan who is trying to actually run the alien invasion.

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Field Commander Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt

Computer John-Luke Roberts

Carl Don Gilet

Colin Don Gilet

Script-edited by Arthur Mathews.

Original music written and performed by Grace Petrie.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

SAT 05:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m00153yw)

The Shoplifter Problem

Marian and Tara tackle front-fastening bras, anxiety, conspiracy theorists and a shoplifting mother with trademark kindness and good humour.

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 - 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 Grant Eustace - Absolute Discretion (b067wz55)

2nd October 1873: Chemistry student Arthur Vernet travels to Dorset to investigate a mystery surrounding the home of the Earl of Warminster and his family.
Starring Ben Daniels, Brett Usher and Maxine Audley.
Written by Grant Eustace.
Arthur Vernet Ben Daniels
The Earl of Warminster Brett Usher
Lady Edith Gratton Maxine Audley
Lady Maude Gratton Elizabeth Kelly
Alice Selwood Jane Slavin
Mrs Selwood Auriol Smith
Miss Staples Jane Whittenshaw
Reverend Denison Timothy Carlton
Mrs Denison Danielle Allen
William Stephen Garlick
Blaine Terence Edmond
Walters Timothy Bateson
Amos Sadler Michael Turner
Buckmaster Ronald Herdman
Mitchell David Bannerman
Mrs Lamont Jenny Howe
Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991
SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b0bk1mg2)
Series 46
Mark Carwardine on Douglas Adams
"Imagine a puddle waking up one morning and thinking, this is an interesting world I find myself in - fits me rather neatly, don't you think?"
Douglas Noel Adams wasn't even 50 when he died in 2001, but his imagination had already roamed far.
He created The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, the Meaning of Liff and several episodes of Doctor Who, plus the Dirk Gently character and Last Chance to See.
Nominating him is his co-writer on Last Chance to See, the zoologist Mark Carwardine.
Mark's role, Adams said later, was to be the one who knew what he was talking about. "My role was to be an extremely ignorant non-zoologist to whom everything that happened would come as a complete surprise."
Joining Mark and Matthew Parris in the bar where this was recorded, is Douglas Adam's biographer, Jem Roberts.
With archive of Stephen Fry, John Lloyd, Naomi Alderman, Griff Rhys Jones and Geoffrey Perkins.
Producer: Miles Warde
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2018.
SAT 08:00 Booked (b00753z7)
Series 1
Episode 4
It's the Cat in the Hat and the Mellors meet Captain Hornblower.
Outrageous parody, biting wit and bizarre couplings from:
Mark Thomas
Dillie Keane
Miles Kington
Roger McGough
Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game.
Producer: Marc Jobst
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.
SAT 08:30 All the Young Dudes (b01c7rs1)
Series 2
Communication Breakdown
The couples need to talk, but is a cosy chat really what's on the agenda?
If only everyone would just listen...
The lives of Patrick and Helen back in the town where he was born.
Comedy drama written by and starring Jim Sweeney.
Patrick Jim Sweeney
Helen Cathryn Harrison
Billy Steve Steen
Moira Sadie Shimmin
Joe Stephen Frost
Maria Flaminia Cinque
Charlie Izzy De Rosario
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.
SAT 09:00 The Navy Lark: Left Hand Down A Bit with Leslie Phillips (b00sdrj2)
Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips roams the high seas of comedy, with a three hour celebration of the long-running BBC radio favourite.
The Navy Lark is almost as much of a national institution as the Navy itself. With a worldwide following, it remains one of BBC radio's most fondly remembered comedies, and continues to entertain new generations of listeners on BBC Radio 4 Extra.
Find out how The Navy Lark got started; discover who might have been in starring roles; learn how the cast of the radio series were invited to take large bits of a real-life ship!
Discover which other popular "Larks" appeared on radio?
How did the Troutbridge crew come to run their own TV company?
How exactly did Sub-Lieutenant Phillips get through his training in Dartmouth?
Climb aboard the infamous HMS Troutbridge, as Leslie sets sail for a voyage through six classic episodes in the life and times of a legendary comic flagship.
* Operation Fag End
As the top brass turn up for an inspection, 50,000 duty-free

cigarettes are on their way to the island. From 1959.
* The Hank of Heather
HMS Troutbridge launches an anti-invasion exercise for the visit of Heather's old flame. From 1959.
* The Lighthouse Lark
Povey probes smuggling aboard HMS Troutbridge, as she sets sail on a rescue mission. From 1960.
* A Deliberate Bashing
Desperate to escape his mother-in-law, can Captain Povey rely on the crew to assist? From 1963.
* Sub Lt. Phillips at Dartmouth
Just how did lovely Leslie become a sub-Lieutenant on HMS Troutbridge? From 1967.
* The Jubilee Navy Lark
Chaos looms on the Royal Yacht Britannia when an unexpected crew arrives. From 1977.
Starring:
Leslie Phillips
Jon Pertwee
Dennis Price
Stephen Murray
Richard Caldico
Heather Chasen
Ronnie Barker
Tenniel Evans
Producer: Martin Dempsey
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in May 2006.
SAT 12:00 After Henry (b007jpt4)
Series 3
Wedding Bells
'Well, I think it's a mother's duty to keep a maternal eye on her daughter's emotional entanglements. That's what I always tried to do with you. You know, subtly. At a distance.'
Eleanor has plans for nuptials in the family, but the family has other ideas...
Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
Sarah Prunella Scales
Eleanor Joan Sanderson
Russell Benjamin Whitrow
Clare Gerry Cowper
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 1987.
SAT 12:30 It's a Fair Cop (b05y11w3)
Series 2
Reporting Crime
Policeman turned comic, Alfie Moore asks whether we think ALL crime should be reported and investigated.
You may be surprised at the result...
Alfie Moore's series in which his audience makes the policing decisions as he takes them through a real-life crime scenario.
Written and performed by Alfie Moore
Script Editor: Will Ing
Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2015.
SAT 13:00 Archive on 4 (b011zkly)
The Light Music Festival
Although many of us grew up tuning in to light orchestral music on the radio, it's now largely been forgotten.
Most of us will be still be familiar with at least one very famous piece of light music: 'By The Sleepy Lagoon' - better known as the theme tune to the BBC's 'Desert Island Discs' and composed by Eric Coates.
When BBC Radio was much slimmer than it is today - made up of just the Home Service, the Light Programme and the Third Programme - listeners tuned in to hear a live concert for the Festival of Light Music. It began in 1953 and was broadcast every June.
With the disappearance of the Light Programme in 1967 when it split into BBC Radios 1 and 2, light music began to disappear from the airwaves. Eventually its only home was a single slot 'Friday Night is Music Night'.
So why did such a popular style of music fade away?
Music journalist and broadcaster Paul Morley uses BBC archive to explore light music at its peak, including interviews with some of the major composers of British light music - Eric Coates, Ronald Binge and Ernest Tomlinson. He traces its decline, and looks at its possible resurgence in 2011, with events like the 'Light Fantastic Festival'.
Paul travels to Preston to meet Ernest Tomlinson and takes a tour around the Light Music Society's remarkable archive of thousands of pieces of light music - all rescued by Tomlinson and his daughter Hilary after the BBC and music publishers threw it away.
Paul also meets Christopher Austin at the Royal Academy of Music and the young conductor John Wilson, who is passionate about light music: for him, this music is not about nostalgia but beautifully written miniatures of orchestral music.
Producer: Nick Holmes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
SAT 14:00 The Simon Day Show (b010dw09)
Series 1
Geoffrey Allerton
Simon Day and his characters welcome you to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK.

Each week one of them comes to perform - with highlights of that night's show along plus all the backstage and front-of-house happenings.
First on stage, it's the acclaimed Yorkshire poet, Geoffrey Allerton.
Geoffrey reads poems and excerpts from his recent memoir "Marking Time", as well as struggling to get a hot meal from sound and lighting technician, Goose.
Meanwhile in the bar, two local mums are getting to know each other over several bottles of wine.
Written by Simon Day.
Geoffrey Allerton Simon Day
Anna / Claire Catherine Shepherd
Sarah Arabella Weir
Goose Felix Dexter
Ron Bone Simon Greenall
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
SAT 14:30 Delve Special (b007jm3s)
Series 2
The Archibald Gallery Robbery
Reporter David Lander reopens the investigation into 1983's Archibald Gallery robbery.
Kevin Watts is the key suspect, but was he framed?
Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.
Studio production by:
Brenda Bleythn
Tony Robinson
Jack Klaff
Felicity Montagu
Dramatic reconstruction by:
Mark Arden
Stephen Frost
Phil Nice
Arthur Smith
Peter Acre
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 September 1985.
SAT 15:00 The Maltby Collection (b00wvj28)
Series 2
Episode 1
The museum is stuck in the past, so deputy curator Rod decides its time to modernise.
Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt and Geoffrey Palmer.
David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by eccentrics and obsessives.
Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt
Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer
Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins
Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond
Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern
Eva Tattle Julia Deakin
Des Wainwright Michael Smiley
Stelios Constantinopolis/Vicar Chris Pavlo
Peter Warrender/Old Man John Rowe
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.
SAT 15:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01rh3wg)
2001
From the World Cup to the future NHS.
Recorded in 1994, the futuristic show recalls the turbulent upheaval of 2001 - that was yet to happen.:
Starring:
Brian Perkins
Kate Robbin
Jeremy Hardy
Series revealing everything you wanted to know back then, about the future 21st century.
Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.
Producer: Caroline Leddy
First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.
SAT 16:00 Grant Eustace - Absolute Discretion (b067wz55)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 17:30 Great Lives (b0bk1mg2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 18:00 The Prisoner (m0003skj)
Series 2
4. Hammer into Anvil
The new Number 2 acts sadistically towards Number 6. But which of them is the hammer and which the anvil?
The original 17 episode TV series of The Prisoner created intrigue and controversy in equal measure when it first aired in the UK in 1967.
In a taut psychological spy thriller the main character, dehumanised as 'Number 6', has committed no crime, save for having resigned from some unspecified branch of the British Secret Service. His prison was an ornate heavily-guarded coastal village.
Under constant surveillance, Number 6 can trust no-one and relentlessly works to establish who his captors are. As the audio re-imagining continues, we discover more about the enigma of the personal life of Number 6.
Number 6 Mark Elstob
Number 2 John Heffernan

Number 26/Village Voice/Observation Controller Helen Goldwyn

Number 48 Jez Fielder

Shopkeeper Barnaby Edwards

Original music by Jamie Robertson.

Script Editor: Jamie Anderson

Written and directed by Nicholas Briggs.

A Big Finish Production - based on the classic ITV series.

SAT 19:00 The Navy Lark: Left Hand Down A Bit with Leslie Phillips (b00sdrj2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b06rzbwt)

Series 2

A Slight Alteration

A dressmaker finds herself doing a dress alteration for a young woman who is on the verge of getting married.

But the dress is fated never to be worn.

Starring Tessa Peake-Jones.

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

Produce: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

SAT 22:15 Earls of the Court (b00rfhpt)

The Ides of March

The night of Lloydie's much-publicised toga party is fast approaching.

But can Johnno raise his game in time, and play the crucial role in the Ides of March sketch?

Comedy drama series about two Australians down on their luck in London.

Written by and starring Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright.

Lloydie Stewart Wright

Johnno Will Adamsdale

Woman 1 Alison Pettitt

Woman 2 Keely Beresford

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

SAT 22:30 Chain Reaction (b00gsb83)

Series 2

Mark Thomas Interviews Alexei Sayle

Political comedian Mark Thomas interviews the tough-talking godfather of alternative comedy, Alexei Sayle.

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

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

SAT 23:00 The Simon Day Show (b010mv50)

Series 1

Tony Beckton

Reformed violent criminal Tony Beckton visits the Mallard Theatre to read from his memoirs as part of his rehabilitation.

Simon Day and his characters welcome you to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK.

Each week one of them comes to perform - with highlights of that night's show plus all the backstage and front-of-house happenings.

Written by Simon Day.

Tony Beckton / Peter Simon Day

Catherine Catherine Shepherd

Goose Felix Dexter

Ron Bone Simon Greenall

Stacey Susan Harrison

Produce: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00wbkxg)

Series 2

Where Boffins Dare

The codebreakers are threatened with being sent to Burma after making yet another mistake with a message.

In an attempt to redeem themselves before their superiors, they set out to capture a German spy.

James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers.

Charles Robert Bathurst

Archie Tom Goodman-Hill

Minka Olivia Colman

Mrs Best Lill Roughley

Gordon Fergus Craig

Joshua Alex McQueen

With Ben Willbond.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Archive on 4 (b011zkly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Great Lives (b0bkimg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 The Librarian by Salley Vickers (Omnibus) (b0b89kd6)

Episode 2

As winter approaches, the library roof remains unrepaired and a friendship is about to cross a line forever.

Salley Vickers' lyrical tribute to the power of children's literature - as she sheds her clear psychoanalytic gaze on small town, post-war England.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by the author.

Concluded by Barbara Flynn

Producer: Eilidh McCreddie

First broadcast in 10-parts on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.

SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07j16y2)

Hayley Mills

Actress Hayley Mills chooses 'Blue Skies' by Willie Nelson and the theme from the soundtrack to the film Whistle Down the Wind.

SUN 07:20 Lynne Reid Banks - The L-Shaped Room (Omnibus) (b00sw811)

Episode 2

Batling 1950s social prejudices, single mother-to-be Jane is in hospital with a threatened miscarriage.

Lynne Reid Banks' groundbreaking story of middle-class Jane, pregnant and unmarried, has remained in print ever since it was first published in 1960.

Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes dramatised by Juliet Ace.

Jane Lynne Seymour

Dr Graham Richard Mitchley

Mavis Marie Gordon-Price

Doris Nickie Rainsford

Father Bill Wallis

James Simon Armstrong

Dr Maxwell John Rowe

Jane 2 Rachel Atkins

John Trevor Laird

Toby John McAndrew

Producer: Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

SUN 08:30 Doctor in the House (b007j120)

Our First Operation

Sir Lancelot Spratt causes alarm for medic Simon Sparrow in the operating theatre.

The misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow.

Starring Richard Briers.

Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's

'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Simon Sparrow Richard Briers

Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner

Tony Benskin Ray Cooney

Taffy Evans Edward Cast

Sister Ann Murray

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

SUN 09:00 All Gas and Gaiters (m0015bqv)

Series 2

The Bishop Entertains

The lovestruck Bishop hopes to pop the question at the cathedral garden party.

Ecclesiastical sitcom which started life on BBC TV.

Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.

The Archdeacon Robertson Hare

The Bishop William Mervyn

The Bishop's Chaplain Jonathan Cecil

The Dean John Barron

Mrs Pugh-Critchley Joan Sanderson

Poppy Betty Huntley-Wright

Geoffrey Allan Cuthbertson

Mrs Russell Pat Keene

All Gas and Gaiters started life as a TV pilot in Comedy

Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971.

Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1972.

SUN 09:30 Boswell's Lives (b0547ntj)

Series 1

Boswell's Life of Pinter

James Boswell attempts to write the biography of Harold Pinter but finds himself the victim of a betrayal.

Jon Canter's sitcom sees Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer,

James Boswell pursue other legends to immortalise.

James Boswell Miles Jupp

Harold Pinter Harry Enfield

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0015bqx)

Oscar Winners 2

George Clooney

From Hank Williams to William Shatner.

American actor George Clooney shares his castaway choices

with Sue Lawley

George was born in Lexington, Kentucky in 1961, the son of

Nick Clooney, a TV newscaster. From the age of five, George spent time pottering round his father's sets, joining in where possible, shouting out the temperature during the weather report.

After an initial plan to follow his father into broadcasting, then studying for a short while at Northern Kentucky University, George failed to join the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. But then he got a part in a small film through his uncle, the actor Jose Ferrer. The film was never released, but it had persuaded George of his vocation.

Since this programme was made, George has become a family man and more involved in political and humanitarian work. His Academy Awards include Best Supporting Actor for *Syriana* in 2005 and Best Picture for *Argo* in 2012.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

SUN 10:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000bnb3)

Series 14

The Trouble Sum Weather

"Why is it so difficult to predict the weather?" asks Isabella Webber, aged 21 from Vienna.

"I am sure there are many intelligent meteorologists and it seems rather straight forward to calculate wind speed, look at the clouds, and data from the past to make accurate predictions, but yet it's not possible."

Adam delves into the history of forecasting with author Andrew Blum, beginning with the mystery of a lost hot air balloon full of Arctic explorers.

Hannah visits the BBC Weather Centre to talk to meteorologist and presenter Helen Willetts about how forecasting has changed, and whether people get annoyed at her if she gets the forecast wrong.

Plus mathematician Steven Strogatz suggests a chaotic explanation as to why we can't produce the perfect forecast.

Presenters: Hannah Fry, Adam Rutherford

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 11:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0015bqz)

Series 12

It's the Little Things

True stories told live in the USA: Jenifer Hixson introduces

tales full of questions, from pleas to childhood curiosity.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since

1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and

yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in

Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room,

The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the

USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The

Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed

by the Public Radio Exchange.

First heard on PRX in 2020.

SUN 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07j16y2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m0015br1)

Poetry Societies - The Rumi Society

Daljit Nagra chooses Poetry Societies - The Rumi Society -

featuring the mystical poet. Presented by Judith Palmer.

Sufism is a mystical branch of the Muslim religion which, 800 years ago, produced one of its greatest poets - Rumi, the founder of the whirling dervishes.

Judith Palmer reports from a meeting of the Rumi Society held in Paddington Library - the unlikely setting for an evening of

transcendental music, dance and poetry, featuring Vida Kashizadeh.

Presenter - Judith Palmer

Producer - Peter Everett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

SUN 12:30 HR (b00tmkg9)

Series 2

Wandering

Sam and Peter wile away retirement blues with a holiday in Spain.

Suddenly Sam, a lifelong virgin, seems to be presented with a life-changing opportunity.

Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Miguel Sam Dale

Gwenda Christine Kavanagh

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

SUN 13:00 Daemon Voices by Philip Pullman (Omnibus) (b09c1y3m)

In these personal, entertaining and deeply thoughtful essays, writer Sir Philip Pullman CBE examines the art of storytelling.

Written over a period of 30 years, they reflect on a wide range of topics including the origins of his own stories, the practice of

writing and the storytellers who have most inspired him. He opens by describing how his days at Oxford in the 1960s provided the inspiration for the setting of His Dark Materials. Omnibus of five parts
Adapted and produced by Kate McAll
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07pwy9b)

Jack Vettriano

The popular Scottish artist Jack Vettriano chooses Kitty Kallen's 'Little Things Mean a Lot' and 'My Father' by Judy Collins.

SUN 14:20 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (Omnibus)

(b007jtwl)

Episode 5

Once more Jean Valjean puts his life into Inspector Javert's hands...

Conclusion of Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.

Starring Joss Ackland, Roger Allam and David Schofield. Omnibus of episodes 21 to 25 of 25.

Dramatised by Sebastian Baczkiewicz and Lin Coghlan.

Jean Valjean Roger Allam

Victor Hugo... Joss Ackland

Cosette ... Lucy Whybrow

Marius ... Jonathan Forbes

Javert ... David Schofield

Gillenormand ... Leslie Phillips

Toussaint ... Annette Badland

Mme Gillenormand ... Shuna Snow

Basque ... Ewan Bailey.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

SUN 15:30 Tempus Fugit (b00p2cbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

SUN 16:00 Garbo and Gilbert in Love (m000h896)

The dramatised story of legendary Hollywood actress Greta Garbo's celebrated affair with silent movie star John Gilbert.

As the talkies supersede the silents, the brilliant and enigmatic Swedish actress is destined for superstardom.

But her lover descends into drunken obscurity...

Starring Kristin Milward and Henry Goodman.

Colin Shindler's classic celebrity love story.

Greta Garbo ...Kristin Milward

John Gilbert Henry Goodman

Louis B Mayer Lou Hirsch

King Vidor William Hope

Eleanor Amy Shindler

Thalberg Lewis Hancock

Winchell John Guerrasio

Stiller Andrew Wincott

Marlene Dietrich Bella Merlin

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m0015br1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]

SUN 17:30 HR (b00tmkg9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 18:00 Agatha Christie (b00jzy3m)

The Dressmaker's Doll

A creepy doll with a mind of its own causes alarm along

London's catwalks.

Stars Juliet Aubrey.

Mike Walker revamps Agatha Christie's whodunit, first published in 1971.

Octavia Juliet Aubrey

Sally Beth Chalmers

Jeremy Stephen Crichtlow

Carrie Gemma Saunders

Model Emma Woolliams

Amber Connie Gurie

Music by Ben Wallfish.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

SUN 18:30 The Tomb by HP Lovecraft (b007jzmv)

The obsessive Jervas Dudley reveals the sinister events leading up to his incarceration in an asylum.

First published in 1917, HP Lovecraft's chilling tale is read by Ryan McCluskey.

American writer, H P Lovecraft (1890-1937) is recognised as one of the most significant figures in 20th century supernatural fiction. Contemporary horror writers, including Stephen King, often cite him as a major influence. His own outlook on life is mirrored in his writing.

"I am so beastly tired of mankind and the world that nothing can interest me unless it contains a couple of murders on each page or deals with the horrors unnameable and unaccountable that leer down from the external universes."

Lovecraft found living, the everyday stuff of life a painful experience. At every turn he felt disillusioned by what life had to offer. Through his writing he sought to put into words these sentiments.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in November 2005.

SUN 19:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0015bqz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

SUN 19:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07jly62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]

SUN 20:00 Garbo and Gilbert in Love (m000h896)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0015bqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000bnb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 HR (b00tmkg9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

SUN 22:30 Delve Special (b007k469)

Series 2

Whose Baby?

David Lander reports on the implications of revolutionary

methods of baby production

Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.

Studio production by:

Tony Robinson

Julia Hills

Stephen Frost

Felicity Montagu

Dramatic reconstruction by:

Jack Klaff

Phil Nice

Robert Bathurst

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 September 1985.

SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qw8m7)

Series 2

On Location

Damien is sent on location to the Lake District to film a chunk

of his new series for Sky Arts about "poets and their palates".

But when the sunshine turns to driving rain, Damien's spirits are

further dampened when it appears Anthony might not be

missing him quite as much as he had hoped...

Sitcom written by and starring Miles Jupp, charting the life of

cookery writer Damien Trench and his partner Anthony.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony MacIlveny Justin Edwards

Gary McDade Ben Crowe

Sound Man Ben Crowe

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

SUN 23:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b007jsmf)

Pilot: Cold Turkey with Dan and Nick

Fish Gordon has only 48 hours to save the aquarium.

A comedy extravaganza written by and featuring Dan Freedman

and Nick Romero

Meet characters including Incy Wincy Quincy, spider

pathologist.

Music by the Gents.

Producer: Julian Mayers

Pilot for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 1998

MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022**MON 00:00 Agatha Christie (b00jzy3m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Tomb by HP Lovecraft (b007jzmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Daemon Voices by Philip Pullman (Omnibus)

(b09c1y3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07pwy9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:10 on Sunday]

MON 02:20 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (Omnibus)

(b007jtwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:20 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Tempus Fugit (b00p2cbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]

MON 04:00 Garbo and Gilbert in Love (m000h896)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Poetry Extra (m0015br1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 HR (b00tmkg9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m000124b)

1. Reception

Hilary is a woman of exceptional talent.

She's set to be discharged from hospital after seeing the

psychiatrist.

But then Hilary discovers she's the target of a shadowy group

keen to use her computer talents...

Starring Angela Pleasance, Nigel Anthony and Margaret Wolfitt.

Christopher Bidmead's six part thrilling spy adventure.

Hilary Angela Pleasance

Beresford Rolf Lefebvre

Cannon Nigel Anthony

Jean Hilda Kriseman

Dr. Reece John Pullen

Matron Margaret Wolfitt

Dr. Wormald Malcolm Hayes

Nurse Deborah Dallas

Rick Andrew Sachs

Mortimer Dinsdale Landen

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

MON 06:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqc3)

Killing Orders

2. Forging Ahead

Cousin Albert has called private eye VI Warshawski off the

investigation into the forged securities at the Priory.

But she doesn't give up so easily...

Sara Paretsky's thriller about a feisty Chicago private

investigator.

Kathleen Turner stars as VI Warshawski.

Dramatised by Micheline Wandor.

VI Warshawski Kathleen Turner

Roger Ferrant Martin Shaw

Gabriella Avril Clark

Albert William Hootkins

Rosa Eileen Way

Father Carroll Don Fellows

Uncle Stefan Maurice Denham

Lotty Herschel Miriam Karlin

O'Faolin John Bennett

Agnes Paciorek Lorelei King

Murray Ryerson Kerry Shale

Sal Adjoa Andoh

Derek Hatfield Andrew Wincott

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991.

MON 07:00 Boswell's Lives (b05vh1p4)

Series 1

Boswell's Life of Johnson

James Boswell attempts to write a biography of another famous

Johnson - Boris - when he is Mayor of London.

But he finds him a fiendish opponent especially on the whiff-

whaff table.

Jon Canter's sitcom sees Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer,

James Boswell pursue other legends to immortalise.

James Boswell Miles Jupp

Boris Johnson Alistair McGowan

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

MON 07:30 Just a Minute (m001547k)

Series 88

Episode 3

Sue Perkins challenges Dane Baptiste, Stephen Fry, Sheila

Hancock and Paul Merton to speak for 60 seconds without

repetition, deviation or hesitation.

This week's panellists prove that it can be much more difficult

than you would think to talk about brushing your teeth.

Production co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

Sound editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production

MON 08:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00hmb64)

Series 2

Episode 3

Mystery in a spoof of smooth sleuth Paul Temple - and rises

get crossed on the telephone.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.

With:

Terence Brady

Pauline Yates

Ann Beach

Pianist: Gordon Langford

Written by Arnold Brown, Donald Churchill, Peter Spence, Don

Currell and Andy Kelvin, John Graham, Charles Griffin, JG

Sacks, Myles Rudge and Ted Dicks, and Gerald Wiley.

Producer John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1972.

MON 08:30 Boogie Up the River (b007jzcv)

I'll See You at the Source

As their Thames quest climaxes, Jennifer attempts to drink Sam

under the table

Starring Timothy Spall.

One man's quest to discover the true source of the River

Thames with his faithful hound, Boogie.

Adapted by Mark Wallington from his own novel.

Mark Timothy Spall

Jennifer Conway Carla Mendonca

Boogie Ronald Herdman

Sam Tucker Geoffrey McGivern

Delia Smith Melinda Walker

Michael Gary Parker

Canoelist Nicholas Murchie

Barman Jonathan Adams

PA Ainslie Foster

Adolescent Girl Julie Gibbs

Cricketer John Fleming

Old Lady Jillie Meers

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

MON 09:00 Wordaholics (b01dhhs)

Series 1

Episode 5

Gyles Brandreth hosts the comedy panel show in which guests

are challenged to display their knowledge of words and

language.

On the panel: Jack Whitehall, Milton Jones, Natalie Haynes and

Countdown's Susie Dent.

Letter of the week is P which really packs a punch. We learn why Susie Dent's favourite word is 'blurb', we find out what a Chicago Piano was and we listen as Jack Whitehall struggles to reduce to a tweet a particularly fruity passage from his father's autobiography.

Writers: James Kettle and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

MON 09:30 Arrested Development (b0075vxs)

Episode 4

Can Bob manage to woo Kate back? What future for jilted bride Penny?

Starring Letitia Dean, Phil Cornwell and Julian Rhind-Tutt. Conclusion of Simon Warne's comedy serial.

Penny Letitia Dean

Bob Phil Cornwell

Andy Julian Rhind-Tutt

Kate Susannah Doyle

Joy Maggie McCarthy

Frank Roger Walker

Producer: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

MON 10:00 Talk to Me: HP Lovecraft (m0001137)

The strangest story of all HP Lovecraft's 'weird tales' isn't fiction at all: it's true.

It concerns his marriage to Sonia Greene, a successful businesswoman whose family had fled Ukraine to make a life in the USA.

The story is revealed through interviews with Lovecraft and his friends and family by producer Mary Ward-Lowery.

Howard Phillips Lovecraft's horror fiction has achieved cult status in recent decades, but was admired only by a small circle of friends in his lifetime.

Lovecraft's eminent New England family indulged his genius, his eccentricities and his prejudices. He favoured human contact by letter, rarely left his home, and even then, only at night, delighting to walk streets empty of people. He preferred the company of men and hated foreigners and Jews.

But his relationship with Sonia Greene transcended these prejudices, for a while at least. She swept Lovecraft up in her enthusiasm for his work and her romantic ideas about the man himself, rationalising his beliefs in pursuit of her own beautiful, idealised creation, a fiction of a husband.

To the shock and dismay of his family, they married and moved into Sonia's New York apartment, where she planned to create him anew, as a glittering literary success. But it seems the horrors that make Lovecraft's fiction so skin-crawlingly effective were not simply a product of his imagination: they have their origins in a terrible family secret.

Bad blood will out.

Written by Sara Davies and Abigail Youngman.

HP Lovecraft John MacKay

Sonia Greene Tracy Wiles

Samuel Loveman Carl Prekopp

Lilian Clarke Sarah Parks

Florence Greene Martha Godber

Music by Tom Constantine

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018.

MON 10:45 Just Depending by Jenny Boston (b007jr1m)

"You're as strong as an ox. Mother," she tells me sometimes.

"You'll see us both out!" She laughs as she says it and I laugh too, but neither of us is fooled.

A woman confronts old age, her fear of dependency and finding the resolve to start a new chapter in life.

Thora Hird reads Jenny Boston's short story.

Producer: Harriet Lang

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

MON 11:00 TED Radio Hour (m0015bvq)

Series 8

The Artist's Voice

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores how art, from dance to poetry to film, can shift beliefs and empower creative expression.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.

MON 11:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0015bvs)

Sir Kenneth Branagh

Belfast born actor and director Sir Kenneth Branagh, chooses 'Cyprus Avenue' by Van Morrison and 'Rio' by Michael Nesmith.

MON 12:00 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00hmb64)

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MON 13:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m000124b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 13:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 14:00 Sound by Bella Bathurst (b08r1lj8)

Episode 1

In 1997, Bella Bathurst began to go deaf aged 28.

Within a few months, she had lost half her hearing, and the rest was slipping away.

She wasn't just missing punchlines, she was missing most of the conversation - and all of the jokes. For the next 12 years deafness shaped her life.

Sound draws on this experience, exploring the practical and emotional impact of losing your hearing, and what it teaches you about listening and silence, music and noise.

Bella embarks on a sailing trip with friends. She doesn't want to admit her hearing is getting worse, but out at sea even more sound gets lost. As the weather worsens and Bella mishears instructions from the captain, has she put the whole boat in danger?

Abridged in five parts by Jo Coombs.

Read by Adjoa Andoh.

Producer: Hannah Marshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

MON 14:15 A Monkey With a Box of Paints: Berthe Morisot (b0076481)

First Stirrings

Jane Beeson tells the story of the female impressionist painter Berthe Morisot through her correspondence with her mother and sister.

As the first impressionist exhibition opens to the ridicule of the critics, the first stirrings of Berthe's talent are recalled with an early encounter with Édouard Manet.

Berthe ... Sarah-Jane Holm

Cornelie ... Pauline Munro

Manet ...Simon Chandler

Edma ... Alison Pettitt

Guichard ... Robert Lister

Woolf ... Ian Brooker

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

MON 14:30 Brandreth's Pills (b00pdk2q)

Gyles Brandreth tells the tale of one of the most influential people you've never heard of - his great great grandfather, Benjamin.

It's a story that takes us from Liverpool in the 1830s to New York, with a cast of hucksters, quacks, politicians, millionaires, and medics -- not to mention the founders of tabloid journalism and mass advertising.

Benjamin Brandreth set sail from Liverpool in 1835 with nothing. By the time of his death in 1887 he was a New York senator, a landowner, the owner of one of New York's biggest hotels, and one of the richest men in the country. He had invented the giant billboard, financed Gordon Bennett's yellow press and developed mass advertising.

How?

Brandreth's vegetable pills! They were a powerful laxative.

Benjamin Brandreth claimed they could cure almost anything. He spent a fortune on advertising, and people believed him.

Producer: Chris Bond

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

MON 15:00 Talk to Me: HP Lovecraft (m0001137)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 15:45 Just Depending by Jenny Boston (b007jr1m)

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MON 16:00 Wordaholics (b01dhpps)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 16:30 Arrested Development (b0075vxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 17:00 Boswell's Lives (b05vh1p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m001547k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 The Case of Charles Dexter Ward by HP Lovecraft (m000jp34)

Episode 6

Heawood discovers more about the culture of witchcraft and sorcery from Doctor Eleanor Peck, the author of several books on the history of witchcraft in Britain and Europe.

Award-winning Julian Simpson's HP Lovecraft-inspired universe as seen through the prism of podcasters Matthew Heawood and Kennedy Fisher.

The story began with a missing-person investigation; Charles Dexter Ward has vanished from a secure psychiatric hospital in Rhode Island. Two months later his psychiatrist Doctor Willett murders a woman in Highgate, England. Are the two events connected?

Kennedy Fisher Jana Carpenter

Matthew Heawood Barnaby Kay

Charles Dexter Ward Samuel Barnett

Doctor Willett Mark Bazeley

Eleanor Peck Nicola Walker

Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas

Music by Tim Elsenberg

Producer: Karen Rose

Director/Writer: Julian Simpson

A Sweet Talk Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

MON 18:15 And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer (b0132115)

Episode 6

Eoin Colfer's sequel to Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series.

Zaphod finally gets to see Thor and we also learn how he sold Nano to Hillman Hunter.

Read by Stephen Mangan, with Peter Serafinowicz.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

MON 18:30 A Good Read (b03h3fwy)

Kate Silverton and Johnnie Walker

R2 presenter Johnnie Walker and BBC newsreader Kate Silverton talk about their favourite books with Harriett Gilbert.

Johnnie Walker's choice: Zen and the Art of Motor Cycle Maintenance by Robert M Pirsig

Published by Vintage

Kate Silverton's choice: Daughter of the Desert - the

Remarkable Life of Gertrude Bell by Georgina Howell

Published by Pan MacMillan

Harriett Gilbert's choice: Excellent Women by Barbara Pym

Published by Virago

Producer Beth O'Dea

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

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MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001547k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 22:30 On the Town with the League of Gentlemen (b007k2qm)

Gunpowder, Treason and Plot

The locals of the remote northern town get an unusual new guy for the bonfire.

The first incarnation of the award-winning black comedy, about the "local people" of Spent - before it hit TV.

Starring Mark Gatiss, Reece Shearsmith and Steve Pemberton. Written by the cast and Jeremy Dyson.

The League of Gentlemen won a Perrier Edinburgh Festival award in 1997 and this radio series debuted in the same year. They also won a Sony Radio Award. The cult series switched to TV for three series on BBC 2 from 1999, plus stage shows and a feature film.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (m00154qd)

Series 60

Episode 1

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches.

MON 23:30 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pbxz2)

Series 2

Myths

The Red Dragon, Merlin, and Fireman Sam.

Comedian Elis James compares key figures in Welsh history to determine the ultimate heroes of Wales.

With Ben Partridge and Nadia Kamil.

Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge.

Producer: Sharif Shahwan

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in December 2012.

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TUE 06:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00011fx)

2. Pandora Close

Hilary meets a gentleman who tells her that the dead are living and the living dead.

Then because of her exceptional talent, he asks her to do a job for him...

Christopher Bidmead's spy adventure stars Angela Pleasance.

Hilary Angela Pleasance

Beresford Rolf Lefebvre

Cannon Nigel Anthony
 Jean Hilda Kriseman
 Producer: John Tydeman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.
TUE 06:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqc)
 Killing Orders
 3. Acid Test
 VI Warshawski's best friend, Agnes Paciorek, has been murdered, but is there a connection with her investigation at the Priory and the anonymous phone calls?
 Sara Paretsky's thriller featuring feisty Chicago private eye, VI Warshawski.
 CAST:
 VI Warshawski Kathleen Turner
 Roger Ferrant Martin Shaw
 Lotty Herschel Miriam Karlin
 Bobby Mallory William Hootkins
 O'Faolin John Bennett
 Gabriella Avril Clark
 Alicia Lorelei King
 Mrs Paciorek Helen Horton
 Father Pelly Colin Stinton
 Phil Stuart Milligan
 Murray Ryerson Kerry Shale
 Regina Adjoa Andoh
 Dr Paciorek Norman Jones
 Phyllis Lording Theresa Streatfield
 Sara Paretsky created one of the most popular female sleuths in modern crime fiction. Her heroine, VI Warshawski, is a strong female character in a male-dominated world, VI is comfortable packing heat and trailing nasty suspects but she never loses touch with her basic femininity.
 Paretsky says of her Warshawski: "I was troubled by the way women were portrayed, [in detective fiction] they always seemed either evil or powerless. I thought it was time for a tough, smart, likeable female private investigator".
 Kathleen Turner also starred in the same role in the 1991 film 'VI Warshawski'.
 Dramatised by Michelene Wandor.
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991.
TUE 07:00 Ayres on the Air (b007k0qp)
 Series 1
 Human Deterioration
 Pam Ayres kicks off her own poetry and sketch show starting with the theme of deterioration.. of eyesight, figure, memory.....the list goes on.
 With poems about being Too Fat and buying a Wonderbra. Plus sketches about being Topless at 60 and how to spice up your love life with a little celebrity fantasy in a sketch called Me and Michael Aspel.
 With Geoffrey Whitehead and Felicity Montagu.
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
TUE 07:30 The World of Simon Rich (m00154bg)
 Series 3
 Episode 1
 Simon Rich is a one-man comedy phenomenon, described by The Guardian as "the funniest man in America" and with credits including The Simpsons, Pixar movies and Saturday Night Live. He created the hit sitcom Miracle Workers starring Steve Buscemi and Daniel Radcliffe, and his debut movie An American Pickle was released in 2020, starring Seth Rogen. Now Simon returns to Radio 4 with a third series of his charmingly absurd stories, performed by a top-drawer British cast. Featuring parenting pirates, a baby detective, an unlikely retelling of Beauty And The Beast, and a super monster being promoted into management, this is unlike anything else you'll hear this year.
 Starring Mat Baynton, Ed Eales-White, Kieran Hodgson, Cariad Lloyd, Claire Price and Adjani Salmon
 Produced by Jon Harvey and Clarissa Maycock
 Editor: David Thomas
 Executive Producer: Polly Thomas
 A Naked production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007j1sh)
 The Last Tram (from Clapham)
 London's trams are no more, but boss Neddie Seagoon must pursue the one that got away.
 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.
 Starring:
 Peter Sellers
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan
 First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
 With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Peter Eton
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1954.
TUE 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jmgt)
 Series 5
 Choices
 Parent Power means troubled times for Mr Sims, while Mrs Rudd falls foul of the law.
 Created and written by Jim Eldridge.

Ten series of this comedy about King Street Junior School ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.
 Mr Sims Karl Howman
 Mr Beeston James Groat
 Mr Holliday Tom Watson
 Mr StoneMargaret John
 Mr Long Paul Copley
 Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway
 Monsieur Chantal...Andre Maranne
 Yvette.....Carole Rousseau
 Coach driver.....Donald Gee
 Joanne.....Claire Hearnden
 Asam.....Nicholas Greenshields
 Neil.....Sebastian Brennan
 Jason.....Trevor Thomas
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.
TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m00154qd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00v2pbf)
 Series 2
 Awards
 18th century smuggler Tamsyn Trelawny wants to win win the coveted Smuggling Personality of the Year award at the annual Jethro awards.
 It's 1793 and in the small Cornish village of Drumlin Bay, heroic smuggler Tamsyn Trelawny is still running rings around the customs men, assisted by her drunken father Jago.
 Written by Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.
 Starring Sheridan Smith as Tamsyn Trelawny, John Bowe 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 Hobbs and India Fisher as Mum.
 Producer: Jan Ravens.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.
TUE 10:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014r622)
 1. A Most Desirable Address
 A Most Desirable Address is how Durham Square is unerringly described by its inhabitants; but is this treasured status soon to be eroded by the arrival of Miss Susan Leg?
 Pauline Collins stars as Miss Susan Leg.
 First published in 1932, EF Benson's novel dramatised in three parts by Aubrey Woods.
 Susan Leg Pauline Collins
 Margaret Mantrip Margot Boyd
 Jimmie Mason Ronald Herdman
 Elizabeth Conklin Rachel Gurney
 Lady Eva Lowndes Pauline Letts
 Mr Cartwright Peter Howell
 Arthur Armstrong MP Edward de Souza
 Bosanquet John Church
 Vicar Tim Reynolds
 Miss Ascham Sheila Grant
 Mr Woodstock Manning Wilson
 Figus George Parsons
 Ellen Jennifer Piercy
 Foreman Gordon Reid
 Receptionist Jonathan Tafler
 Dealer Andrew Branch
 Narrated by Aubrey Woods.
 Assorted dogs played by the cast.
 Music by John Owen Edwards.
 Producer: Ian Cotterell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987
TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b01465z9)
 Robert Robinson
 Robert Robinson is best remembered as the chairman of BBC TV's classic quiz 'Ask the Family' and BBC Radio 4's 'Brain of Britain'.
 But in a career spanning many decades, he also made travel programmes, Points of View, the Today programme and Stop the Week which ran on Radio 4 from 1974 to 1992.
 Laurie Taylor takes a look at the life and work of one of Britain's broadcasting legends in the company of some of the former contributors to Stop the Week; Ann Leslie, Matthew Parris, Sarah Harrison and Nick Tucker.
 There are also contributions from Will Wyatt, Victor Lewis-Smith and Hunter Davis and a wealth of archive that reveals a complex man, a consummate wordsmith and one of the first TV celebrities.
 Robert died aged 83 in 2011.
 Producer: Helen Lee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.
TUE 11:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcg)
 Series 1
 Songsters
 Humans aren't the only species who sing. Many birds do and even another ape.
 What messages are conveyed in the syllables, melodies and repeated phrases, and who is listening?
 Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
 Produce: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007j1sh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 King Street Junior (b007jmgt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00011fx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Sound by Bella Bathurst (b08rg37g)
 Episode 2
 In 1997, Bella Bathurst began to go deaf at the age of 28. Within a few months, she had lost half her hearing, and the rest was slipping away. She wasn't just missing punchlines, she was missing most of the conversation - and all of the jokes. For the next twelve years deafness shaped her life.
 Sound draws on this experience, exploring the practical and emotional impact of losing your hearing, and what it teaches you about listening and silence, music and noise.
 Bella tries to find her deaf identity. Can someone who's losing her hearing at the age of 28 ever be part of the deaf-from-birth community? And how can she continue to relate to her friends and family if she can't work out what they're saying?
 Read by Adjoa Andoh
 Abridged by Jo Coombs
 Produced by Hannah Marshall
 A Loftus production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.
TUE 14:15 A Monkey With a Box of Paints: Berthe Morisot (b007648k)
 Passion
 Berthe compares herself to Baudelaire, and Manet is impressed with her passion. As her sister settles into married domesticity, Berthe encounters a slightly more comical suitor of her own.
 Jane Beeson's five-part series looking at the female impressionist painter Berthe Morisot through her correspondence with her mother and sister.
 Berthe ... Sarah-Jane Holm
 Cornelia ... Pauline Munro
 Manet ...Simon Chandler
 Edma Alison Pettitt
 Guichard Robert Lister
 Woolf ... Ian Brooker
 Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Peter Leslie Wild
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
TUE 14:30 Kitch! (b04xp15m)
 June 1948. The Empire Windrush docks at Tilbury carrying 492 West Indian "citizens of the British Empire". Newsreel footage captures forever the suited new arrivals waiting to alight. As the reporter introduces one young man as "their spokesman", a gently smiling Aldwyn Roberts sings a Calypso he wrote on the the voyage, 'London is the place for me. London, this lovely city...'
 Aldwyn Roberts was 26 years old and already well known in Trinidad as Calypso star Lord Kitchener. He lived in England for almost 15 years, married a girl in Manchester, was celebrated by glamorous upper class English society and became the voice of a generation of Caribbean immigrants far from home.
 Poet and musician Anthony Joseph also left Trinidad for London in his twenties and has always felt a powerful connection to Kitch. He spoke to him just once, when he saw Kitch standing alone for a moment at Carnival in Trinidad. Now, fifteen years after Kitchener's death Anthony Joseph tries to get to the heart of the man behind the famous footage.
 Presenter: Anthony Joseph
 Producer: Allegra McLroy
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.
TUE 15:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014r622)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b0b86r8n)
 Series 8
 University of Hertfordshire
 A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of Hertfordshire.
 Specialist subjects include Aerospace Engineering, English Language and Communication and Computer Sciences, and questions ranging from DOS Commands and derivatives to Captain Hook and why eating detergent is wrong.
 Recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.
 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, sport, and quite possibly Justin Bieber. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.
 Producer: David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2018.
TUE 16:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00v2pbf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 17:00 Ayres on the Air (b007k0qp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 The World of Simon Rich (m00154bg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 The Case of Charles Dexter Ward by HP Lovecraft (m000jmtr)
 Episode 7

Award-winning writer/director Julian Simpson creates an HP Lovecraft-inspired universe through the prism of podcasters Matthew Heawood and Kennedy Fisher.

The story begins with a missing-person investigation; Charles Dexter Ward has vanished from a secure psychiatric hospital in Rhode Island. Two months later his psychiatrist Doctor Willett murders a woman in Highgate, England. Are the two events connected?

Heawood interviews Amelia Fenner, the last surviving member of Joseph Curwen's coven.

Kennedy Fisher Jana Carpenter
Matthew Heawood Barnaby Kay
Doctor Willett Mark Bazeley
Charles Dexter Ward Samuel Barnett
Amelia Fenner Susan Jameson
Nurse Cherrelle Skeete
Hard man Ben Crowe
Producer: Karen Rose

Director/Writer: Julian Simpson
Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas
Music by Tim Elsenburg

A Sweet Talk Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

TUE 18:15 And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer (b0132plq)
Episode 7

Eoin Colfer's sequel to Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series.

There's a confrontation between the tyromancers and the Nanites - and Thor arrives on Nano.

Read by Stephen Mangan, with Peter Serafinowicz.
Abridged by Penny Leicester.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b05s2x2k)

Series 20

First Cut Is the Deepest

Long before it was a worldwide hit for Rod Stewart, the Cat Stevens song 'First Cut is the Deepest' made a name for the former Ike and Tina Turner backing singer, PP Arnold.

In an interview for Soul Music she describes the emotional connection she felt to the lyrics, having emerged from an abusive marriage shortly before recording it.

Also contributing to the programme is the song's original producer, Mike Hurst. He describes how he achieved the huge 'wall of sound' production using double drums, a huge string section, and a harp instead of a guitar to play the signature riff at the start of the track.

There are many personal stories associated with the track: Carsten Knauff recalls a childhood sweetheart - his first true love - and explains why the Cat Stevens' version brings back bitter-sweet memories for him.

Rosemarie Purdy saw PP Arnold give an extraordinary live rendition at a club in Portsmouth in 1967. Never before had she seen such a heartfelt, emotionally charged performance. It's something she's never forgotten.

The Sheryl Crow version reminds Rachel Batson of a very difficult phase in her life; it's a song she says reflects her own faith journey.

And former Radio Caroline DJ, Keith Hampshire, describes the circumstances that led to him having a No.1 hit with the song in Canada. It was the first time 'First Cut' reached No.1 anywhere in the world.

Producer: Karen Gregor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jlsh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 19:30 King Street Junior (b007jmgf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 20:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m0001lfx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 20:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b01465z9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

TUE 21:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]

TUE 22:00 The World of Simon Rich (m00154bg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b018xs8f)

Series 3

Bungay

Mark Steel continues his tour of six UK towns as he performs for the residents of Bungay in Suffolk.

His bespoke stand-up show covers non-existent castles, haunted pubs and chicken roundabouts.

As well as shedding light on less visited areas, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise the quirkiness of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live.

Written by Mark Steel with additional material by Pete Sinclair.
Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

TUE 23:00 The Harpoon (b007m747)

Series 2

Episode 1

Yes, Madam! The Empire's favourite weekly is back on the shelves!

Nostalgia galore in the first of four lovingly hand-tooled issues of this acclaimed comedy series awaits your collection - this one a bumper summer edition.

With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.

TUE 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00thwdh)

Series 2

Suggs

Suggs reads A Brief History of Time, listens to Vivaldi, changes the oil in a car and has his first tap-dancing lesson. From 2009.

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Tuesday]

WED 00:30 Soul Music (b05s2x2k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m0001lfx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Sound by Bella Bathurst (b08rg37g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 A Monkey With a Box of Paints: Berthe Morisot (b007648k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Kitch! (b04xp15m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014r622)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The 3rd Degree (b0b86r8n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b00v2pbf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Ayres on the Air (b007k0pq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:30 The World of Simon Rich (m00154bg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00012yd)

3. Zeus

Hilary meets an agent who is not what he seems, and together they climb a bridge to rob a computer.

Christopher Bidmead's spy adventure about a woman with exceptional talent starring Angela Pleasance.

Hilary Angela Pleasance

Beresford ... Rolf Lefebvre

Jean: Hilda ... Kriseman

Mortimer ... Dinsdale Landen

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

WED 06:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqct)

Killing Orders

4. The Fire Next Time

The private eye is convinced Agnes's murder is linked to a covert takeover bid for Ajax insurance, but can she prove it?

Sara Paretsky's thriller featuring feisty Chicago private eye, VI Warshawski.

CAST:

VI Warshawski Kathleen Turner

Roger Ferrant Martin Shaw

Gabriella Avril Clark

Father Carroll Don Fellows

Rosa Eileen Way

Barbara Paciorek Lorelei King

Mrs Paciorek Helen Horton

Bobby Mallory William Hootkins

O'Faolin John Bennett

Murray Ryerson Kerry Shale

Father Pelly Colin Stinton

Father Jablonski Peter Penry-Jones

Dramatised by Michelene Wandor.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991.

WED 07:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (m0008p3v)

Series 3

Rage and Resentment

Alexei considers the roots of his rage and resentment, explores the dangers of magical thinking and contemplates what the philosophies of Bertholt Brecht could offer Premier League football.

Written by Alexei Sayle

Performed by Alexei Sayle

Produced by Joe Nunnelly

A BBC Studios Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.

WED 07:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m00154dj)

Series 3

Heroes and Villains

Joanna Lumley & Roger Allam star in Jan Etherington's award-winning comedy, as a couple who are passionate about life and each other. This week: Roger is obsessed with his new power

hose and is cleaning up the neighbourhood. But their peace is shattered when noisy new neighbours move in.

Conversations from a Long Marriage won the Voice of the

Listener & Viewer Award for Best Radio Comedy in 2020.

'Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam have had illustrious acting careers but can they ever have done anything better than Jan Etherington's two hander? This is a work of supreme craftsmanship.' RADIO TIMES

'Peppered with nostalgic 60s hits and especially written for the pair, it's an endearing portrait of exasperation, laced with hard won tolerance - and something like love.' THE GUARDIAN
'The delicious fruit of the writer, Jan Etherington's experience of writing lots of TV and radio, blessed by being acted by Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam. Treasure this one, produced by Claire Jones. Unlike many a current Radio 4 'comedy', this series makes people laugh' GILLIAN REYNOLDS. SUNDAY TIMES

'You've been listening at my window, Jan'. JOANNA LUMLEY

'The writing is spot on and Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam exquisite. So real, so entertaining. Please never stop making such terrific radio'. BBC DUTY LOG

'Absolutely brilliant!! May it never end!' BBC DUTY LOG

Conversations from a Long Marriage is written by Jan Etherington and produced by Claire Jones. It is a BBC Studios Production.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jnmj)

Series 5

The Unexploded Bomb

When the Lad gets a surprise in the cellar, Sid sees his chance to make some money.

Stars Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1958.

WED 08:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00scw6t)

Series 2

Market Forces

Surprised Giles advertises a pie, while Judith and David get unexpected opportunities. Stars Douglas Hodge.

Stars Douglas Hodge, Paul Bigley and Amanda Root.

Comedy drama series about three promising graduates still underachieving in their 30s.

Written by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner.

Giles.....Douglas Hodge

Judith.....Amanda Root

David.....Paul Bigley

Other parts played by Simon Greenall, Abigail McKern, Nick Holder, Colleen Prendergast, Colin McFarlane and Geoffrey Whitehead.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996

WED 09:00 Booked (b007544j)

Series 1

Episode 5

The Dong with the luminous nose honks hooters with Cyrano de Bergerac, and Obelix encounters the mighty Goliath. Sniff versus biff?

Mark Thomas, Roger McGough, Dillie Keane and Miles Kingdon deliver their wicked thoughts in the irreverent literary game.

Chaired by Ian McMillan.

Producer: Marc Jobst

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

WED 09:30 All the Young Dudes (b01cjbmb5)

Series 2

Summer Holiday

An unexpected reversal for Patrick, Helen, Billy and Moira brings equally unexpected joy. Stars Jim Sweeney. From October 2002.

WED 10:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014sh4w)

2. A Most Salubrious Seaside Resort

'A most salubrious seaside resort' is an apt description of Brighton.

But will the arrival of Mr Arthur Armstrong - critic, poet, novelist and Labour Member of Parliament - make it even more attractive to Miss Susan Leg?

Pauline Collins stars as Miss Susan Leg.

EF Benson's novel dramatised by Aubrey Woods.

Miss Susan Leg Pauline Collins

Margaret Mantrip Margot Boyd

Jimmie Mason Ronald Herdman

Elizabeth Conklin Rachel Gurney

Lady Eva Lowndes Pauline Letts

Mr Cartwright Peter Howell

Arthur Armstrong MP Edward de Souza

Bosanquet John Church

Vicar Tim Reynolds

Minnie Mimps Sheila Grant

Head Waiter..... Manning Wilson

Mr Puffy George Parsons

Doctor Gordon Reid

Receptionist Jonathan Tafler

Augustus Andrew Branch

Vicar Tim Reynolds

Narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Music by John Owen Edwards.

Producer: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987

WED 11:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0015c0z)

Satire and Sitcoms

3. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Instead of guest Comedy Controllers, choosing their comedy favourites, it is now the turn of Paul Jackson, Beryl Vertue, John Lloyd and Jimmy Mulville who have between them well over a 150 years of gut-busting, side-aching woofers, gags - and the occasional horrific mistimed silence.

In front of an audience in the iconic Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House - the home of British Radio comedy - they reveal why they do it and what makes them laugh.

This time, they travel back to the 1960s and 70s to celebrate the satire boom, to trace the development of sitcoms both here and abroad, and to remember the golden years of BBC Entertainment. Featuring:

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Fit the Sixth [S1 6/6]

12/04/1978

Extracts from Frankie Howerd and The Goon Show 'The Great Regent's Park Swim'

Series Producers: Paul Kobrak and Dixi Stewart.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2017.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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Episode 3

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Within a few months, she had lost half her hearing, and the rest was slipping away. She wasn't just missing punchlines, she was missing most of the conversation - and all of the jokes. For the next twelve years deafness shaped her life.

Sound draws on this experience, exploring the practical and emotional impact of losing your hearing, and what it teaches you about listening and silence, music and noise.

Bella continues to try to fight her deafness - and herself. Her loneliness and isolation is typical of people who have lost their hearing, she finds. Depression and social anxiety are very common.

Read by Adjoa Andoh

Abridged by Jo Coombs

Produced by Hannah Marshall

A Loftus production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

WED 14:15 A Monkey With a Box of Paints: Berthe Morisot (b0076491)

Rivalry

Berthe poses for a portrait by Manet entitled Rest, but she finds his admiration is beginning to grow for another gifted painter, Eva Gonzales.

Jane Beeson's five-part series looking at the female impressionist painter Berthe Morisot through her correspondence with her mother and sister.

Berthe ... Sarah-Jane Holm

Cornelie ... Pauline Munro

Manet ... Simon Chandler

Edma ... Alison Pettitt

Guichard ... Robert Lister

Woolf ... Ian Brooker

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 14:30 A Sound British Adventure (b011syjg)

Comedian Stewart Lee is passionate about electronic music and he take us on a remarkable musical journey. We discover how, after the Second World War, a small group of electronic pioneers began tinkering with their army surplus kit to create new sounds and music.

Tristram Cary started the first electronic music studio in Britain but, while France, Germany, Italy and the USA had lavishly funded research centres, British electronic music remained the preserve of boffins on a budget.

As the programme reveals, this make do and mend approach prevailed long after austerity Britain had given way to the swinging 60s, with Peter Zinovieff developing EMS synthesizers from a shed at the bottom of his garden in Putney. (Paul McCartney put on his wellies and took a look). Zinovieff is interviewed about his experiments in sound.

Unsurprisingly, the electronic community in Britain was a small, intimate group and joining Cary and Zinovieff was Daphne Oram, who devoted decades to developing a 'drawn sound' electronic composition system that never really quite worked.

Brian Hodgson tells us about 1960s experimental and electronic festivals, including The Million Volt Light and Sound Rave (1967) at which The Beatles' electronic piece Carnival Of Light had its only public airing. We shall also hear how the radioophonic workshop broke new musical ground with Dr. Who.

Experts in the history of electronic music, including author and musician Mark Ayers and Goldsmiths College lecturer in computer studies Dr. Michael Grierson give the boffins' view and Portishead's Adrian Utley explains why the early forays in

electronics are still relevant today.

Produced by John Sugar

A Sugar Production

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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Kennedy is prepping a series of interviews for the next episode of the podcast

Kennedy Fisher Jana Carpenter

Warden Ben Crowe

Doctor Lyman Steven MackIntosh

Producer: Karen Rose

Director/Writer: Julian Simpson

Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas

Music by Tim Elsenburg

A Sweet Talk Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

WED 18:15 And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer (b0132vvd)

Episode 8

Eoin Colfer's sequel to Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series.

Thor and Wobwagger fight, but the love of Trillian saves Wobwagger from destruction. The Vogons approach Nano...

Read by Stephen Mangan, with Peter Serafinowicz.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

WED 18:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jy1q)

Series 3

Stand By For West

A profile of John Creasey's Scotland Yard Inspector Roger West, played by Patrick Allen.

Series about classic detectives presented by Professor Jeffrey Richards.

With Richard Creasey, Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

WED 19:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jnjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00scw6t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 20:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00012yd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 20:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 21:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0015c0z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

WED 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m00154dj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 22:30 Bunk Bed (m0003z9l)

Series 6

Episode 4

Everyone craves a place where their mind and body are not applied to a particular task. The nearest faraway place.

Somewhere for drifting and lighting upon strange thoughts which don't have to be shoed into context, but which can be followed like balloons escaping onto the air.

Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander.

This is the nearest faraway place for Patrick Marber and Peter Curran. Here they endeavour to get the heart of things in an entertainingly vague and indirect way. This is not the place for typical male banter.

From under the bed clothes, they wrestle life's challenges - examining the etiquette of Farmers, David Bowie sex fantasies, hair transplants and the dangerous charm of the song The Air That I Breathe.

Produced by Peter Curran.

A Foghorn production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

WED 22:45 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00j0pp8)

Propriety, Plants, Grandparents and Growing Your Own

In her continuing quest to better herself through learning and discovering things in reference books, comedian Josie Long presents a show about propriety, plants, grandparents, being

connected to the world around you and growing your own.

With Josie's comedic cohort Maeve Higgins

And guest Isy Suttie.

Producer Colin Anderson

First broadcast BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

WED 23:00 Radio Active (b007jw18)

Series 7

God Alone Knows

The Right Reverend Reverend Wright brings you all the very latest from around the parish.

Starring Helen Atkinson Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey

Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Music by Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1987.

WED 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007ncns)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix

Episode 1

What's gone wrong with English cricket recently?

Er.... nothing. But Dave Podmore is going to put that right.

County cricket's arrogant, politically-incorrect, money-grabbing, medium-paced trundler par excellence has a plan and it involves our children.

Christopher Douglas stars as Pod.

Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.

Dave Chris Douglas

Andy Andrew Nickolds

With Henry Allen, Keiran Cadweller, William Hicks, David

Rogers, Fiona Howlett and Montanna Thompson.

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2022**THU 00:00 The Case of Charles Dexter Ward by HP Lovecraft (m000jmp1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]

THU 00:15 And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer (b0132vvd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Wednesday]

THU 00:30 The Radio Detectives (b007jy1q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Sound by Bella Bathurst (b08rg3ln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 A Monkey With a Box of Paints: Berthe Morisot (b0076491)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 A Sound British Adventure (b011syjg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014sh4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Booked (b007544j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 All the Young Dudes (b01cjmbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (m0008p3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m00154dj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00012hc)

4. The Proctor File

Hilary gets things taped, but has to take a jump to get back in the swim of things.

Christopher Bidmead's spy adventure about a woman with exceptional talent starring Angela Pleasance.

Hilary ... Angela Pleasance

Beresford.... Rolf Lefebvre

Jean Hilda Kriseman

Mortimer Dinsdale Landon

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

THU 06:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqd4)

Killing Orders

5. Dinner Date

First an acid attack, then her flat burns down: the anonymous menacing phone caller will go to any lengths to get VI Warshawski to quit.

Sara Paretsky's thriller featuring feisty Chicago private eye, VI Warshawski.

CAST:

VI Warshawski Kathleen Turner

Roger Ferrant Martin Shaw

Uncle Stefan Maurice Denham

Lotty Herschel Miriam Karlin

O'Faolin John Bennett

Gabriella Avril Clark

Father Carroll Don Fellows

Barbara Paciorek Lorelei King

Bobby Mallory William Hootkins

Murray Ryerson Kerry Shale

Rosa Eileen Way

Sal Adjoa Andoh
 Derek Hatfield Andrew Wincott
 Dramatised by Michelene Wandor.
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991.
THU 07:00 It's a Fair Cop (b05zld8g)
 Series 2
 An Englishman's Home
 Policeman turned comic Alfie Moore asks what is 'reasonable force'? How far can you go to defend yourself?
 Series in which the audience makes the policing decisions as Alfie takes them through a real-life crime scenario.
 Written and performed by Alfie Moore.
 Script Editor: Will Ing
 Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2015.
THU 07:30 Big Problems with Helen Keen (b098nlcz)
 Series 2
 Food
 This week's Big Problem with Helen Keen is; Food
 Natural resources are dwindling so how can we make sure everyone is fed? How has our food shopping and food production changed? Can science help? Will the future be meals in a pill? But, most importantly, what will Helen have for her tea?
 As humanity faces a very big raft of very varied problems, many of them of its own making, here is a series of optimistic, scientifically literate yet comically nimble shows that offer a sweeping overview of the biggest challenges we face and the science behind them. We look at the often surprising solutions of past generations and the likely and unlikely solutions of the future and present a scrupulously researched comedy celebrating human ingenuity.
 Written by Helen Keen, Jenny Laville, Lloyd Langford and Carrie Quinlan and special thanks to Laura-Alexandra Smith.
 Cast: Helen Keen, Jon Culshaw and Susy Kane.
 Producer was Katie Tyrrell and it was a BBC Studios Production.
THU 08:00 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq9g)
 The Unknown
 David Jason and company explore fork bending, time travel and things that go bump in the night.
 With Sheila Steafel, Royce Mills and John Owen Edwards.
 Following in the footsteps of Lord Clark, Dr Bronowski and Professor Galbraith, David Jason unravels the mysteries of the universe and the meaning of life.
 Scripted by Colin Bostock Smith, Andy Hamilton, Barry Pilton and Alastair Beaton.
 Music by John Owen Edwards
 Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1977.
THU 08:30 After Henry (b007jppw)
 Series 3
 Poor Relations
 "No, they're lovely. They'd never make me feel awkward. They'll keep inviting me, even if I never ask them back. That's not the problem. It's my pride. I want to be equal with them. I don't want to traipse around in their wake like something out of Anita Brookner."
 Proud Sarah suffers her mother's nosiness, as well as some unexpected advances.
 Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
 Sarah Prunella Scales
 Eleanor Joan Sanderson
 Russell Benjamin Whitrow
 Clare Gerry Cowper
 Neville Ian Thompson
 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 1987.
THU 09:00 The Personality Test (b00m5tk)
 Series 1
 Gyles Brandreth
 Broadcaster, author and ex-MP Gyles Brandreth quizzes a panel about himself.
 Sue Perkins, Alan Carr and Lucy Porter battle with queries based on Gyle's life, whims and interests
 Series in which a fresh host every episode quizzes a comedy panel about themselves.
 Script by Richard Turner
 Devised & produced by Aled Evans.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
THU 09:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012h800)
 Series 1
 Androids in Love
 Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961.
 A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.
 A top Shakespearean actor guests on the show as an android.
 With Peter Bowles, Cheryl Campbell, John Fortune and Leslie Phillips.
 By Christopher William Hill.
 Nigel ... Peter Bowles
 Hugo ... Joseph Kloska
 Sylvia ... Cheryl Campbell

Douglas ... Jon Glover
 Godfrey ... John Fortune
 Colin Paul ... Richard Biggin
 Sir Monty ... Leslie Phillips
 Advert voice ... Miranda Keeling
 Producer: Liz Webb
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
THU 10:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014tcjb)
 3. A Most Treasured Home
 "A most treasured home is exactly what 25 Durham Square has become for Miss Susan Leg.
 But will its treasure turn to dross with the threatened unravelling of the mystery surrounding her secret life?
 Pauline Collins stars as Miss Susan Leg.
 Conclusion of EF Benson's 1932 novel dramatised by Aubrey Woods
 Miss Susan Leg Pauline Collins
 Margaret Mantrip Margot Boyd
 Jimmie Mason Ronald Herdman
 Elizabeth Conklin Rachel Gurney
 Lady Eva Lowndes Pauline Letts
 Mr Cartwright Peter Howell
 Bosanquet John Church
 Vicar Tim Reynolds
 Minnie Mimps Sheila Grant
 Head Waiter Manning Wilson
 Mr Gandish George Parsons
 Ellen Jennifer Piercey
 Doctor Gordon Reid
 Mr Salt Jonathan Tafler
 Augustus Andrew Branch
 Vicar Tim Reynolds
 Narrated by Aubrey Woods.
 Music by John Owen Edwards.
 Producer: Ian Cotterell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.
THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0015bqx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000bnb3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 12:00 The Jason Explanation of... (b007jq9g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 After Henry (b007jppw)
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THU 13:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00012hc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqd4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Sound by Bella Bathurst (b08rg3zj)
 Episode 4
 In 1997, Bella Bathurst began to go deaf at the age of 28. Within a few months, she had lost half her hearing, and the rest was slipping away. She wasn't just missing punchlines, she was missing most of the conversation - and all of the jokes. For the next twelve years deafness shaped her life.
 Sound draws on this experience, exploring the practical and emotional impact of losing your hearing, and what it teaches you about listening and silence, music and noise.
 Deafness dramatically changes Bella's experience of the busy streets of London. But, as she sits on the top deck of a bus, she realises that while she can't hear the sounds of the crowd, she has a new way to read the interactions she sees on the street below.
 Read by Adjoa Andoh
 Abridged by Jo Coombs
 Produced by Hannah Marshall
 A Loftus production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.
THU 14:15 A Monkey With a Box of Paints: Berthe Morisot (b007649n)
 Agonising
 Berthe agonises over whether or not to exhibit her latest painting, while Paris becomes overrun by militia preparing for the forthcoming war with Prussia.
 Jane Beeson's five-part series looking at the female impressionist painter Berthe Morisot through her correspondence with her mother and sister.
 Berthe ... Sarah-Jane Holm
 Cornelle ... Pauline Munro
 Manet ... Simon Chandler
 Edma ... Alison Pettit
 Guichard ... Robert Lister
 Woolf ... Ian Brooker
 Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Peter Leslie Wild
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
THU 14:30 Shipping Songs (b05r401h)
 The Shipping Forecast has long provided essential, potentially life-saving, information for those at sea around the British Isles. But the forecast also has a history of sparking the imagination and creativity of those firmly on land - music, poetry and artworks of all kinds have been inspired by it.
 Award-winning folk artist Lisa Knapp, who has herself written a song inspired by the daily Forecast, takes a musical and poetic voyage through the watery regions of the Shipping Forecast and examines the appeal it holds for land-bound musicians, poets and writers.
 From the poetry of Seamus Heaney and Carol Ann Duffy to the music of Radiohead, Blur and Jethro Tull, the forecast has

ingrained itself into Britain's creative arts. Many have employed the Shipping Forecast's natural rhythm and multitude of connotations to conjure up feelings of familiarity and strangeness, of community and alienation, of safety and danger. Lisa reflects on her own fondness for a forecast for which, in reality, she has no need, but which has ignited her imagination and taken her off to distant mythical lands. She hears from fellow musicians and writers who have been influenced by the Shipping Forecast and finds out how this regular informational broadcast captured their imaginations.
 Poet Sean Street, songwriter Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull and composer Cecilia McDowall are among those to share their thoughts on the forecast's appeal.
 Producer: Lorna Skingley
 A Smooth Operations production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2015.
THU 15:00 EF Benson - Secret Lives (b014tcjb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 The Personality Test (b00m5tk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012h800)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 17:00 It's a Fair Cop (b05zld8g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:30 Big Problems with Helen Keen (b098nlcz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 The Case of Charles Dexter Ward by HP Lovecraft (m000jnb9)
 Episode 9
 Award-winning writer/director Julian Simpson creates an HP Lovecraft-inspired universe through the prism of podcasters Matthew Heawood and Kennedy Fisher.
 The story begins with a missing-person investigation; Charles Dexter Ward has vanished from a secure psychiatric hospital in Rhode Island. Two months later his psychiatrist Doctor Willett murders a woman in Highgate, England. Are the two events connected?
 Kennedy makes a break through with the investigation.
 Kennedy Fisher Jana Carpenter
 Warden Ben Crowe
 Doctor Lyman Steven MackIntosh
 Esra Wheedon Alun Armstrong
 Producer: Karen Rose
 Director/Writer: Julian Simpson
 Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas
 Music by Tim Elsenburg
 A Sweet Talk Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.
THU 18:15 And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer (b0133hgn)
 Episode 9
 Eoin Colfer's sequel to Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series.
 The Vogons attack Nano. Thor does his contractual duty by protecting the planet, until Jeltz unleashes the Q.U.E.S.T.
 Read by Stephen Mangan, with Peter Serafinowicz.
 Abridged by Penny Leicester.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
THU 18:30 Great Lives (b09z4k9z)
 Series 45
 Adrian Utley of Portishead on Miles Davis
 Miles Davis - trumpeter, composer, bandleader - is championed by Adrian Utley of Portishead.
 "He's always been really important in my life, right from early on when my dad used to play him. It was part of the atmosphere of our house."
 From the early years with Charlie Parker and on via Kind of Blue to playing in front of 600,000 hippies on the Isle of Wight, Miles Davis was a musician who never stood still. "Always listen for what you can leave out," he used to say, and Portishead's seminal nineties album Dummy seems to have taken advice from the man. According to Adrian Utley, "The darkness and the sense of space is the thing that I have assimilated from Miles ... he's in my DNA."
 With Richard Williams, author of The Blue Moment: Miles Davis's Kind of Blue and the Remaking of Modern Music.
 Presenter: Matthew Parris
 Producer: Miles Warde
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 22:30 Listen Against (b00tt5mb)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 The programme that looks back at a week's worth of radio and TV that never happened.
 Michael Burke becomes trapped in the Moral Maze, and Any

Answers gets a game show makeover.
Presented by Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes.
Producers: Sam Bryant & Jon Holmes.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
THU 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00x7glw)
Series 2
Episode 2
Deputy curator Rod holds a museum press conference, and Walter hits on Susie Maltby. Stars Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2008.
THU 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01ringt)
2005
It's the year of the Telepathone.
Recorded in June 1994, Brian Perkins, Kate Robbins and John O'Farrell recall the turbulent upheaval of 2005 - a year that was yet to happen.
Everything you wanted to know then, about the 21st century.
Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.
Producer: Caroline Leddy
First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on Radio 4 in July 1994.

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FRI 06:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00019mm)
5. Universal General Hire
As the danger mounts, Hilary is forced to hang on for rescue from the sky. Stars Angela Pleasance and Nigel Anthony. Christopher Bidmead's spy adventure about a woman with exceptional computing skills starring Angela Pleasance.
Hilary Angela Pleasance
Beresford Rolf Lefebvre
Cannon Nigel Anthony
Jean Hilda Kriseman
Dr Reece John Pullen
Mortimer Dinsdale Landon
Le Noir Charles Hyatt
Matron Margaret Wolfit
Williams Peter Tuddenham
Dr Wormald Malcolm Hayes
Girl Jo Manning Wilson
Nurse Deborah Dallas
Rick Andrew Sachs
Michael Brian Hewlett
Technician James Thompson
Fernberg Kerry Francis
Policeman / Guard Brian Haines
Producer: John Tydemam
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.
FRI 06:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqdy)
Killing Orders
6. No One Is Lucky Forever
Battling to finally confront her attacker, private eye VI Warshawski goes undercover.
Sara Paretsky's thriller featuring feisty Chicago private eye, VI Warshawski.
CAST:
VI Warshawski Kathleen Turner
Roger Ferrant Martin Shaw
Uncle Stefan Maurice Denham
O'Faolin John Bennett
Gabriella Avril Clark
Lotty Herschel Miriam Karlin
Mrs Paciorek Helen Horton
Father Carroll Don Fellows
Walter Novick Colin McFarlane
Murray Ryerson Kerry Shale
Rosa Eileen Way
Father Pelly Colin Stinton
Dr Paciorek Norman Jones

Dramatised by Michelene Wandor.
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1991.
FRI 07:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04p87r7)
Series 2
Exit Strategy
Uljaban is determined to fail his annual inspection, in order to be sent to a better posting.
But he'll need Kat and Lucy's help in order to make it work - and he can do without any surprises, such as the identity of the Zone Commander who'll be conducting the inspection...
The conclusion of series two of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien race that have noticed that those all-at-once invasions of Earth never work out that well. So they've locked the small Buckinghamshire village of Cresdon Green behind an impenetrable force field in order to study human behaviour and decide if Earth is worth invading.
The only inhabitant who seems to be bothered by their new alien overlord is Katrina Lyons, who was only home for the weekend to borrow the money for a deposit for a flat when the force field went up.
So along with Lucy Alexander (the only teenager in the village, willing to rebel against whatever you've got) she forms The Resistance - slightly to the annoyance of her parents Margaret and Richard who wish she wouldn't make so much of a fuss, and much to the annoyance of Field Commander Uljaban who, alongside his unintelligible minions and The Computer (his hyper-intelligent supercomputer), is trying to actually run the invasion.
Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan
Richard Lyons Peter Davison
Margaret Lyons Jan Francis
Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray
Field Commander Uljaban Charles Edwards
The Computer John-Luke Roberts
Zone Commander Ravella Nina Sosanya
Script-edited by Arthur Mathews.
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.
FRI 07:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m0015c0s)
The High School Problem
Marian and Tara tackle tackle an over-familiar flatmate, a caustic mother-in-law, love at a distance and high school anxieties with trademark kindness and good humour in the final episode of the series
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 - 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 for series 2, which is due in the autumn? 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 (b007jqv)
Series 3
Asleep in the Deep
Walker and Godfrey get trapped in a pumping station, but so do their rescuers from the rest of the Home Guard platoon.
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
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 Pike Ian Lavender
Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
Private Frazer John Laurie
Private Walker Larry Martyn
Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee
Announcer John Snagge
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.
FRI 08:30 Second Thoughts (b001qzs9)
Series 4
Just Managing
Bill and Faith face new pressures on their marriage and Liza shows just how vulnerable she really is.
Sitcom about the battles of married life for ex-divorcees Bill and Faith, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and Faith's teenage children.
Stars James Bolam as Bill, Lynda Bellingham as Faith, Belinda Lang as Liza, Julia Sawalha as Hannah, Mark Denham as Joe, Melanie Hudson as Louise and Nick Murchie as Duncan.
Series three of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.
A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.
FRI 09:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)
Episode 1
Animal, vegetable or mineral?
Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.
Regular Geoffrey Durham is joined by Sir Jeremy Hanley and Helen Atkinson Wood.
Written by Michael Dines.
Producer: Andy Aliffe
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.
FRI 09:30 Girlies (b081b7rd)
Series 1
Episode 4
Sonal calls on Samina's legal expertise and Jabeen gets welcome news from husband, Joe.
Four-part comedy serial written by Sudha Bhuchar and Shaheen Khan.
CAST:
Tula Zita Sattar
Vinny Bharti Patel
Jabeen Shaheen Khan
Sonal Sudha Bhuchar
Samina Sakuntala Ramane
Ramesh Ameet Chaana
Dan Roger Liddle
Marianne Alice Arnold
Alia Sophie Levy
Sara Nyla Levy
Masi Charubala Chokshi
Karan Susan Sheridan
Salim Shiv Grewal
Ali Burt Caesar
Javed Omar Salimi
Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Kristine Landon-Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1977.
FRI 10:00 Jill Paton Walsh - A Piece of Justice (b010vyt7)
When Fran gets the chance to take over the biography of the great mathematician Gideon Summerfield, she rapidly discovers there's a mystery over a few days he went missing in August 1978.
Her friend Imogen is the first to realise she may be in danger...
Dramatised by Neville Teller from the novel by Jill Paton Walsh.
Imogen Quay Barbara Flynn
Janet Somerfield Rosemary Leach
Francis Bullion Tracy Wiles
Josh Robert Harper
Dr Mistral James Greene
Lady Buckmote Marlene Sidaway
Sir William Buckmote Geoffrey Whitehead
Professor Maverack Colin Starkey
Meredith Bagadeuce Peter Howell
Pamela Zephyr Di Botcher
David Swann Iwan Thomas
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.
FRI 11:00 Podcast Hour (m0015c0v)
Mourn The Dead and Fight Like Hell For The Living
Laura Grimshaw and Salena Godden present podcasts about death, grief and celebrating life.
FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007jqv)
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FRI 12:30 Second Thoughts (b001qzs9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m00019mm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 13:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqdy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Sound by Bella Bathurst (b08rg43m)
Episode 5
In 1997, Bella Bathurst began to go deaf at the age of 28. Within a few months, she had lost half her hearing, and the rest was slipping away. She wasn't just missing punchlines, she was missing most of the conversation - and all of the jokes. For the next twelve years deafness shaped her life.
Sound draws on this experience, exploring the practical and emotional impact of losing your hearing, and what it teaches you about listening and silence, music and noise.
By 2009, Bella has made her peace with her hearing loss. She's found ways to cope, and ways to be happy. And she assumes this is the way life will always be. Then a routine visit to her audiologist changes everything.
Read by Adjua Andoh
Abridged by Jo Coombs
Produced by Hannah Marshall
A Loftus production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.
FRI 14:15 A Monkey With a Box of Paints: Berthe Morisot (b00764b5)
Opening
The first Impressionist exhibition finally opens, and Berthe has to face the wrath of the reactionary critics. But her sister Edma offers a glimmer of light.
Conclusion of Jane Beeson's five-part series looking at the female impressionist painter Berthe Morisot through her correspondence with her mother and sister.
Berthe ... Sarah-Jane Holm

Cornelie ... Pauline Munro

Manet ...Simon Chandler

Edna Alison Pettitt

Guichard Robert Lister

Woolf ... Ian Brooker

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 14:30 The Balancing Bluebottle (b00jz7cc)

Percy Smith was the greatest pioneer of the natural history film tackling subjects like flies and slime mould. During the 1920s in his principal studio, the back garden of his home in north London, he developed innovative microscope and time-lapse photography which still looks impressive today.

Tim Boon of the Science Museum talks to historians and Sir David Attenborough.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

FRI 15:00 Jill Paton Walsh - A Piece of Justice (b010vyt7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Girlies (b08b7rd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04p87r7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m0015c0s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Case of Charles Dexter Ward by HP Lovecraft (m000jpgm)

Episode 10

Award-winning writer/director Julian Simpson creates an HP Lovecraft-inspired universe through the prism of podcasters Matthew Heawood and Kennedy Fisher.

The story begins with a missing-person investigation; Charles Dexter Ward has vanished from a secure psychiatric hospital in Rhode Island. Two months later his psychiatrist Doctor Willett murders a woman in Highgate, England. Are the two events connected?

Kennedy goes to the Devil's Reef trailer park in search of Charles Ward's books and experiments.

Kennedy Fisher Jana Carpenter

Tregorre Nathan Osgood

Producer: Karen Rose

Director/Writer: Julian Simpson

Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas

Music by Tim Elsenburg

A Sweet Talk Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

FRI 18:15 And Another Thing by Eoin Colfer (b0133m09)

Episode 10

Eoin Colfer's sequel to Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series.

Constant Moan saves the Earthlings, Ford decides he likes life on Nano, Zaphod heads off into improbability and Arthur goes on a research trip...

Read by Stephen Mangan, with Peter Serafinowicz.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

FRI 18:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b00h3wlv)

Series 2

The Godfather and The Godfather Part II

And the Academy Award Goes To... The Godfather & Godfather II.

Paul Gambaccini's series on Oscar-winning films and what they can tell us of the culture and times that gave birth to them.

He explores the potboiler novel that spawned not only one of the most violent 'family' movies ever, but also led to an even more successful sequel.

An offer that can't be refused...

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007jqjv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Second Thoughts (b00lqzs9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 The Joke About Hilary Spite (m000l9mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 VI Warshawski (b007jqdy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m0015c0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn (m0015c0s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Mark Watson's Live Address to the Nation (b0174hvv)

Intelligence

Mark Watson continues his quest to improve the world, nimbly assisted by Tim Key and Tom Basden.

As broadcast live in November 2011 - Mark invites the audience join in via tweets and messages to work out how we can all make the world a better place.

Mark asks the big questions that are crucial to our understanding of ourselves and society - in a dynamic and thought provoking new format he opens the floor to the live audience and asks them to jump into the conversation via tweets and messages to work out how we can all make the world a better place.

This time Mark looks at "Intelligence" - A certain amount of intelligence is pretty useful. Without the ability to reflect and calculate, we would all be setting fire to our shoes and buying those novels about women who shop and have relationship issues. Yet intelligence has been something of a curse to many. Galileo was tortured for knowing more about science than the church leaders, and Paxman sighs an awful lot when he's hosting University Challenge.

We all know the phrase 'a little learning is a dangerous thing, but then so is a lot of learning, but then again you wouldn't want none at all. So... oh dear, we're basically ruined. We'd better knock down all our schools and universities.' Are we sometimes too smart for our own good?

Producer: Lianne Coop.

First broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

FRI 23:00 Radio Shuttleworth (b007s5ds)

Series 1

Vanessa Feltz

Sheffield's aspiring singer-songwriter takes to the airwaves once more from his very own his front room!

Aided by his producer (and sole agent) Ken Worthington, and his hard-to-please wife Mary, the inimitable John Shuttleworth presents celebrity interviews, dodgy keyboard music, and even dodgier jingles.

Can special guest Vanessa Feltz help sort out a tricky domestic problem between him and Mary?

With Boothby Graffoe.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Producers: Paul Schlesinger and Martin Willis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

FRI 23:30 My Teenage Diary (b0b9wsb1)

Series 8

Helen Lederer

Helen Lederer reads from her teenage diaries and talks about her school days in South-East London, when she was far more interested in boys than in school work.

Presenter: Rufus Hound

Producer: Harriet Jaine

A Talkback production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.