

With:
Barbara Lyon
Richard Lyon
Molly Weir
Horace Percival
Doris Rogers
Molly Weir
Hugh Morton
Patricia Field
Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury.
Incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson.
Music played by the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.
Producer: Tom Ronald
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1954.
SAT 09:30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqb0)
The Menace of Totleigh Towers
Bertie Wooster is obliged to sort out an amorous mix-up between his friends.
PG Wodehouse romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.
Adapted by Richard Osborne.
Jeeves Michael Hordern
Bertie Wooster Richard Briers
Aunt Dahlia Vivian Pickles
Emerald Stoker Ann Davies
Reverend Harold Pinker Douglas Blackwell
Boko Fittleworth Jonathan Cecil
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.
SAT 10:00 Sue Perkins' Christmas Comedy Stocking (m000c9y)
Series 1
1. Radio Active / The Masterson Inheritance
Sue Perkins gets the sherry and chocolates out to accompany some vintage BBC Christmas comedy.
The first of three festive fun-packed stockings:
* **RADIO ACTIVE'S CHRISTMAS TURKEY:**
The National Local Radio Station links up with Bethlehem and visits some poorly hospital patients.
Stars Helen Atkinson-Wood, Geoffrey Perkins and Angus Deayton.
From 1983.
* **THE MASTERSON INHERITANCE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:**
The Masterson family's ancient culture reveals some curious customs.
Improvised historical saga with Paul Merton, Josie Lawrence, Caroline Quentin and Jim Sweeney.
From 1995.
Producer: Sarah Wade
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2010.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]
SAT 16:45 HG Wells (m000hhfv)
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SAT 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b011ld0)
Series 2
Episode 1
John Finnemore, the writer and star of Cabin Pressure, with his second series of his hit sketch show.
This episode features an awkward celestial relationship, surprisingly easy contract negotiations, and a trailer for a film about the only mode of transport that hasn't had a film made about it yet.
Written by and starring John Finnemore.
With:
Margaret Cabour-Smith
Carrie Quinlan
Lawry Lewin

Simon Kane
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.
SAT 22:30 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b044vhlq)
Episode 3
A fraudulently fat sack of sketches, monologues and weird soup, featuring a puritan vet who dishes out tough love to poorly pets.
Originally broadcast live from London's exclusive Imperial Rooms, Mayfair.
Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick.
Featuring:
Peter Serafinowicz
Emma Clarke
Steve Brody.
Producer: Phil Bowker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.
SAT 23:00 Danny Robins Music Therapy (b00f0p7)
Episode 2
Danny Robins harnesses the power of music to solve problems and generally improve the world.
He's out to write a new town anthem for Middlesbrough - and lend a hand to a love-lorn pensioner - aided by a Status Quo tribute band and a trumpeter.
With Isy Suttie.
Written by Danny Robins, with Isy Suttie and Danielle Ward.
Producer: Ben Walker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.
SAT 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jqcl)
Series 2
Richard Whiteley
John hopes TV's Richard Whiteley will host a special Shuttleworth edition of Countdown with wife Mary acting as Carol Vorderman.
But only after Richard's helped with the washing up!
The semi-detached world of aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth direct from his front room in Sheffield.
With:
John Otway
Jo Enright
Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
Additional material by Martin Willis.
Producer: Dawn Ellis.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000

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SUN 00:00 MR James (b09sng2y)
Martin's Close
'What see you in the corner of the court, that you fix your eyes on it and not on me, your Judge?'
Will the trial of Squire George Martin need help from beyond the grave to convict him of murder?
MR James's ghostly tale first published in 1911.
Dramatised by Michael and Mollie Hardwick
Judge Jeffreys Donald Wolfitt
Thomas Snell Frank Partington
Betty Clark Barbara Mitchell
George Martin Anthony Hall
Parson Matthews Rolf Lefebvre
Ann Clark Sheila Grant
Clerk of the Court George Hagan
Sarah Arscott Daphne Heard
William Reddaway Francis Larkin
The Recorder Earle Grey
The Attorney General Godfrey Kenton
The Marshal Donald McKillop
Producer: Charles Lefeaux
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1963.
SUN 00:30 Red As Blood by Tanith Lee (b007jq65)
In a dark Snow White fantasy, the Queen sets out to rescue her step-daughter from her sinister heritage.
Read by Stella Gonet.
Written by Tanith Lee.
Producer: Gemma Jenkins
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in October 2003.
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SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001g1fr)
Poetry Please - Festive Requests
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects
Poetry Please - Festive requests with Roger McGough hosting a varied, warm, yet slush-free selection of Christmas poetry requests.
A moving poem called The Shepherd by Edward Kaulfuss will

strike a chord with anyone who has felt estranged at a Christmas gathering.
T.S. Eliot's 'The Journey of The Magi' with its complexities and doubt features alongside other classics like Hardy's ever hopeful poem The Oxen (it wouldn't be Christmas without it, after all) and Laurie Lee's Christmas Landscape. Another thoughtful nativity poem comes from a poet perhaps better known for her caustic wit; Dorothy Parker.
There are some nostalgic poems from Ireland, including Patrick Kavanagh's poem 'A Christmas Childhood' where the six year old Kavanagh saw the magic in the mundane ("my child poet picked out the letters/On the grey stone/In silver the wonder of a Christmas townland") as his father's melodeon called out to his neighbours.
John Montague's poem The Silver Flask marks the brief reunion of a family dispersed from County Tyrone to Brooklyn, where Montague himself was born.
Coventry Patmore's poem The Toys might just move the hardest cynic heart to tears, whilst Hugh MacMillan's 'Saturday Afternoon at the Grotto' injects a healthy sense of Glaswegian realism.
The readers are John Mackay, Ian McElhinney and Eleanor Tremain.
Producer: Sarah Langan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
SUN 06:30 Dearest Squirrel - the John Osborne Letters (Omnibus) (b0b0552j)
John Osborne meets Pamela Lane in 1951 and within three months the couple are married.
So begins an extraordinary love affair that lasts over 30 years. Peter Whitebrook's completely fresh insight into the mind of one of the UK's greatest playwrights.
The letters between John Osborne and his first wife, actress Pamela Lane, are also a love letter to a now defunct system of repertory theatre and life in post-war Britain.
As these letters reveal, soon after their divorce, Osborne and Lane began a mutually supportive, loyal, frequently stormy and sometimes sexually intimate alliance lasting thirty years until Osborne's death. By the mid-1980s, they had become closer and more trusting than they had been since their earliest years together.
"You are for me what you always were," Pamela told him, "I am in love with you still."
It is, he declared, "my fortune to have loved someone for a lifetime."
Acerbic, witty, candid and heartbreaking, the letters reveal a unique relationship - troubled, tender and enduring.
Author, Peter Whitebrook, was born in London and has written and broadcast extensively on the theatre and literature. His co-adaptation of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath won a Fringe First Award. His biography of John Osborne was nominated for both the Sheridan Morley Prize for biography and the Theatre Book Prize.
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Polly Coles.
Read by Simon Shepherd and Amanda Root.
Producer: Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2018.
SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (b071bzzn)
Harry Connick Jr
Singer Harry Connick Jr picks 'When The Saints Go Marching In' by Louis Armstrong and 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' by Judy Garland.
SUN 07:50 EM Forster - A Passage to India (Omnibus) (m0003cdp)
Episode 1
When Mrs Moore and Adela arrive in the Indian town of Chandrapore, they are excited about seeing the 'real India'. Dr Aziz, a charming young Doctor, puts out the hand of friendship but a mysterious incident occurs while they are exploring the Marabar Caves.
This sets off a train of events that have serious repercussions for everyone including the friendship between Dr Aziz and Mr Fielding, the School Master at Government College.
Muddle and mystery disturb the British Raj sense of order. Is it possible for an Englishman and an Indian to be friends while the British still rule India?
EM Forster's masterful novel.
Omnibus of the first five of ten parts of Tanika Gupta's imaginative and bold adaptation.
Mrs Moore Penelope Wilton
Adela Ellie Kendrick
Dr Aziz Shubham Saraf
Fielding Jonathan Firth
Ronny Heaslop Christopher Harper
Ralph Moore Joseph Ayre
Professor Godbole Thusthita Jayasundera
Hamidullah/Mr Das Nicholas Khan
Mahmoud Ali Ashley Kumar
Mr Turton Tony Turner
Mrs Turton Joanna Monro
Major Callendar Michael Bertenshaw
Mrs Callendar Susan Jameson
Mr McBryde Sam Dale
Dr Panna Lal/Amritrao Ronny Jhutti
With:
Don Gilet
Franchi Webb
Sarah Owens

EM Forster's *A Passage to India* is clever and thought provoking. There is an extraordinary richness of emotion and the philosophy is cleverly wrapped within the startling event at the Cave and its haunting echo that plagues both Mrs Moore and Adela. There is mastery, muddle and mystery and this is captured in this imaginative adaptation by Tanika Gupta with its multi-layered soundscape and Indian music. Tanika brings an insight that combines all the elements together beautifully. In addition to her original writing, Tanika has shown, both on radio and stage, that she can take an existing text and give it a rich an exciting feel. From her *Midsummer Night's Dream* for the Globe to Jane Austen's *Emma* for Radio 4 (Memsahib Emma) to Ibsen's *A Doll's House*.
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.
SUN 09:00 Stilgoe's Around (b007k36s)
 World Wine Fair, Bristol
 Vintage Stilgoe?
 A good year for comedy?
 Richard Stilgoe muses on booze at the World Wine Fair in Bristol.
 With:
 Emma Thompson
 The Cambridge Buskers
 Producer: Mike Craig
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1984.
SUN 09:30 Something to Shout About (m0001k4j)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Janet is turfled out of her flat – and the whole ad agency ends up losing sleep.
 "A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!" Set in a London ad agency called Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners.
 The second series of Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe's sitcom.
 CAST:
 Michael Michael Medwin
 Janet Fenella Fielding
 Mavis Joan Sims
 Maggie Eleanor Summerfield
 Adrian Nicholas Phipps
 Other parts played by Warren Mitchell.
 Producer: Eric Miller
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1961.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001g1fw)
 Lost Gems
 Val Doonican
 From *The Swingle Singers* to Charlie Byrd.
 Popular Irish singer and guitarist Val Doonican shares his castaway choices with Roy Plomley.
 Val hosted numerous TV series for the BBC from 1965 to 1986, pulling in over 17 million viewers
 He was also rarely out of the UK charts in the 1960s and '70s with songs like *Walk Tall* and *Elusive Butterfly*.
 Val died aged 88 in 2015.
 DISC ONE: *Swingle Singers* - Bach English Suite No.2
 DISC TWO: *Vaughan Williams* - *Fantasia* on a theme by Thomas Tallis
 DISC THREE: *George Jones* - *Four-O Thirty-Three*
 DISC FOUR: *Concerto in D* - John Williams
 DISC FIVE: *People Will Say We're in Love* (Oklahoma) - Erroll Garner
 DISC SIX: *Dvorak* - *Symphony No.8* – Herbert von Karajan conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
 DISC SEVEN: *Scarborough Fair* - Simon and Garfunkel
 DISC EIGHT: *As Praias Desertas* - Charlie Byrd
 BOOK CHOICE – a big anthology of classic literature
 LUXURY CHOICE – a guitar
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE – *Scarborough Fair* - Simon and Garfunkel
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in January 1970.
SUN 10:30 Susan Hill - Autumn (m001g1g0)
 A middle-aged couple attempt to escape from the past by moving house.
 As they talk in the garden, they find this is not easy to achieve.
 Starring June Brown and Bernard Hepton.
 Drama written by Susan Hill.
 Eva June Brown
 Tom Bernard Hepton
 Director Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1985
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SUN 22:00 Electric Ink (b01jtn5)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Maddox has lost the job of news editor and now faces being sued.
 Starring John Sessions and Alex Jennings.
 Old hacks meet new media in this satire set in the changing world of the struggling newspaper industry.
 Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.
 A group of dysfunctional journalists attempt to cover major news stories at the same time as grappling with the demands of working in a multi-platform environment, watching circulation figures plummet and the recession causing half the workforce to be laid off.
 Maddox John Sessions
 Oliver Alex Jennings
 Freddy Stephen Wight
 Carol Polly Frame
 Masha Debbie Chazen
 Keith Sam Dale
 Producer: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.
SUN 22:30 Son of Cliche (b00p84qh)
 Austin Demoid
 David Coleman is the special guest (is it really?), plus Captain Invisible and lesser-known plays by William Shakespeare.
 Sketch comedy starring:
 Chris Barrie
 Nick Maloney
 Nick Wilton.
 Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.
 Producer: Alan Nixon
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001gn71)
 Bec Hill 1/2
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Jon Holmes chats to the comedian Bec Hill.
SUN 23:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b03bdsyt)
 Series 2
 Security
 DS Nick Mohammed is asked to provide additional security for a major event.
 Sitcom written and performed by Nick Mohammed.
 Longsuffering constables Colin and Anna aid and abet him in everything he does.
 With:
 Anna Crilly
 Colin Hoult
 Margaret Cabourn-Smith
 Will Andrews
 Script Editor: Johnny Sweet
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.
SUN 23:30 At Home With The Snails (b00cbcpb)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 After faking their deaths, can George and Beverly finally manage to reunite their family?
 Conclusion of Gerard Foster's comedy drama
 George Geoffrey Palmer
 Beverly Angela Thorne
 Alex Gerard Foster
 Rose Miranda Hart
 Hosana Debra Stephenson
 Leboeuf Dave Lamb
 Yates Tim Verrinder
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

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MON 05:00 Alexander (b007jx30)
 Preparation of the Sacrifice
 Young Alexander goes into battle to prove his manhood, meanwhile King Philip's remarriage plans cause tension....
 Starring Michael Maloney, Barry Foster and Simon Ward.
 David Wade's serial on the life of Alexander the Great.
 Alexander Michael Maloney
 Spirit of Achilles Barry Foster
 Spirit of Patroclus Simon Ward
 King Philip of Macedon Brian Cox
 Hephaestion Alex Jennings
 Queen Olympias Geraldine James
 Ptolemy Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Philotas Michael Onslow
 Pusanias James Telfer
 Aristander Barry Gordon
 Demaratos John Evitts
 Parmenion John Rye
 Antipatros David March
 Demosthene Malcolm Sinclair
 Attalos John Baddeley
 Music: Wilfredo Acosta
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.
MON 06:00 Detective (b04f8g8h)
 Series 2
 1. *A Dream of Riches*
 A robbery from a scrap merchant turns out to be a far from straightforward case - and a 'quiet' student proves to be anything but...
 The return of Robert Barr's stories of crime and detection in London.
 Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant, Dave Brook.
 With Christopher Blake as his young assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.
 DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 DC Harrison Peter Cleall
 Judy Jacqueline Tong
 Mrs Brown Betty Alberge
 Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley
 Carson Tony Caunter
 Inspector Stevens Nicholas Courtney
 Writer Robert Barr is well remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1982.
MON 06:30 Patrick O'Brian - Master and Commander (b04tvjx3)
 6. *The Question of Dishonour*
 1800: The events leading to the loss of the Sophie are revealed.
 Will Aubrey survive his court martial?
 Conclusion of Patrick O'Brian's popular Napoleonic seafaring adventure.
 Starring Michael Troughton and Nigel Anthony.
 Dramatised by Roger Danes.
 Jack Aubrey Michael Troughton
 Stephen Maturin Nigel Anthony
 Watt Russell Floyd
 James Dillon Charlie Simpson
 Judge Advocate Lloyd Johnston
 Julius Harte Peter Whitman
 Babbington Danny Kanaber (Child)
 Mowett Dominic Letts
 Marshall Neville Jason
 Granville/Stirling Gavin Muir
 Molly Harte Frances Jeater
 Mercedes Kristin Milfred
 Master Henry Ellis Nic Knight
 David Richards Richard Pearce
 Director: Adrian Bean
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.
MON 07:00 Book of the Week (b06b6htg8)
 The Crossway by Guy Stagg
 1. *France*
 An epic journey, but also an intimate one.
 After several years of mental illness, Guy Stagg set off one morning, from London, to walk to Canterbury. Ill-prepared and not entirely clear why he was doing this, he nevertheless got there. Exhausted, he lay beneath the Cathedral walls and then decided to continue.
 A few months later, on New Year's Day, 2013, he set out from Canterbury to follow the paths of the medieval pilgrims to Jerusalem.

Ten months and 5,500 kilometres later, he arrived.
This is the story of Guy's walk. Danger and physical hardship lay in his path but he was also haunted by the memories that he sought to flee and ambushed by echoes of his breakdown.
Five extracts follow some of his experiences through snow and storm across the Alps, among other pilgrims in Italy, despairing and alone in Greece, and finally to the incessant rounds of competing worship in Jerusalem.
It's a journey through the pathways of faith and recovery towards healing and understanding.
In this episode, Guy leaves England for France, where the weather turns grim and the strangers are kind.
Abridged in five parts by Jill Waters and Isobel Creed
Read by Jonathan Bailey
Producer: Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.
MON 07:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003ctr)
6. Reflections
Aziz ponders over Fielding's reflections, that there is something in India that doesn't suit English ladies.
Meanwhile Adela wonders why the doctor has not yet organised the promised expedition to the mysterious Marabar caves.
Tanika Gupta's imaginative and bold adaptation of EM Forster's masterful novel.
Mrs Moore Penelope Wilton
Adela Ellie Kendrick
Dr Aziz Shubham Saraf
Fielding Jonathan Firth
Servant Ronny Jhutti
Director Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.
MON 07:30 Dot (b071skpf)
Series 1
The Extraordinary Example of the Ha'penny Exchange
A little East End snotting has infiltrated the Cabinet War Rooms. But Dot's got important propaganda work to do.
How will she dispose of the little gremlin, whilst simultaneously concocting a stirring, yet pithy slogan for the war effort?
For King and country, she'll bally well try!
Comic adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel in the rollicking wartime comedy by Ed Harris.
Dot Fenella Woolgar
Myrtle Kate O'Flynn
Peg Freya Parker
Millicent Jane Slavin
Peabody David Acton
Ha'penny Alicia Ambrose-Bayly
Matron Susan Jameson
Right Honourable Washunrub Sean Baker
Director: Jessica Mitic
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
MON 08:00 Brothers in Law (b007jrs5)
Series 1
The Expert Witness
Faced with a case involving osteoarthritis, rookie barrister Roger Thursby must bone up on his medical knowledge.
Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was first published in 1955.
Adapted for radio from Frank Muir & Denis Norden's BBC TV scripts by Richard Waring.
Roger Thursby Richard Briers
Henry Blagrove Richard Waring
Sally Mannering Ann Davies
Belkin John Bresslin
Rennell Robert Dornington
Eagler Richard Caldrot
The Judge John Le Mesurier
Other parts played by:
Malcolm Hayes
Fredrick Treves
Clifford Norgate
Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.
Producer: David Hatch.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.
MON 08:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007k0nh)
Series 1
Episode 2
Activist turned ad writer Ken Handley finds himself assigned to the Conservative Party.
Starring Martin Jarvis.
Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising
Ken Handley Martin Jarvis
John 'Sandy' Beach Christopher Godwin
Freddie Lockwood West
June Wendy Richard
The General.....Bill Fraser
Johnnie.....Patrick Barr
With:
John Baddeley
Norma Ronald
David Tate
Michael Jayston
Bill Mitchell
Gary Cady
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1982.

MON 09:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00j6bh8)
Series 1
Episode 3
James Walton hosts the quiz show covering pop history from the '50s to the early noughties.
Regulars Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by:
Writer Richard Curtis
Broadcaster Anthony Wilson.
Reader: Beth Chalmers
Written and researched by James Walton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.
MON 09:30 Romantic Friction (b00764j4)
Clouds
Romance writer, Anna is blissfully happy.
Brian is finding that grading sand paper is fun when he's thinking about Anna.
Even faithful cockney muse Minnie is happy because it looks as if Anna's new-found romance is spilling over into her prose.
But could there be a cloud on the horizon when Brian's old friend Dougie unexpectedly turns up with the tempting offer of building fibreglass ducks in the Shetland Islands?
Starring Samantha Bond and Hugh Bonneville.
Michelle Read's four-part comedy-drama series.
Anna Samantha Bond
Brian Hugh Bonneville
Deirdre Beth Chambers
Fertility Doll Adjoa Andoh
Buddah Kammy Darweish
Brenda Michelle Read
Bob Andrew Wincott
Minnie Sue Elliott-Nicholls
Book Michael Fenton Stevens
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Producer: Dawn Ellis
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MON 16:00 Detective (b04f8g8h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 16:30 Patrick O'Brian - Master and Commander (b04tvjx3)
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MON 18:00 Brothers in Law (b007jrs5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 18:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007k0nh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00j6bh8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 19:30 Romantic Friction (b00764j4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 20:00 Radiolab (m000tppy)
Series 7
The Cataclysm Sentence
Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.
One day in 1961, the famous physicist Richard Feynman stepped in front of a Caltech lecture hall and posed this question to a group of undergraduate students: "If, in some cataclysm, all of scientific knowledge were to be destroyed, and only one sentence was passed on to the next generation of creatures, what statement would contain the most information in the fewest words?"
Radiolab explores, when in peril, what's the one sentence you would want to pass on to the next generation?
Jad Abumrad and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.
From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2020.
MON 21:00 Unreal: A Critical History of Reality TV (p0c71lfo)
6. Climbing The Ladder: Keeping Up With The Kardashians

Sirin Kale and Pandora Sykes delve into the story of America's First Family, the Kardashian-Jenners, and how they leveraged reality tv to redefine beauty ideals and create an entirely new category of uber-celebrity. Featuring interviews with Keeping Up With The Kardashians's executive producer for all 20 seasons, plus @NorisBlackBox creator, and many more.
Producer: Hannah Hufford
Executive Producer: Pandora Sykes
Executive Editor: James Cook
Content Producer: Hannah Robins
Technical Producer: Giles Aspen
Archive credits:
Keeping Up With the Kardashians, Bunim-Murray Productions
Oprah's Next Chapter, Harpo Studios
X17onlineVideo's video of Paris Hilton and Kim Kardashian with paparazzi
Kim Kardashian's Business Advice, Variety
MON 21:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pf12c)
Series 1
Monstrous Flowers
Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
Deep in the steamy forests of Sumatra, the largest flowers in the world bloom, albeit for under a week. But why are they so big?
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001fw1d)
Series 78
Episode 4
The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to Croydon's Fairfield Halls. Tony Hawks and Jo Brand take on Marcus Brigstocke and Graeme Garden with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment.
Producer - Jon Naismith
It is a BBC Studios production
MON 22:30 Dave Podmore (b00713j2)
Dave Podmore's World of Cricket
Episode 3
Asked to advise on a new cricketing film, the star player causes havoc in Hollywood.
Sitcom about the exploits of talented, amateurish, smug, inept and self-deluding English cricketer Dave Podmore.
Christopher Douglas stars as Pod.
Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.
Dave Chris Douglas
Andy Andrew Nickolds
With:
Nicola Sanderson
Chris Pavlo
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.
MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m001fwh2)
Christmas Specials 2022
Episode 1
BBC Radio 4 has a new owner, Woman's Hour has a new host, and David Beckham gets an unusual new role. Find out what all this can be about on all new Dead Ringers.

Performed by Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis MacLeod, Duncan Wisbey, Naomi McDonald and Anil Desai.

Written by Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain, Laurence Howarth, Sarah Campbell, Tom Coles and Ed Amsden, James Bugg, Toussaint Douglass, Robert Darke, Sophie Dickson and Edward Tew.

Produced and created by Bill Dare.
Production Co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow
MON 23:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b0sh6)
Episode 2
Pondering Tuscan holidays - and what is the greatest fruit or vegetable?
Craig Brown presents a bundle of parody, social observation and nonsense in a romp through anything that's newsworthy and a good many things that aren't.
Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright.
With:
John Humphrys
Ronni Ancona
Jon Culshaw
Lewis MacLeod
Sally Grace
Ewan Bailey
Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022

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TUE 04:30 Romantic Friction (b00764j4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Alexander (b007jx34)
 The Road to Gordium
 Warrior Alexander becomes King of Macedon and sets out to conquer the world.
 Starring Michael Maloney, Barry Foster and Simon Ward.
 David Wade's serial on the life of Alexander the Great.
 Alexander Michael Maloney
 Spirit of Achilles Barry Foster
 Spirit of Patroclus Simon Ward
 Hephaision Alex Jennings
 Queen Olympias Geraldine James
 Darius Charles Kay
 Harpalos Dominic Letts
 Perdikkas Mark Straker
 Charidemos Jonathan Adams
 Ptolemy Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Philotas Michael Onslow
 Anteaes Barry Gordon
 Simmias John Evitts
 Antipatros David March
 Demosthene Malcolm Sinclair
 Nabarzanes John Baddeley
 Music: Wilfredo Acosta
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.
TUE 06:00 Detective (b04fc958)
 Series 2
 2. Two on the Run
 Detective Sergeant Dave Brook finds himself pursuing a pair of foolish students - and fighting for a share of police resources. Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.
 Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran DS Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as his young assistant, DC Blair Maxton.
 DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley
 DC Harrison Peter Cleall
 Judy Jacqueline Tong
 DS Kelly John Judd
 Anna Emily Morgan
 Clark Gary Cady
 Drayton Stephen Garlick
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1982.
TUE 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvj)
 Series 2
 1. A Case of Frinks and Moores
 When an open-air sculpture exhibition is raided, pitman-turned-private eye Steven J Blackburn is thrown into the jungle of international dealing.
 Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.
 The return of ex-pitman turned private investigator, Stephen J Blackburn.
 Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.
 Stephen J. Blackburn Finetime Fontayne
 Tracey Duggan Judy Flynn
 Rollo Christopher Wilkinson
 Kerenki John Graham Davies
 Dempsey Kieran Cunningham
 Directed in Sheffield by Dave Sheasby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1991.
TUE 07:00 Book of the Week (b0b6m6cj)
 The Crossway by Guy Stagg
 2. The Alps
 On foot and alone in winter, the author is determined to cross the Alps.
 The monks he encounters along the way are sceptical.
 An epic journey, but also an intimate one.
 After several years of mental illness, Guy Stagg set off one morning, from London, to walk to Canterbury. Ill-prepared and not entirely clear why he was doing this, he nevertheless got there. Exhausted, he lay beneath the Cathedral walls and then decided to continue.
 A few months later, on New Year's Day, 2013, he set out from Canterbury to follow the paths of the medieval pilgrims to Jerusalem.
 Ten months and 5,500 kilometres later, he arrived.
 This is the story of Guy's walk. Danger and physical hardship lay in his path but he was also haunted by the memories that he sought to flee and ambushed by echoes of his breakdown.
 Five extracts follow some of his experiences through snow and storm across the Alps, among other pilgrims in Italy, despairing and alone in Greece, and finally to the incessant rounds of competing worship in Jerusalem.
 It's a journey through the pathways of faith and recovery towards healing and understanding.
 Abridged by Jill Waters and Isobel Creed
 Read by Jonathan Bailey

Producer: Jill Waters
 A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.
TUE 07:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003cyq)
 7. Marabar Caves
 Professor Godbole and Mr Fielding may have missed the train but all seems under control.
 Aziz leads the ladies into the intriguing Marabar caves bursting with pride and relief.
 Tanika Gupta's imaginative and bold adaptation of EM Forster's masterful novel.
 Mrs Moore Penelope Wilton
 Dr Aziz Shubham Saraf
 Servant Ronny Jhutti
 Professor Godbole Thusitha Jayasundera
 Adela Ellie Kendrick
 Fielding Jonathan Firth
 Director Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.
TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01fhys6)
 Series 8
 Original British Drama
 The unexpected consequence of this research is that Ed finds himself working in harmony with the 12-year-olds both on screen and in the coffee stations and tea points of power, to produce a piece of genuinely water-cooler factainment.
 The comical world of an author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail.
 Starring Christopher Douglas.
 Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.
 Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas
 Olive Stephanie Cole
 Pearl Rita May
 Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Pool Manager Nicola Sanderson
 Radio DJ Simon Greenall
 Stan Geoffrey Whitehead
 Policeman Martin Hyder
 Jake Sam Pamphilon
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jnm5)
 Series 7
 The Great Bank Robbery
 All set for the Long Distance Bass Drum Race, Neddie Seagoon is duped into villainy.
 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.
 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: Pat Dixon
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1956.
TUE 08:30 In the Balance (b007k26c)
 Episode 5
 Maverick BBC crime correspondent George Cragge has been murdered - or has he?
 Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.
 Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in the world of football, the BBC and party politics.
 George Cragge Michael Williams
 Superintendent Jefferson Barry Foster
 Prime Minister Jeremy Clyde
 John Matthews Jim Carter
 Crispin Trent Robert Bathurst
 With:
 Tracy Ann Oberman
 Peter Woodthorpe
 Susie Brann
 Christian Rodska
 Ioan Meredith
 Shirley Dixon
 Dave Lamb
 Joanna Monro
 Alex Lowe
 Christopher Scott
 Alice Arnold
 Music by Paul Mottram
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.
TUE 09:00 Who Goes There? (b007v2sv)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Martin Young chairs the quiz looking at lives of the noteworthy and notorious from the history books.
 Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego.
 With guests:
 Claire Rayner
 Roy Hattersley.
 Producer: Aled Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 09:30 No Commitments (b007jnz1)
 Series 7
 Soft Soap
 Charlotte makes her TV soap debut and Victoria has a change of heart.
 Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.
 Anna Rosemary Leach
 Charlotte Celia Imrie
 Victoria Angela Thorne
 Fran Alison Skilbeck
 Eddie James Greene
 Hot Tubes Presenter Lisa Coleman
 TV Announcer Simon Brett
 Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.
 Producer: Maria Esposito
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.
TUE 10:00 Alexander (b007jx34)
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TUE 11:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvj)
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TUE 12:00 Book of the Week (b0b6m6cj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 12:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003cyq)
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TUE 19:30 No Commitments (b007jnz1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m000pw5z)
 Series 7
 Approaching with Kindness
 A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
 Guy Raz explores how two simple words - 'thank you' - can change how you, and those around you, look at the world.
 First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2019.
TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0003c3d)
 Sharon D Clarke
 BBC TV's Holby City actress Sharon D Clarke chooses 'Sweet Jamaica' by Clancy Eccles and 'What's Goin' On' by Marvin Gaye.
TUE 21:00 Unreal: A Critical History of Reality TV (p0c71lxw)
 7. The British Docusoap: The Only Way Is Essex & Made In Chelsea
 Pandora Sykes and Sirin Kale look at how these BAFTA-winning reality shows became national treasures and explore why the ingredients for a good reality show are the same, wherever they are set. Featuring interviews with Spencer Matthews, Georgia Toffolo, James Lock, plus many more.
 Producer: Hannah Hufford
 Executive Producer: Pandora Sykes
 Executive Editor: James Cook
 Content Producer: Hannah Robins
 Technical Producer: Giles Aspen
 Archive credits:
 The British Academy Television Awards: 2011, Whizz Kid Entertainment
 The Only Way Is Essex, Lime Pictures
 Made in Chelsea, Monkey Kingdom
 Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Hot Sauce
 The Reality of Reality TV with Fleur East, Bauer Media
 What We Don't Post, Nicola Hughes and Tiffany Watson
 I've Been There: Amy Childs and Cosmetic Surgery, Nine Lives Media
TUE 21:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010t6c0)
 Series 2
 Butterflies
 When massing for their winter torpor in Mexico, the pine trees

Producer: Sam Michell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.
WED 09:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mqgrp)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 When his nightmare tennis client makes headlines, the sports agent tries to get tough.
 Stars Neil Pearson.
 Andy Hamilton's comedy about an honourable sports agent in a dishonourable world.
 Trevor Neil Pearson
 Meryl.....Claire Skinner
 Toby.....Matthew Thomas
 Sammy Paul Reynolds
 Ralph Michael Fenton Stevens
 Theresa Rosalind Ayres
 Heidrun Cosima Shaw
 Barry Abdul Salis
 Samantha.....Amber Sainsbury
 Written and produced by Andy Hamilton
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.
WED 10:00 Alexander (b00cfwr8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 11:00 Detective (b04fcx1d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvw)
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WED 12:00 Book of the Week (b0b6p5zk)
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WED 12:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003d6x)
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WED 12:30 Relativity (m0001y8z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jy6l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jsjq)
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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (b00v1qkl)
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WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m000f5zq)
 Andrea Levy: In Her Own Words
 Profiling the life and work of Andrea Levy, the best-selling author of *Small Island*, who died in February 2019.
 Speaking on condition that the recording would only be released after her death, Andrea Levy gave an in-depth interview to oral historian Sarah O'Reilly for the British Library's Authors' Lives project in 2014. Drawing on this recording, along with comments from friends, family and collaborators, this programme explores Levy's changing attitude towards her history and her heritage and how it is intimately bound up with her writing.
 Andrea Levy grew up in North London in the 1960s, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants. Her father Winston came to Britain in 1948 on the Empire Windrush, and her mother Amy arrived six months later. At home, Jamaica was never discussed. Levy recalls how her parents believed that, in order to get on in this country they should live quietly and not make a fuss, and the silence around race in the family home haunted her throughout her life.
 Writing came to Levy's rescue. Her first three books - 'Every Light In The House Burnin' (1994), 'Never Far from Nowhere' (1996) and 'Fruit of the Lemon' (1999) - explored questions of immigrant identity and were semi-autobiographical. Through her writing, she explored the historical connection between Britain and the Caribbean as a profoundly British concern, and her literary project was to make people of both small islands aware of their intertwined history.
 It was the publication of the prize-winning *Small Island* in 2004 that propelled Andrea Levy to international acclaim. The novel told the story of Jamaican families like her own integrating into post-war Britain and drew directly from the experiences of her parents and their passage to the Mother Country. The success of 'Small Island' held deep personal significance for Andrea. Writing 'The Long Song', her novel set on a 19th century Caribbean slave plantation, was, she says, 'the most terrifying

thing to have to go into'. With the recent Windrush scandal and wider debates about the legacy of the slave trade in Britain, Levy's work could not be more relevant. 'The Long Song' was published in 2010 and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. But it was during the writing of this book that Andrea was diagnosed with the cancer that would, she knew, eventually kill her.
 Andrea Levy speaks here for the first time about living with a terminal illness and her hopes for posterity. And we hear an excerpt from a previously unpublished dialogue from her archives, now housed at the British Library, in which she tackles her imminent demise with her trademark wit and wisdom.
 With Gary Younge, Baroness Lola Young, Louise Doughty, Helen Edmundson, Sarah Williams, Margaret Busby, Sharmaine Lovegrove, Catherine Hall and Andrea's husband Bill Maybain. Voice actors: Josef-Israel and Lynsey Murrell.
 Produced by Melissa FitzGerald & Sarah O'Reilly
 A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.
WED 21:00 Unreal: A Critical History of Reality TV (p0c71mrt)
 8. Lifestyles of The Mega-Rich: The Real Housewives & Selling Sunset
 Sirin Kale and Pandora Sykes slip into the moneyed world of the Californian 0.01% with the help of a Real Housewife and a Selling Sunset realtor, to examine property porn, toxic wealth, and why audiences want schadenfreude. Featuring interviews with Real Housewife's Taylor Armstrong, Selling Sunset's Mary Fitzgerald, plus the show creators and more.
 Producer: Hannah Hufford
 Executive Producer: Pandora Sykes
 Executive Editor: James Cook
 Content Producer: Hannah Robins
 Technical Producer: Giles Aspen
 Archive credits:
 The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills, Evolution Media
 Dallas, Lorimar Productions
 Desperate Housewives, Cherry Productions
 Selling Sunset, Done and Done Productions
 ABC News, ABC
WED 22:00 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m001fw5d)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 Granny Kumar is back. After a very successful first series Meera Syal's glorious comedy creation returns, with her great granddaughter Maya (Ambreen Razia) and arch nemesis "frenemy" Geeta (Harvey Virdi), to chat with the sisters.
 "This entertaining anecdote-packed show... creating a party vibe that brings out the best in her female guests." The Observer
 "It reads a fine line between the earnest and the rip-roaringly funny... It's the intimacy that makes it" Radio Times
 Ummi Kumar gathers together her favourite extraordinary women at Wembley Community Centre, aided by her millennial great granddaughter Maya and her arch nemesis "frenemy" Geeta, leader of the local Asian Ladies Silver Bats community group.
 The show is a women only party, where they share stories, laugh loads and chew the fat/dish the dirt/eat the laddos... A blend of sitcom, silliness and improvised chat, led by the best kind of interviewers who know how to make anyone talk - two really nousey old Indian women.
 This series, we'll be inspired and entertained by
 Episode 1: Casualty and Ackley Brigsie star Sunetra Sarker, and BBC Breakfast presenter and journalist Naga Munchetty
 Episode 2: Multi Olivier award winning actress Sharon D Clark, and stand-up comedian Shazia Mirza
 Episode 3: Playwright and novelist Bonnie Greer, and We Are Ladies Parts breakout star Anjana Vasani
 Episode 4: Vigil and Sarah Jane Adventures star Anjali Mohindra, and musician and presenter Myleene Klass
 Cast:
 Ummi Kumar – Meera Syal
 Geeta Bhandari – Harvey Virdi
 Maya Kumar – Ambreen Razia
 Written by Meera Syal
 Music by Sanjeev Bhaskar
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 A CPL production, licensed by Hat Trick Productions, for BBC Radio 4
WED 22:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00ls6bt)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 More fun and frolics round at Arthur Smith's home in Balham, south London.
 With comedians Stewart Lee and Reginald D Hunter.
 Plus music from Sophie Ellis-Bextor. Will she be in Arthur's kitchen?
 Pippa Evans - as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine - lends a hand.
 Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001gn73)
 Bec Hill 2/2
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Jon Holmes chats to the comedian Bec Hill.
WED 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (m001g2mq)

Series 5
 03/08/1991
 Chernobyl five years on, the Middle East and life insurance. Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on radio.
 Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell
 With Jasper Jacob and Felicity Montagu
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.
WED 23:30 Radio 9 (b0421tlp)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Welcome to Radio 9 – the notional and irrational home of the terminally strange.
 More from the Gay Board Game Olympics, plus Radiohead's happy single.
 Written and performed by Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker.
 With Sarah Walton, John Stevenson, Stefan Frank, Janice Vee, Matt Wilkinson and Michelle Gomez.
 Producers: Johnny Daukes and Katie Marsden
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

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THU 01:00 Detective (b04fcx1d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvw)
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THU 02:00 Book of the Week (b0b6p5zk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
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THU 04:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mqgrp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Alexander (b007q9by)
 Great Son of Ammon
 The King confronts and conquers, as he faces the end of the span of years allotted by The Fates.
 Starring Michael Maloney, Alex Jennings and Barry Foster.
 Conclusion of David Wade's serial on the life of Alexander the Great
 Alexander Michael Maloney
 Hephaestion Alex Jennings
 Achilles Barry Foster
 Patroclus Simon Ward
 Ptolemy Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Philotas Michael Onslow
 Perdikkas Mark Straker
 Bagoas Matthew Sim
 Artzbazus Philip Anthony
 Krateros David Thorpe
 Simmias John Eivitts
 Kalas Malcolm Sinclair
 Oxyartes John Hollis
 Kalanos Renu Setna
 Kallisthenes Jonathan Adams
 Page James Telfer
 The Fates Rachel Atkins
 The Fates Jill Graham
 The Fates Dana Payan
 Music: Wilfredo Acosta
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.
THU 06:00 Detective (b04fgp85)
 Series 2
 4. Contract to Kill
 DC Maxton finds himself in line for a possible promotion, while DS Brook gets a visit from a mystery woman...
 Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.
 CAST:
 DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 Chief Inspector Stephen Yardley
 DC Harrison Peter Cleall
 Judy Jacqueline Tong
 DS Kelly John Judd
 Anna Emily Morgan
 Tessa Mitchell Deirdre Costello
 Ronald Blake Roy Holder
 Desk Sergeant Steve Hodson
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.
THU 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w5d7)
 Series 2
 3. A Case of a Golden Smile

Written by and starring Viv Stanhall.
Contains edits of original John Peel sessions first heard on BBC Radio 1.
Music composed and performed by Viv Stanhall using additional musicians.
Producer: John Walters
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.
THU 23:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04svfsc)
Series 2
The Separatists
When the lights from a new zebra crossing outside Tom's parent's house causes insomnia in the Wigglesworth household, Tom's dad is forced to take matters into his own hands and cause a fuss. Not perhaps in the way everyone else would though...
Meanwhile, Tom is down in London preparing himself for a visit from the bailiffs.
With Kate Anthony, Paul Copley and Judy Parfitt.
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

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FRI 00:00 Alexander (b007q9by)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Detective (b04fpp85)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w5d7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Book of the Week (b0b6pd2y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003cly)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Hazelbeach (b00m0zz5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7tm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]
FRI 03:30 The Older Woman (b039wqbg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m00040mh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Clare in the Community (b008w1p4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Louis Robinson - Julie and the Prince (b0076kd0)

The intriguing and romantic story of Queen Victoria's father, Prince Edward, and his long-term mistress, Julie, "Madame de St Laurent".

Edward, the fourth son of George III, lived in the colonies with Julie until he was put under pressure to marry a German Princess and produce an heir to throne.

He faced a choice between giving up his true love or giving up his status as Prince.

Written by Louis Robinson.
Julie Julia Hills

Edward Timothy Watson
Lord Sefton David Timson
Lady Sefton Janet Dale
Crawford Sam Graham
Mr Murchison/Philippe Paul Clarkson
Mrs Murchison Buffy Davis
Queen Victoria Jaimi Barbakoff
Director: Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

FRI 06:00 Detective (b04fgwcj)

Series 2
5. Four Faces of Crime
DS Brook and DC Harrison meet the eccentric Mr Parsons. Meanwhile a gruesome meat axe murder is investigated...
Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr featuring long-serving, ducking-and-diving DS Dave Brook and his assistant, Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

CAST:

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley
DC Harrison Peter Cleall
Judy Jacqueline Tong
Peter Parsons Derek Francis
Tommy Johnny Wade

Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.

FRI 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w3zt)

Series 2

4. A Case of Whistle and Run
A routine case for private eye Stephen J Blackburn starts to look like his final investigation

One of four more cases for the private investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey. Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

CAST:

Stephen J. Blackburn Finetime Fontayne
Tracey Duggan Judy Flynn
Mam Rita May
Angela Daryl Fishwick
Rodney Christopher Kent

Scripted by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby
Producer: Dave Sheasby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.
FRI 07:00 Book of the Week (b0b6phlj)
The Crossway by Guy Stagge
5. Jerusalem
An epic journey, but also an intimate one. After several years of mental illness, Guy Stagge set off one morning, from London, to walk to Canterbury. Ill-prepared and not entirely clear why he was doing this, he nevertheless got there. Exhausted, he lay beneath the Cathedral walls and then decided to continue. A few months later, on New Year's Day, 2013, he set out from Canterbury to follow the paths of the medieval pilgrims to Jerusalem.
Ten months and 5,500 kilometres later, he arrived.
This is the story of his walk. Danger and physical hardship lay in his path, but he was also haunted by the memories that he sought to flee and ambushed by echoes of his breakdown.
In five extracts from his account, this reading follows some of his experiences through snow and storm across the Alps, among other pilgrims in Italy, despairing and alone in Greece, and finally to the incessant rounds of competing worship in Jerusalem.

It's a journey through the pathways of faith and recovery towards healing and understanding.

In this final episode, Guy arrives in Jerusalem and reflects on what he has learnt.

Written by Guy Stagge
Read by Jonathan Bailey
Abridged by Jill Waters and Isobel Creed
Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

FRI 07:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003d7j)
10. Victory

Tanika Gupta's imaginative and bold adaptation of E M Forster's masterful novel.
The trial over. A victory won. Fielding now has to arrange a safe passage back to England. The echo from the mysterious caves may have faded away and a ghost lost along the way but a legend is about to emerge.

Mrs Moore Penelope Wilton
Dr Aziz Shubham Saraf
Professor Godbole Thusitha Jayasundera
Fielding Jonathan Firth
Ralph Joseph Ayre
Director Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.

FRI 07:30 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b076p08g)

Series 1

Episode 3

Josie's 32nd birthday has her questioning whether her dream of one day having a family is now unrealistic.
Comedy drama about a young woman trying to build a more fulfilling life for herself in Glasgow.

Based on characters from the short films "Romance and Adventure" and "Let's Go Swimming" by Josie Long and Douglas King.

Josie Josie Long

Darren Darren Osborne
Roddy Sanjeev Kohli
Kerry Hatty Ashdown
Eleanor Clare Grogan
Chris Michael Bertenshaw
Mona Rebecca Hamilton
Fraser Chris Pavlo
Genevieve Puja Panchkoti

Written by Josie Long.

Producer: Colin Anderson
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.

FRI 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b01nw83v)

Series 1

The Beauty Queen Contest
Parsley Sidings' glamorous announcer Gloria Simpkins is pressured into promoting the sleepy station.

Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. The Hepplewhite family has run 'Parsley Sidings' station for generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes that his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk Bert wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter Percy Valentine is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signaller, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line.

CAST:

Horace Hepplewhite Arthur Lowe
Bert Hepplewhite Ian Lavender
Percy Valentine/Bradshaw/The Vicar Kenneth Connor
Gloria Simpkins Liz Fraser

Re-created announcements by Keith Skues.

Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1971.

FRI 08:30 Married (b00dvdif)

Series 3

Episode 6

Cantankerous bachelor Robin Lightfoot makes a vital discovery

about his parallel universes.

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy about a confirmed bachelor dealing with life in a parallel universe.

Robin Hugh Bonneville
Lesley Josie Lawrence
Dirk Stephen Frost
Maxine Ann Gosling
Ned Sam Bradley
Muriel Janet Ellis
Arthur Smith Himself

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

FRI 09:00 Act Your Age (b00ftb87)

Series 1

Episode 3

Simon Mayo hosts a three-way play-off to establish which generation of comedians is the funniest.

Captains Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker are joined by guests Josie Long, Justin Edwards and Mick Miller and Ed Byrne.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

FRI 09:30 Bleak Expectations (b00d7b5x)

Series 2

An Already Bad Life Made Worse but Sort of on Purpose

The comic Victorian epic sees Pip reach his lowest ebb in the worst place in the world, the East End of London in the first half of the 19th century.

Full of self-loathing Pip drinks some very strong gin, finds he is really quite keen on opium, and falls in with a gang of thieving boys. But is their leader, Mr Abraham Bagel, a Roman Catholic ne'er-do-well, all he seems?

Mark Evans's epic comedy in the style of Charles Dickens. Volume Two, Chapter the Fifth: An Already Bad Life Made Worse But Sort Of On Purpose.

CAST:

Sir Philip Richard Johnson
Mr Benevolent Anthony Head
Young Pip Tom Allen
Harry Biscuit James Bachman
Stembeater Geoffrey Whitehead
Ripely Fecund Sarah Hadland
Mr Parsimonious Laurence Howarth
Pippa Susy Kane
Mr Scrunge Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

FRI 10:00 Louis Robinson - Julie and the Prince (b0076kd0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

FRI 11:00 Detective (b04fgwcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w3zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 Book of the Week (b0b6phlj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003d7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 12:30 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b076p08g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Parsley Sidings (b01nw83v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Married (b00dvdif)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Act Your Age (b00ftb87)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 Bleak Expectations (b00d7b5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Louis Robinson - Julie and the Prince (b0076kd0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Detective (b04fgwcj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 16:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w3zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Book of the Week (b0b6phlj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:15 EM Forster - A Passage to India (m0003d7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 17:30 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b076p08g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Parsley Sidings (b01nw83v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Married (b00dvdif)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Act Your Age (b00ftb87)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Bleak Expectations (b00d7b5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Ghost Stories from Theatreland (b06kqghc)

From Drury Lane to the old playhouses of Edinburgh, tales of long-dead stage-hands, actors and theatre managers who haunt the stage abound. These stories have usually only been whispered about backstage... until now. Actor Jack Shepherd gets fellow actors and theatre staff to open up about their ghostly experiences in some of Britain's spookiest theatres. He hears of the ghost of Joseph Grimaldi at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, where actors believe the clown gives them a shove in the back when they've missed their cue or their mark on

stage. There's the tale of the ghost of the 19th century actress Sarah Bernhardt, who is said to haunt the corridors of Brighton's Theatre Royal, and of the man in 18th century dress who appeared to a former artistic director of the old Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh.

Jack is our sceptical guide. Strange things happen in the theatre, and there is usually an explanation. Only what is it?

So widespread is the belief in haunted theatres in Britain that many have a 'ghost light' burning on stage all through the night. In Shakespeare's time it would have been a candle. Now it is a single bare lightbulb, intended to keep the ghosts at bay.

Contributors include Fiona Shaw, Gawn Grainger, Deborah Warner, Sir Richard Eyre and Max Stafford-Clark.

Produced by Eve Stretter

A Greenpoint production for BBC Radio 4

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 20:30 Be My Guest (m001gln8)

Eamonn Andrews

The sports commentator, presenter, and interviewer recalls some of the people he has met on radio and in television, including the programmes 'Sports Report,' 'What's My Line?' and 'This Is Your Life,' and invites you to join him in listening to some favourite records.

Eamonn Andrews is best known for presenting the television series 'This is Your Life.' Made by the BBC and later by ITV, it began in 1955 and ended in 2003. Based on the American show of the same name, each week celebrity guests were surprised by Eamonn Andrews and his big red book.

Here, Eamonn shares highlights from his varied career where he started as a boxing commentator before securing a fifteen minute programme on Radio Eireann.

Inviting a variety of guests from the world of entertainment - Be My Guest ran for several series spanning the 1960s and 80s.

Producer: Richard Burwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

FRI 21:00 Unreal: A Critical History of Reality TV (p0c7lndp)

10. A Format In Crisis & The Future of Reality TV: Love Island, Part 2

Sirin Kale and Pandora Sykes look at how one of TV's most popular shows became mired in tragedy and controversy.

Where did it all go wrong? And is this the end for reality TV?

Featuring interviews with Megan Barton-Hanson, Dr Alex

George, Jake Cornish, Rachel Finni and many more.

Producer: Hannah Hufford

Executive Producer: Pandora Sykes

Executive Editor: James Cook

Content Producer: Hannah Robins

Technical Producer: Giles Aspen

Archive credits:

The Victoria Derbyshire Show, BBC

Love Island, ITV Studios/Lifted Entertainment/Motion Content Group

This Morning, Granada Television

Caroline Flack: Her Life and Death, Curious Films

1Xtra Talks with Richie Brave, BBC

Sophie Gradon On Internet Trolls, Radio Aire

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee meeting 14

September 2021, Parliamentary Recording Unit

The Great British Bake Off, Love Productions

The Voice, Wall to Wall

Big Brother, Endemol UK

FRI 21:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010mwv4)

Series 2

Monsters

Fire breathing dragons are clearly something from legend, but what about a monster that lives in an ancient deep lake?

Sir David Attenborough reflects on a time when pre-eminent conservationist and naturalist Peter Scott was acquiring

evidence to prove - or disprove - the existence of the Loch Ness Monster. No such giant creature has ever been found, but this is an intriguing tale of discovery.

David moves his story beyond the Scottish Highlands and into the Himalayas - where he reveals something very surprising.

Written and presented by David Attenborough

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m001g1nn)

Series 3

The Confession of Jessie Cave

Stephen Mangan is back with another series of his comedy chat show about shame, guilt and occasional repentance.

Each week, Stephen invites a distinguished guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions to him. An antidote to conventional talk shows, their stories don't reflect their proudest moments. Stephen could not be less interested in those. He wants them to open up about their darker side. Settle back for stimulating journeys through shame, regret and toe curling embarrassment.

The series begins with Harry Potter actor, writer, podcaster, cartoonist and illustrator, Jessie Cave in the hot seat.

Presenter: Stephen Mangan

Additional material by Nick Doody

Producer: Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 The Cariad Radio Show (b043659k)

Cariad Lloyd stars in a character-driven audience sketch show including creations like:

* Kooky girl Joooney

* Terrifying villain Cockney Sam

* Robot Mum (who can search the web for appropriate motherly feelings)

* Cheery Welsh Judith who does all the admin for a sinister cult

* The peculiar arts-and-crafts-fuelled antics of Crafty Jack.

With Tom Golding, Louise Ford, Graham Dickson.

Producers: Rupert Majendie and Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

FRI 23:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbcl)

The Brothers Faversham

Theseus Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's most respected detective -

Theseus Faversham.

The comedy sketch trio present swashbuckling tales of four

brothers born into the same privileged aristocratic family -

Horatius, Theseus, Leonidas and Augustus.

Written by and starring Humphrey Ker, David Reed and Thom

Tuck.

Alexandra Faversham ... Ingrid Oliver

Narrator... Miles Jupp.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in January 2008.

FRI 23:30 James Acaster's Perfect Sounds (p0byljv1)

Series 2

Nathan Caton & an OST to Nothing

Wes Borland you may remember as the guitarist in '90s

rock/rap outfit Limp Bizkit. In 2016 he released Crystal

Machete, a soundtrack to an imagined film.

James and Nathan try to imagine what that film would look like.