

## SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER 2022

## SAT 00:00 Doctor Who (m001g9x3)

The War Doctor

2. The Thousand Worlds

With the high-ranking Time Lord Seratrix behind enemy lines, the War Doctor finds himself assigned to a rescue mission.

But any room for manoeuvre is severely restricted by an area of space known as the Null Zone.

Times have changed on Keska, and a countdown to destruction is beginning.

But who are the Taalyens and what is their part in the great and terrifying Dalek plan?

John Hurt stars as The War Doctor.

The War Doctor .... John Hurt

Cardinal Ollistra .... Jacqueline Pearce

Rejoice .... Lucy Briggs-Owen

Garv .... John Bank

Velkin .... Beth Chalmers

Arverton .... Barnaby Edwards

Bennus .... Kieran Hodgson

The Slave .... Carolyn Seymour

Seratrix .... Alex Wyndham

The Daleks .... Nicholas Briggs

Original music written by Howard Carter.

Artwork by Tom Webster.

Written and directed by Nicholas Briggs for Big Finish in 2015.

## SAT 01:00 Lena Marsh, Live and Shticking! (m0001r8b)

She's Big, She's Brash, She's Still Breathing and She's Here!

Lena Marsh is the self-proclaimed, 'Broad of Broadway'. Now

in her 90th decade she's in London to record a new Christmas

album at the BBC, with the help of her showbiz chums

including the legend that is Michael Ball, Olivier Award-

winning musical sensation Sharon D Clarke and Kevin Whatley.

With a son and daughter who both want their mother dead, what

could possibly go wrong in this festive action comedy - full of

surprises and twists - from the team behind hit Radio 4 comedy,

Incredible Women.

Expect candid conversation, surprise revelations and hilarious

action as Incredible Women's Jeremy Front raises the red velvet

curtain on Lena Marsh - Live and Shticking!

Starring Rebecca Front as Lena Marsh.

Written by Jeremy Front

With:

Jeremy Front

Samantha Spiro

Jenny Bede

Lewis Macleod

Jason Forbes

Guest cameos by:

Michael Ball

Sharon D Clarke

Kevin Whatley

Producer Simon Nicholls

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

## SAT 01:45 The Mousehole Cat by Antonia Barber

(b018j6s3)

When the Cornish Village of Mousehole is starving one

Christmas, Tom sails out into the storm to fish, helped only by

his old cat.

Jon Angove reads Antonia Barber's short story.

Producer: Peter Fozzard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 2005.

## SAT 02:00 Detective (b04g457y)

Series 2

10. The Point of No Return

DS Dave Brook and DC Blair Maxton get moving on the Kemp

case, but are they too late?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant Dave

Brook and Christopher Blake as Detective Constable 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

Carson .... Tony Caunter

James Clark .... Gary Cadby

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1982.

## SAT 02:30 The Left-Handed Sleeper (m000q2b1)

5. Domino

The action heats up in Tangier with deals to be done.

But Patrick Cadwall is running out of time...

Starring Christopher Scouler, Richard Pasco and Annette

Crosbie.

Gripping conclusion of the spy thriller serial featuring its author

Ted Willis.

Patrick Cadwall .... Richard Pasco

Mark Ritchie .... Christopher Scouler

Christine Ritchie .... Annette Crosbie

Sweeney .... Alex Jennings

Bedayev .... Andrew Sachs

Svanidze .... Barry Dennen

Det Chief Supt Dell .... David Daker

David Hume .... Eric Lander

Shirley Graham .... Frances Jeater

Ronald Mills .... Nigel Graham

Mrs Dunning .... Teresa Collard

Marian Brown .... Thelma Whiteley

Narrator .... Ted Willis

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982.

## SAT 03:00 Maigret (m0001rzn)

A Maigret Christmas

5. Secrets

On Christmas Day, as the snow begins to fall in Paris, Inspector

Maigret receives two unexpected visitors.

A young girl claims to have seen Father Christmas in her room,

behaving strangely and cutting a hole in the floor. He agrees to

investigate.

What is Madame Martin hiding? And what will become of

Colette?

Can Maigret discover the truth?

Sir Derek Jacobi concludes a classic Inspector Maigret mystery

by Georges Simenon.

Translated by David Coward.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

## SAT 03:15 HighLites - Split Ends (b03k2gqj)

5. Tess

It's already been quite a week for bride-to-be, Tess.

Maybe a visit to HighLites is the last thing she needs...

Comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.

Bev ..... Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirley ..... Rosie Cavaliero

Tess ..... Priyanga Burford

Nigel ..... John Norton

Romnie ..... Michael Bertenshaw

Producer: Jessica Dromgoole

Director: Colin Guthrie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

## SAT 03:30 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b077jp15)

Series 1

Episode 4

Josie and Darren go camping but find themselves disastrously ill

equipped for the great outdoors.

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

Margaret ..... Clare Grogan

PCSO Officer ..... Chris Pavlo

The Podcaster ..... Jesse Thorn

Shondra ..... Claudia O'Doherty

Unfeasably Handsome Man ..... John Early

Written by Josie Long.

Producer: Colin Anderson

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first

broadcast in April 2016.

## SAT 04:00 Parsley Sidings (b01p0x1b)

Series 1

The Inspector Calls

The threat of closure from an official inspection calls for

desperate measures at the sleepy station.

Starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender.

Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway

station.

Horace .... Arthur Lowe

Bert .... Ian Lavender

Percy .... Kenneth Connor

Gloria .... Liz Fraser

Phineas Perkins .... John Graham

Re-created announcements by Keith Skues.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1971.

## SAT 04:30 Winston (b00g1hb2)

Winston at Christmas

Nancy has always had lovely family Christmases. So happy. So

loving. So.... But then she discovers Winston filling his

pillowcases with all the food from the fridge.

Festive episode of Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy series.

Winston .... Bill Wallis

Father .... Maurice Denham

Nancy .... Shirley Dixon

Rosie .... Liz Goulding

William .... Christian Rodska

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Christmas Day, 1991.

## SAT 05:00 Act Your Age (b00g0nnv)

Series 1

Episode 4

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 Holly Walsh, Justin Moorhouse and Barry

Cryer.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

## SAT 05:30 Bleak Expectations (b00db5bt)

Series 2

A Happy Life Broken and Then Mended a Bit

You're cordially invited to cover before the terrifying spectacle

of the Martian invasion, where only Pip and some geese stand

between Mr Benevolent's army of long-eared purple space

villains and all that is good and true....

The final chapter of the Victorian comic epic, and the whole

planet is in terrible danger when Pip's evil ex-guardian Mr

Gently Benevolent summons a massive Martian invasion. Is this

the end for Pip, Harry and the rest of the human race? And will

Pippa's goose sanctuary be all right?

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

Chapter the Last: A Happy Life Broken and then Mended a Bit

Sir Philip.....Richard Johnson

Mr Benevolent.....Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit.....James Bachman

Young Pip.....Tom Allen

Sternbeater.....Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Fecund.....Sarah Hadland

Mr Parsimonious.....Laurence Howarth

Pippa.....Susy Kane

Sundry learned gentlemen.....Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

## SAT 06:00 The Nutcracker Christmas (m001ghsh)

It's Christmas Eve in Moscow and Natalia is in trouble for

cutting characters out of her picture books. Her family go to the

Bolshoi Ballet and she must stay behind.

But left alone with Grandpa Igor, Natalia finds that the story of

the Nutcracker can be brought to life at home, with a little help

from some abandoned characters and her own imagination.

Starring With Bernard Hepton and Stella Gonet.

Festive drama written by Nicholas McNerny.

Igor .... Bernard Hepton

Anna .... Stella Gonet

Natalia .... Sriol Jenkins

Young Igor .... Ashley Bird

Clara .... Deborah Berlin

Boris .... Patrick Brennan

Dmitri .... Richard Pearce

Victoria .... Melanie Walters

Grigori .... Richard Tate

Drosselmeyer .... Ivor Roberts

Mouse King .... David Bannerman

Tchaikovsky's music realised by Matthew Bailey and Stewart

Lucas.

Director: Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

## SAT 07:30 Telling Tales (m000cmb2)

Jeremy Dyson

In the run up to Christmas, settle in for some ghost stories and

strange tales with the award-winning author, director and

screenwriter Jeremy Dyson.

Jeremy talks about the authors who inspired him, not least

Robert Aickman, who preferred the term "strange tales" to

"ghost stories" and had a deep reverence for things we cannot

understand.

Jeremy began writing his own strange tales when he was still

working in a Leeds bookshop, scribbling down notes as he came

up with ideas, and selling his first short story to a customer.

But then The League Of Gentlemen took off, the comic and

occasionally grotesque stage show starring Mark Gatiss, Steve

Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith, which transferred to radio,

and then television - with award-winning results.

He remembers The League Of Gentlemen Christmas Special in

2000, an anthology of spooky stories which deliver drama,

comedy and fear. Jeremy considers it the apotheosis of this

series, which celebrated its 20th anniversary with three new

episodes and another live tour in 2017.

Jeremy talks about his writing and projects away from Royston

Vasey. These include Ghost Stories, the long-running stage

show Jeremy co-wrote and directed with Andy Nyman, which

was adapted for the big screen last year. The production draws

upon all the tricks in the book, to conjure fear in the audience,

as the stories unfold.

We also enjoy two unsettling short stories from Jeremy's debut

collection, Never Trust A Rabbit, which was published in 2000

and adapted for BBC Radio 4.

Produced and presented by Ali Gardiner for Radio 4 Extra.

First broadcast in 2019.

## SAT 08:30 The Night The Animals Talked (b0077268)

Chatter at the stroke of midnight!

Ian McMillan's magical exploration of Christmas Eve legends

from around the world

With contributions from:

Luke Carver Goss

Taffy Thomas

Christine Kenyon-Jones (Kings College, London)

Maddy Pryor

Ben Haggerty

Producer: Viv Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

## SAT 09:00 Life With The Lyons (m001ghsh)

And A Merry Christmas To All

Barbara is newly-married - so where will she spend Christmas

Day?

Sitcom with a real-life American family - starring Bebe Daniels

and Ben Lyon.

Joined by their children Barbara and Richard, the series ran for

260 episodes from 1950 to 1961.

With:

Barbara Lyon  
Richard Lyon  
Horace Percival  
Doris Rogers  
Molly Weir  
Hugh Morton  
Gwen Lewis  
Richard Bellaers

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 December 1956

**SAT 09:30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqgh)**

Bartholomew, Blackmail and Barefaced Lies

An expensive statue lands Bertie Wooster in a pickle.

PG Wodehouse romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Adapted by Richard Osborne.

Jeeves .... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster .... Richard Briers

Gussie Fink-Nottle .... Jonathan Cecil

Sir Watkyn Bassett .... John Le Mesurier

Bartholomew the Aberdeen Terrier .... Percy Edwards

'Stiffy' Bing .... Denise Coffey

Major Plank .... Ronald Fraser

Roderick Spode .... Paul Eddington

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

**SAT 10:00 Sue Perkins' Christmas Comedy Stocking (m000cqdb)**

Series 1

3. I'm Sorry I Haven't a Christmas Carol

Sue Perkins finishes off the leftovers as she rounds off her seasonal selection of vintage BBC Christmas comedy:

The last of three festive fun-packed stockings:

\* I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T A CHRISTMAS CAROL: From December 2003.

Humphrey Lyttelton makes for a convincing Scrooge in the all-star Clue cast's unique interpretation of the Charles Dickens classic.

Stephen Fry narrates.

With:

Tim Brooke-Taylor

Barry Cryer

Linda Smith

Jeremy Hardy

Andy Hamilton

Sandi Toksvig

Tony Hawks

Graeme Garden.

Producer: Sarah Wade

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2010.

**SAT 11:00 The Nutcracker Christmas (m001ghsh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 12:30 Telling Tales (m000cmb2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 13:30 The Night The Animals Talked (b0077268)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SAT 14:00 Life With The Lyons (m001ghsw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqgh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 Sue Perkins' Christmas Comedy Stocking (m000cqdb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Doctor Who (m001g9x3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

**SAT 17:00 The Nutcracker Christmas (m001ghsh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 18:30 Telling Tales (m000cmb2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 19:30 The Night The Animals Talked (b0077268)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SAT 20:00 Life With The Lyons (m001ghsw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqgh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 Sue Perkins' Christmas Comedy Stocking (m000cqdb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b01mx27b)**

Series 2

Episode 3

John Finnemore with another sketch-packed show.

Including a sketch about messengers, a sketch about the history of alchemy and a sketch... Sketch? "Sketch"? Sorry, you know when you repeat a word so often it starts to go weird? "Sketch".

Sketch! Ssssssketch. That's got it, better now. Anyway, there's a sketch about that.

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 Britain in Bits with Ross Noble (m0000y9y)**

Episode 1

Ross Noble's surreal magazine show featuring celebrity guests and stories from around Britain - the best bits, the worst bits, the fascinating bits and the downright strange bits.

With presenter, author and actress Fern Britton

Piers reports on the new musical about to make a splash in London's West End - Boulangerie du Honte, a prequel to Les Miserables.

We also hear about the rise in pickpockets and how we can protect ourselves, and an amazing story about an unlikely pregnancy in Yorkshire.

Written by and starring Ross Noble.

With:

Emma Sidi

George Fouracres

Hadley Fraser

Summer Strallen

Producer: Matt Stronge

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

**SAT 23:00 Danny Robins Music Therapy (b00f476)**

Episode 4

Danny Robins harnesses the power of music to improve the world and solve listeners' problems.

Danny campaigns for bagpipes to be celebrated rather than reviled and tries his hand at writing a 'Winterval' No 1 hit single.

With Isy Suttie and special musical guest rapper Doc Brown.

Producer: Ben Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

**SAT 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007wwdf)**

Series 2

Peter Purves

John discovers Blue Peter's Peter Purves has always wanted to play a nasty character. Would he audition for the role of Captain Hook in the drop-in centre's production of Peter Pan?

The semi-detached world of aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth direct from his front room in Sheffield.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

With:

Phil Nichol

Milton Jones

Additional material by Martin Willis.

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000

## SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2022

**SUN 00:00 John Dickson Carr - Blind Man's Hood (m001ghsp)**

A spurned lover finally has occasion to wreak her revenge.

Vintage ghost story by American author John Dickson Carr.

Dramatised by Michael and Molly Hardwick.

Rodney Hunter .... Terence Hardiman

Muriel Hunter .... Liane Aukin

The Hostess .... Jill Bennett

Dr Sutton .... Jonathan Scott

Jeremy Wilkes .... Denys Hawthorne

Pawley .... George Merritt

Mrs Fenton .... Aileen Harte

Mr Fenton .... Humphrey Morton

Mrs Wilkes .... Gudrun Ure

Miss Abbott .... Vivienne Chatterton

Producer: Charles Lefaux

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1963.

**SUN 00:30 Charles Dickens (b00wt8ty)**

The Story of the Goblins Who Stole a Sexton

Gabriel Grubb, a surly grave-digger, is stolen away from the churchyard by goblins.

They out to teach him some valuable lessons about Christmas cheer.

Clive Francis reads Charles Dickens's seasonal tale.

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

**SUN 00:45 Absent Friends - The 7th Dimension (m001ghz9)**

Episode 1

Toby Hadoke pays tribute to some of the performers, producers and writers from the world of sci fi, horror & fantasy whom we've lost in 2022 - including the vision mixer Shirley Coward,

the actor Stephen Churchett and the screenwriter Chris Boucher.

The first of two episodes.

Produced by Moy McGowan

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

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**SUN 04:30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves (b007jqgh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:00 Sue Perkins' Christmas Comedy Stocking (m000cqdb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001ghyt)**

The Hunting Of The Snark read by Alec Guinness

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Hunting of the Snark by Lewis Carroll.

Alec Guinness reads Lewis Carroll's epic nonsense poem - a surreal odyssey in which a bizarre group of characters sets off in search of an elusive and mysterious beast.

Producer: Douglas Cleverdon

First broadcast on the BBC Third Programme in December 1963.

**SUN 06:30 A Maigret Christmas (Omnibus) (m0001st9)**

On Christmas Day, as the snow begins to fall in Paris, Inspector Maigret receives two unexpected visitors.

A young girl claims to have seen Father Christmas in her room, behaving strangely and cutting a hole in the floor.

He agrees to investigate...

Sir Derek Jacobi reads a classic Inspector Maigret.

Written by Georges Simenon and translated by David Coward.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

**SUN 07:50 HighLites (Omnibus) (b03k6mk9)**

Split Ends

Bridgeford is blessed with the meanest hairdresser in Britain, and the stupidest.

An impending wedding looks like a great opportunity for Bev. The fact that her rival, Anton, has already secured the business is not likely to put her off.

Comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.

Omnibus of five parts.

Bev ..... Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirley ..... Rosie Cavaliero

Nigel ..... John Norton

Enid ..... Nicola Sloane

Lois ..... Stephanie Racine

Ronnie ..... Michael Bertenshaw

Liz ..... Christine Absalom

Harriet ..... Carolyn Pickles

Butt ..... Sean Murray

Tess ..... Priyanga Burford

Producer: Jessica Dromgoole.

Director: Colin Guthrie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

**SUN 09:00 Stilgoe's Around (b007k3r0)**

Guy's Hospital, London

Richard Stilgoe and company are admitted to Guy's Hospital in London for sound tests.

Visiting time is 'now', so, pull up a chair, don't eat all the grapes but put on the headphones and hear the result.

With:

Emma Thompson

The Cambridge Buskers

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1984.

**SUN 09:30 Something to Shout About (m0001rq9)**

Series 2

Episode 6

The team finds a novel use for the cake mix they're supposed to be advertising.

"A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!"

Set in a London ad agency called Apsley, Addis, Cohen,

Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners.

Written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolfe.

Michael .... Michael Medwin

Janet .... Fenella Fielding

Mavis .... Joan Sims

Maggie .... Eleanor Summerfield

Adrian .... Nicholas Phipps

Mr Giddy .... Warren Mitchell.

Producer: Eric Miller

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1961.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001ghz4)**

Lost Gems

Dudley Moore CBE

From Blood, Sweat & Tears to Ludwig van Beethoven.

Comedian, composer, pianist and actor Dudley Moore shares his castaway choices with Roy Plomley.

Born in Dagenham, Essex, Dudley recalls how his gift for music won him an organ scholarship to Oxford's Magdalen College.

He left in 1958 as an accomplished jazz pianist, performing with Johnny Dankworth and touring the US for a year with the Vic Lewis band.

On his return, he met the late Peter Cook and was asked to join the Edinburgh Festival comedy revue, Beyond The Fringe in 1960. Also starring Alan Bennett and Jonathan Miller, the extended show went on to run for four years in London's West End and on Broadway in New York.

Dudley explains how his partnership with Peter led to the creation of their classic characters Dud and Pete for BBC TV.

Writing film scores also kept him busy.

Dudley Moore went on to pursue a successful career in

Hollywood, starring in a number of hit screen comedies. Most memorably he played alongside Bo Derek in the movie 10 in

1979. His role as a hard-drinking millionaire in 1981's Arthur

won him an Oscar nomination.

By the late 1990s, Moore endured a number of illnesses – developing the rare condition Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. He revealed how the affliction sadly robbed him of his greatest pleasure – his ability to play music. Married and divorced four times, Dudley Moore was awarded a CBE in 2001.

Born in 1935, he died aged 66 in 2002.

DISC ONE: Bach's Mass in B Minor - Maria Stader and Hertha Topper with the Munich Bach Orchestra

DISC TWO: Blood, Sweat & Tears - Spinning Wheel

DISC THREE: Mahler's Nun seh' ich wohl, warum so dunkle

Flammen (from Kindertotenlieder) - Kathleen Ferrier with the

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (Conductor: Bruno Walter)

DISC FOUR: Little Miss Britten - Dudley Moore

DISC FIVE: Diminuendo and Crescendo in Blue - Duke

Ellington and His Orchestra

DISC SIX: Webern's Bagatelles for String Quartet - Pro Arte

Quartet

DISC SEVEN: Lilian Lust (from Bedazzled) - Dudley Moore

DISC EIGHT: Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 in E flat major,

Op. 55 "Eroica" Philharmonia Orchestra (Conductor: Otto

Klemperer)

BOOK CHOICE - Study of psychology

LUXURY CHOICE - Piano

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE - Beethoven's Symphony No. 3

in E flat major, Op. 55 "Eroica" Philharmonia Orchestra

(Conductor: Otto Klemperer)

Producer: Ronald Cook

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1969.

**SUN 10:30 Joe Mahon - A Christmas Story (b09k8v2y)**

"Molly's mind raced round the house. The back door was shut

and bolted, as was the front door.

All the windows were closed and tightly locked, even the

fanlight.

She looked at the fireplace. The fire was nearly out. Well, if he

could get down the chimney then he really was supernatural...."

A widower spreads festive cheer in his local, ageing

community.

Starring Michael Gormley and Sheila McGibbon.

Festive tale written by Jo Mahon,

Joe ..... Michael Gormley

Miss Kincaid ..... Sheila McGibbon

Narrator ..... Maureen Gallagher

Producer: Maureen Gallagher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1985

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**SUN 22:00 Electric Ink (b01jyq9c)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Struggling print journalist Maddox takes a moral stance with

disastrous results.

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.

Maddox ..... John Sessions

Oliver ..... Alex Jennings

Freddy ..... Stephen Wright

Carol ..... Polly Frame

Masha ..... Debbie Chazen

With:

Joanna Monro

Sean Baker

Adeel Akhtar

Henry Devas

Sam Dale.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

**SUN 22:30 Party (m0001r7w)**

Christmas Special

The group of aspiring political agitators reunite several years

on, to reappaly their small minds to big problems.

In this Christmas special, how will they take on Donald Trump?

Tom Basden's s critically acclaimed satirical comedy about a

political party run by young idealists.

Simon ..... Tom Basden

Mel ..... Anna Crilly

Duncan ..... Tim Key

Jared ..... Jonny Sweet

Phoebe ..... Katy Wix

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

December 2018.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001h54v)**

Tim Vine 1/2

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Laura Lexx talks

to Tim Vine.

**SUN 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b007k078)**

Christmas Special 2002

2/2. Knocking on Heaven's Door

Satan's epic quest ends as he meets Death, St Peter and his

rottweilers - and Davina McCall.

Conclusion of Andy Hamilton's two-part devilishly funny,

festive special set in Hell.

Satan ..... Andy Hamilton

The Professor ..... James Grout

Thomas ..... Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn ..... Robert Duncan

Hope ..... Claire Skinner

With:

Philip Pope

Felicity Montagu

Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

**SUN 23:30 4 at the Store (b007jw7y)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Christmas flavoured stand-up show from London's Comedy

Store.

Hosted by Simon Bligh.

With:

Luke Ponte

Mitch Benn

Ian Moore.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.

## MONDAY 26 DECEMBER 2022

**MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001ghyt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 A Maigret Christmas (Omnibus) (m0001st9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

**MON 01:50 HighLites (Omnibus) (b03k6mk9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

**MON 03:00 Stilgoe's Around (b007k3r0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

**MON 03:30 Something to Shout About (m0001rq9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

**MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001ghz4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 04:30 Joe Mahon - A Christmas Story (b09k8v2y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Emile Zola - His Masterpiece (m001ghzh)**

Episode 1

The desperate struggle of an impoverished young painter to win

public and critical approval.

Starring Rob Edwards and Tracy Wiles.

Emile Zola's powerful novel based on his friendship with Paul

Cezanne - first published in 1886.

Dramatised in two parts by Jane Beeson.

Claude Lantier .... Rob Edwards

Christine .... Tracy Wiles

Narrator .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Sandoz .... Charles Simpson

Young Claude .... Richard Pearce

Young Sandoz .... David Antrobus

Bongrand .... John Baddeley

Dubuche .... Daniel Philpott

Fagerolles .... Jonathan Taffler

Jory .... Paul Panting

Jacques .... Melinda Walker

Concierge .... Zulema Dene

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996

**MON 06:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1w35)**

Series 1

1. Vanished

A man mysteriously disappears en route from London to start a

new secret new job in Leeds. But when detectives Trueman and

Riley start to probe, they uncover a deeper mystery...

Starring Robert Daws and Duncan Preston.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo

is set in Leeds.

DI Trueman .... Robert Daws

DS Riley .... Duncan Preston

Janie Tully .... Amy Robbins

Nick Tully .... John Dougal

The Barmaid .... Rachel Bavidge

The duo began life on BBC Radio 4 in 2002, with DI Trueman

called back to work after a nervous breakdown in order to solve

a high profile murder case, backed up by Detective

Superintendent Riley. This was followed by three crime dramas

in 2005.

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.

**MON 06:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0002zcc)**

Star Trap

1. Jinx

Charles Paris, bit part actor and amateur sleuth, finally gets the

chance to be in a West End musical.

But his suspicions are roused when the number of accidents

looks like more than bad luck...

At home, Charles' 'semi-detached' wife Frances is approaching

a big birthday and she's drawn up a bucket list of things to do

before it's too late.

Bill Nighy returns as the actor-cum-amateur-sleuth.

Simon Brett's novel dramatised in four parts by Jeremy Front.

Charles ..... Bill Nighy

Frances ..... Suzanne Burden

Maurice ..... Jon Glover

Chris Watt ..... Nigel Lindsay

Nina Lamb ..... Clare Corbett

Trevor Rhodes ..... Michael Bertenshaw

Mark Spelthorne ..... Christopher Harper

Izzy ..... Franchi Webb

Ged ..... Ronny Jhutti

TV Announcer .... Carolyn Pickles

Director: Mary Peate

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.

**MON 07:00 Last Christmas (m000ckwp)**

1. Deborah Frances White & Steve Ali

Greg Wise and Emma Thompson curate this collection of

personal reflections on the meaning of Christmas.

The writings draw on the themes of kindness, acceptance and

tolerance, taking us from Queensland to Pennsylvania to the

Black Country and beyond.

More sobering memories come from a small village in Rwanda

and London's inhospitable streets.

Greg and Emma introduce stand up comedian and screenwriter,

Deborah Frances White.

Deborah writes about being adopted, and re-discovering

Christmas in her 20s.

Her essay is paired with Steve Ali's, a Syrian refugee who was

taken in by Deborah and her husband when he arrived in

England, after fleeing Syria and the Jungle refugee camp in

Calais.

Abridged in five parts by Richard Hamilton

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2019.

**MON 07:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001qhb)**

1. A Plague of Frogs

There's a plague of frogs, a visitation from an angel and even a

miracle - maybe.

The first of five contemporary drama shorts inspired by stories

from the old and new testaments.

Good news stories for anxious times written by Katie Hims

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  
Grimes .... John Glyn-Jones  
Sally Mantering .... Ann Davies  
Judge Perkins .... Thorley Walters  
Mr Starling .... John Junkin  
Mrs Starling .... Denise Coffey

Other parts played by:

Patricia Gallimore  
Alan Barry  
John Gabriel  
Malcolm Hayes

Audio from 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 (b00c0c3g)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Ken's in a dilemma when he wins an award for an ad campaign he hates.

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

Sarah .... Sheila Steafel

Sandy .... Christopher Godwin

Mr Sandell .... John Blythe

Barman .... Geoffrey McGivern

Other parts played by:

John Baddeley  
Norma Ronald  
David Tate

Michael Jayston

Bill Mitchell

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1982.

**MON 09:00 The Food Quiz (b09k9g9q)**

Christmas Special 2004

Journalist and food critic, Jay Rayner gives his celebrity guests a festive grilling on their knowledge of food and drink.

With:

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

Clarissa Dickson-Wright

Pat Chapman

Jancis Robinson

Producer: Dixi Stewart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

**MON 09:30 Son of Santa (b007jqrz)**

Freshly qualified as a management consultant, Santa's son has big plans for the North Pole.

Starring Ron Moody and James Fleet.

Nev Fountain's festive comedy.

Santa.....Ron Moody

Santa's son.....James Fleet

Miss Berry.....Lynda Bellingham

Kidwink.....Dave Lamb

Spindle.....Ronni Ancona

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

**MON 10:00 Emile Zola - His Masterpiece (m001ghzh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**MON 11:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1w35)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 11:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0002zcc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 12:00 Last Christmas (m000ckwp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 12:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001qhb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**MON 12:30 Dot (b0736pkk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Brothers in Law (b007k33c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 13:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b00c0c3g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 14:00 The Food Quiz (b09k9g9q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 14:30 Son of Santa (b007jqrz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**MON 15:00 Emile Zola - His Masterpiece (m001ghzh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**MON 16:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1w35)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 16:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0002zcc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Last Christmas (m000ckwp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 17:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001qhb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**MON 17:30 Dot (b0736pkk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Brothers in Law (b007k33c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 18:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b00c0c3g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 19:00 The Food Quiz (b09k9g9q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 19:30 Son of Santa (b007jqrz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**MON 20:00 Radiolab (m000tvp5)**

Series 7

The Great Vaccinator

Radiolab explores the work Maurice Hilleman, who created over 40 vaccines, including one for mumps. With Jad Abumrad. Until now, the fastest vaccine ever made - for mumps - took four years. And while our current effort to develop a covid-19 vaccine involves thousands of people working around the clock, the mumps vaccine was developed almost exclusively by one person: Maurice Hilleman. Hilleman cranked out more than 40 other vaccines over the course of his career, including 8 of the 14 routinely given to children. He arguably saved more lives than any other single person. And through his work, Hilleman embodied the instincts, drive, and guts it takes to marshal the human body's defenses against a disease. But through him we also see the struggle and the costs of these monumental scientific efforts.

This episode was reported by Matt Kielty and Heather Radke, and produced by Matt Kielty.

From WNYC first broadcast in 2020 on NPR in the USA.

**MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (b05q1311)**

Meera Syal

Actor and writer, Meera Syal chooses 'Dum Maro Dum' from the film 'Hare Rama Hare Krishna' and 'A Case of You' by Joni Mitchell.

**MON 21:00 The Film We Can't See (m001gj1h)**

6. For Sale: Intimacy and Infamy

The sound archive from 1930 is about to be auctioned to mysterious bidders. The sounds are linked to extraordinary film pioneers and an unrealised film that would have changed the world — but today they may be lost again. The Rio Cinema will be forced to give up the archive. Can Adam pitch this to the BBC for a podcast series?

Adam assembles So Mayer, Anton Blake Horowitz and members of the Fringe! Queer Film & Arts Fest collective to build a community of support for the Rio. But not everything is what it seems. As documentary transforms into imagination, queer artists take over and reveal that truth is more powerful than fact. With daring soundscapes and surprise audio experimentation — challenging everything that a podcast about an unseeable film can be — the series reaches its shocking climax.

Credits

Written, produced and edited by Adam Zmith

With story by So Mayer and Adam Zmith

Starring Anton Blake Horowitz

Music by Courtney Pine

Solo fiddle by Eduardo Lees

Assistant Producers – Tash Walker and Shivani Dave

Researcher — So Mayer

Audio consultant – David Pye

Artwork by Danny Crossley

Production Mentors – Caroline Steel and Andy King

Executive Producers – Khalif Meer and Leanne Alie

Commissioned for BBC Sounds Audio Lab by Khalif Meer

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Burley Fisher Books

The Fringe! Queer Film & Arts Fest collective

This episode contains audio from:

Sound effects from Freesound and BBC

Clip from Monitor interview with Paul Robeson courtesy of BBC

**MON 21:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b01qgr43)**

Series 4

In The Heat Of The Night

It makes for uncomfortable viewing. A Southern policeman insolently challenges Sidney Poitier, a detective from 'up North'.

"So, boy, what do they call you in Philadelphia?"

"They call me Mister Tibbs!"

It's one of the great movie lines in history, from Sidney Poitier's favourite of all his films. But was "In The Heat of the Night" a worthy winner of the Best Picture?

Up against tough competition, including "The Graduate" and "Bonnie and Clyde", it's been suggested that this might have been an Oscar vote carried on a tidal wave of outrage during the peak years of the Civil Rights movement.

In 1967, "In The Heat of the Night" seemed to speak out against an America riven with racial tensions. The Watts Riots had just devastated Los Angeles, close to Hollywood. The film was set in Mississippi, but the crew were forced to choose Illinois in the North as a safer location. The murder of Martin Luther King,

and his subsequent funeral, delayed the Oscar ceremony in 1968 by several days - enabling the cast and crew of "In The Heat of the Night" to attend his funeral.

All these stories and more are told to Paul Gambaccini by veteran director - Norman Jewison, and he also hears from his legendary producer - Walter Mirisch - who at the age of 91, still makes his way to his film studios in Hollywood, and takes lunch at Spagos.

Plus the thoughts of one of the world's great cinematographer's Haskell Wexler - who was the first to devise lighting especially for darker skin tones - and sets the scene for Norman Jewison's dramatic reconstruction of a country divided along racial lines that has echoes today.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

**MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001g2h)**

Series 78

Episode 6

Back for a second week at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle, panellists John Finnermore, Pippa Evans, Fred Macaulay and Rory Bremner compete amongst one another, with Jack Dee the unimpressed umpire. Piano accompaniment is provided by Colin Sell.

Producer - Jon Naismith

It is a BBC Studios production

**MON 22:30 Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack (b00w20zg)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Meet a masseuse who likes to ensure her clients are relaxed and a cleaning lady who knows her place

Tim Vincent's Mum checks into a hotel - and all the way from Las Vegas, Candi Karmel the 80-year-old diva who can't stop performing.

Characters galore courtesy of Lucy Montgomery.

With:

Philip Pope

Sally Grace

Wael Shepherd

Natalie Walter

Written by Lucy Montgomery, Barunka O'Shaughnessy, Steven

Burge, Jon Hunter and Holly Walsh

Script Editor: Dan Tetsell

Music by Philip Pope

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

**MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001h52n)**

Tim Vine 2/2

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Laura Lexx talks to Tim Vine.

**MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m001g9mp)**

Christmas Specials 2022

Episode 3

Could Theresa May make a comeback? Who could be Twitter's new CEO? And what will King Charles say in his first Christmas message? All these questions are answered in the final Dead Ringers of the year.

Performed by Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Duncan Wisbey,

Naomi McDonald and Anil Desai

Written by Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain, Laurence

Howarth, Sarah Campbell, Tom Coles and Ed Amsden, Edward

Tew, Cody Dahler, Robert Darke, Sophie Dickson, Katie Sayer.

Produced and created by Bill Dare.

Production Co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

**MON 23:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b71ds)**

Episode 4

Eating too much and the end of the world.

Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation

and nonsense.

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 May 2008.

## TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER 2022

**TUE 00:00 Emile Zola - His Masterpiece (m001ghzh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j1w35)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0002zcc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Last Christmas (m000ckwp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001qhb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Dot (b0736pkk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Brothers in Law (b007k33c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

**TUE 03:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b00c0c3g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 The Food Quiz (b09k9g9q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 Son of Santa (b007jqrz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Emile Zola - His Masterpiece (m001gj1r)**

Episode 2

Struggling painter Claude Lantier has returned to Paris determined to create a work of genius to establish his reputation.

Starring Rob Edwards and Tracy Wiles.

Conclusion of Emile Zola's powerful novel based on his friendship with Paul Cezanne.

Dramatised by Jane Beeson.

Claude Lantier .... Rob Edwards

Christine ... Tracy Wiles

Narrator .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Sandoz .... Charles Simpson

Bongrand .... John Baddeley

Jacques/Henriette .... Melinda Walker

Fagerolles .... Jonathan Tafler

Jory .... Paul Panting

Dubuche .... Daniel Philpott

Priest/Nicholas .... Robin Browne

Pawnbroker .... Zulema Dene

Director Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.

**TUE 06:00 Trueman and Riley (b001jwhb)**

Series 1

2. Story

A journalist has fallen from a building while working on a story, but was she pushed?

Trueman and Riley get a crash course in internet radio, 'certain journalism' and fat dogs as they seek to find an answer.

Starring Robert Daws and Duncan Preston.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo is set in Leeds.

DI Trueman .... Robert Daws

DS Riley .... Duncan Preston

David .... Anthony Glennon

Harriet .... Jasmine Callan

Aaron .... Paul Richard Biggin

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.

**TUE 06:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m00035nj)**

Star Trap

2. Break

Charles Paris has got a better part in 'Winnie' the musical - about Winston Churchill, after one of the cast had an accident.

Frances tries to help him with his dance moves for the show.

Bill Nighy stars as the actor-cum-amateur-leuth.

Simon Brett's novel dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Charles Paris .... Bill Nighy

Frances .... Suzanne Burden

Maurice .... Jon Glover

Chris Watt .... Nigel Lindsay

Nina Lamb .... Clare Corbett

Trevor Rhodes .... Michael Bertenshaw

Kay Walbrook .... Carolyn Pickles

Ged .... Ronny Jhutti

Mark Spelthorne .... Christopher Harper

Evie Robbs .... Franchi Webb

Bar Staff .... Sarah Ovens

Director Mary Peate

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.

**TUE 07:00 Last Christmas (m000c142)**

2. Greg Wise & Emma Thompson

Greg Wise and Emma Thompson curate this collection of personal reflections on the meaning of Christmas.

In this episode, Greg recounts his less than happy childhood Christmas experiences.

Then his wife, Emma Thompson, explains how she worked tirelessly to change his perspective in her funny and moving piece on the pitfalls of the festive season, particularly for Greg.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2019.

**TUE 07:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001qv3)**

2. Eleven 73s

Two women disagree about which of them is a child's rightful mother.

Another contemporary drama short inspired by stories from the old and new testaments.

Good news stories for anxious times written by Katie Hims.

Solly .... Don Gilet

Carla .... Lucy Doyle

Jo .... Saffron Coomber

June .... Rachel Davies

Passenger 1 .... Tony Turner

Passenger 2 .... Jeanette Percival

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

**TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01gg7g4)**

Series 8

Making a Difference

Ed decides to 'Make a Difference' to impress Fiona and as a consequence finds himself becoming 'a voice for the people' when he joins a group trying to change the railways.

As a consequence he finds himself on local radio representing the group and 'channelling grumpy', and astonishingly finds that people agree with his views and find his conversation 'totes legde'.

Thus it is that 'Captain Grumblebum' is created.

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

Jaz ..... Philip Jackson

Olive ..... Stephanie Cole

Pearl ..... Rita May

Ping/Lisa ..... Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Frank ..... Simon Greenall

Stan ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Mandy Kramer ..... Nicola Sanderson

Cliff/Jonathan ..... Geoff McGivern

Fiona ..... Jenny Agutter

12 year old official ..... Sam Paphilon

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.

**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jq8)**

Series 7

The Mystery of the Fake Neddie Seagoons

With the revelation that Neddie Seagoon was once mass-produced, can the original be found?

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 Little Blighty on the Down (b001lmwv)**

Series 4

Episode 1

Mrs Roberts has fallen from power and Mr Barnum is the new council leader.

'80s political satirical soap opera set in the strangely familiar village of Little Blighty.

Life here is pretty uneventful, though the humdrum happenings include social turmoil, economic upheaval and vicious political squabbles.

Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman.

Starring:

Jo Kendall

Michael Troughton

John Baddeley

Bernadine Corrigan

Jonathan Kydd

Daniel Strauss

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

**TUE 09:00 Who Goes There? (b007w4f8)**

Series 2

Episode 4

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

When and Fred Housego.

With guests:

Polly Toynbee

Miles Kington

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

**TUE 09:30 No Commitments (b007jp0p)**

Series 7

The Wedding Party

Victoria is persuaded to hold a party for Charlotte, but will the guest of honour put in an appearance?

Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.

Anna .... Rosemary Leach

Charlotte .... Celia Imrie

Victoria .... Angela Thorne

Roger.....Bill Nighy

Emily.....Lisa Coleman

Fran.....Alison Skilbeck

Chico/Bruno.....Bruce Alexander

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Producer: Maria Eposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 14:30 No Commitments (b007jp0p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**TUE 15:00 Emile Zola - His Masterpiece (m001gj1r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Trueman and Riley (b001jwhb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 16:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m00035nj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 Last Christmas (m000c142)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001qv3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**TUE 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01gg7g4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 The Goon Show (b007jq8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 18:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b001lmwv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 19:00 Who Goes There? (b007w4f8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 No Commitments (b007jp0p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m001gj2)**

Series 9

Late Bloomers

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores a world which views age as an asset, not a liability. What are the benefits, and drawbacks, of being a late bloomer?

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2022.

**TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m001gj2)**

Hugh Bonneville

Actor Hugh Bonneville chooses 'Look What They've Done to My Song, Ma' by Melanie Safka and 'Starman' by David Bowie.

**TUE 21:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000n0kq)**

1. A Cad and a Bounder

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

Greg is the Historical Consultant to all eight TV series of CBBC's Emmy and multiple BAFTA award-winning Horrible Histories.

In short, he is both a nerd and a comedy nerd.

In the first of three programmes, Greg grapples with the big questions over accuracy and ethics

With the help of:

Comedian-turned-classicist Natalie Haynes

'Horrible Histories' Head Writer Ben Ward

'Austenatious' improvisers Cariad Lloyd and Andrew Hunter-Murray.

Featured programme:

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Producer: Anne-Marie Luff

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February

2019.

**TUE 22:00 The Cold Swedish Winter (m000q8ym)**

Series 5

Lagom Lockdown

Adam Riches returns in The Cold Swedish Winter, Danny

Robins' series of comedy and culture shock.

Recorded partly on location in Stockholm, and at times simultaneously between three countries, this romantic comedy

features a line-up of some of Sweden's best known comic

actors.

British comedian Geoff has settled with his Swedish partner,

Linda (Sissela Benn), in the frozen north in the tiny,

unpronounceable town of Yxsjo. This year he's up against

British and Swedish views of viruses, his mother's (Mel

Hudson) endless calls, cross country skiing, a predatory

American cousin and, of course, his redoubtable in-laws, Sten

and Gunilla (Thomas Oredsson and Anna-Lena Bergelin).

We join his family as spring breaks and Sweden faces

lockdown, taking a very different path to its European

neighbours.

Full Cast

Geoff ..... Adam Riches

Linda ..... Sissela Benn

Sten ..... Thomas Oredsson

Gunilla ..... Anna-Lena Bergelin

Jean ..... Mel Hudson

Ian ..... Danny Robins

Henning ..... Thomas Eriksson

Soran ..... Farshad Kholgi

Customs Guy ..... Fredrik Andersson

John ..... Harry Nicolaou

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4  
**TUE 22:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lmcyc)**

Series 2  
Helsinki

Carolyn and her sister haven't spoken for 15 years. Which is why Arthur has invited her to a party on board, together with 500 Euros-worth of smuggled orchids...

Meanwhile, Martin gets tangled up in some karate and a fishcake.

Starring Stephanie Cole, Benedict Cumberbatch and Roger Allam.

John Finnemore's sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.

With special guest Alison Steadman.

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey ..... Stephanie Cole  
1st Officer Douglas Richardson ..... Roger Allam  
Capt. Martin Crieff ..... Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey ..... John Finnemore

Ruth Gregson ..... Alison Steadman

Kieran Gregson ..... Matt Green

Milo ..... Simon Greenall

Director: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2009.

**TUE 23:00 My Teenage Diary (m000jg9x)**

Series 9

Jan Ravens

Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.

In this episode, Rufus picks the lock on the diaries of comedian and impressionist Jan Ravens, and finds out about teenage crushes, slow dances and new year's resolutions.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

**TUE 23:30 The Celebrity Voicemail Show (b08csrhw)**

Series 2

Sadiq Khan

Kayvan Novak imagines what it might be like to hear the answerphone messages of the rich and famous.

This time, listen in to the voicemail of the new London Mayor - Sadiq Khan.

Entirely fictitious comedy show written and improvised by Kayvan Novak.

Producer: Matt Stronge

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

**TUE 23:45 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076d5r)**

Series 1

How to Poach an Egg

"Eggs are no different from most people. Drop them into hot water and they go to pieces".

Some surreal food for thought.

Written by and starring Guy Browning.

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

### WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER 2022

**WED 00:00 Emile Zola - His Masterpiece (m001gj1r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j2510)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m00035nj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Last Christmas (m000cl42)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001qv3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b01gg7g4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b007jnj8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00tlmwy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b007w4f8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 No Commitments (b007jp0p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Michael Butt - The Piper's Chair (m000qydl)**

A fast-moving comic double love story charting the involvement of Irish penny-whistle player Sean Hennessy and his fiddler father in the machinations that eventually lead to married bliss for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Starring Paul Rhys and Andrew Scott.

Written by Michael Butt.

Mozart ..... Paul Rhys

Sean ..... Andrew Scott

Father ..... Tony Rohr

Maria ..... Samantha Spiro

Constanze ..... Sophie Roberts

Aloisia ..... Ella Smith

Mother ..... Carolyn Pickles

Leopold Mozart ..... Gerard McDermott

Director: David Hunter.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

**WED 06:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j2510)**

Series 1

3. Bond

Suspicion erupts at a James Bond convention as Trueman and Riley go in search of a stolen ring.

Tracy's ring, as worn by Diana Rigg, in 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service' is the 'holy grail' for collectors.

But exactly what are they prepared to do to get it?

Starring Robert Daws and Duncan Preston.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo is set in Leeds.

DI Trueman .... Robert Daws

DS Riley .... Duncan Preston

Karen .... Rachel Bavidge

Bill .... Paul Rider

Gerard .... Mark Straker

Jane .... Christine Kavanagh

Receptionist ..... Anthony Glenon

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.

**WED 06:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0003d75)**

Star Trap

3. Suspicions

When there's yet another accident involving a member of the cast of Winnie The Musical, Charles is determined to find out what's going on.

Bill Nighy stars as the actor-cum-amateur-sleuth.

Simon Brett's novel dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Charles Paris ..... Bill Nighy

Frances ..... Suzanne Burden

Maurice ..... Jon Glover

Chris Watt/Winston ..... Nigel Lindsay

Nina Lamb ..... Clare Corbett

Kay/Clemmie ..... Carolyn Pickles

Ged ..... Ronny Jhutti

Mark ..... Christopher Harper

Abbie ..... Sarah Owens

Director: Mary Peate

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.

**WED 07:00 Last Christmas (m000cl31)**

3. Aimee Mullins & Bill Scanlon

Greg Wise and Emma Thompson curate this collection of personal reflections on the meaning of Christmas - drawing on the themes of kindness, acceptance and tolerance.

In this episode, American athlete, actress and speaker, Aimee Mullins, reflects on childhood Christmases spent with her large family.

Then Bill Scanlon explains how - after a successful career - he fell on hard times, and how things changed.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2019.

**WED 07:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001r7r)**

3. Song of Solomon

Bus driver Solly is a good bloke, but there's one area of his life where he's less than perfect...

Another contemporary drama short inspired by stories from the old and new testaments.

Good news stories for anxious times written by Katie Hims.

Solly ..... Don Gilet

Marsha ..... Saffron Coomber

Leila ..... Jayda Pryce

Lloyd ..... Alex Lanipekun

Carys ..... Alexandra Constantinidi

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

**WED 07:30 Relativity (m00025f9)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Ken turns to his grandchildren for help with his technological challenges, while Chloe goes into early labour as Ian frets about his bag for life going to waste.

Drawing on his own family, Richard Herring's comedy drama, builds on the warm, lively characters and family dynamics of the first series.

His affectionate observation of inter-generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone who has ever argued with their dad about who the current Pope is.

Amid the comedy, Richard broaches some more serious highs and lows of family life.

Margaret ..... Alison Steadman

Ken ..... Phil Davis

Jane ..... Fenella Woolgar

Ian ..... Richard Herring

Chloe ..... Emily Berrington

Pete ..... Gordon Kennedy

Holly ..... Tia Bannon

Mark ..... Fred Haig

Nick ..... Harrison Knights

Billy ..... Danny Kirrane

Writer Richard Herring is a comedian, writer, blogger and podcaster and the world's premier semi-professional self-playing snooker player.

Sound Design by Eloise Whitmore

Produced by Polly Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in January 2019.

**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jyyw)**

Series 1

Cinderella Hancock

Bill bans the Lad from the National Film Ball, but then there's a knock at the door.

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With:

Moirá Lister

Bill Kerr

Sidney James

Dora Bryan

Paul Carpenter

Kenneth Williams

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Music recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

**WED 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq4v)**

Series 1

Shopaholics

Mike and Sue take a look at shopaholics and dangerous ducks.

Starring Robert Duncan and Julia Hills.

Bill Dare's daytime sofa-based sitcom.

Mike ..... Robert Duncan

Sue ..... Julia Hills

With:

Debbie Isitt

Lee Cornes

Martin Hyder

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Pete Sinclair

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

**WED 09:00 The Write Stuff (b00vcpf4)**

Series 14

Marcel Proust

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

Team captains John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks are joined by Philip Kerr and Sue Limb.

Author of the week and subject for pastiche is Marcel Proust.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

**WED 09:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mzslp)**

Series 2

Episode 6

When a vain footballer client throws a party, events take a chaotic and violent turn.

Stars Neil Pearson.

Andy Hamilton's comedy about an honourable sports agent in a dishonourable world.

Trevor .... Neil Pearson

Sammy .... Paul Reynolds

Meryl.....Claire Skinner

Toby.....Matthew Thomas

Ralph .... Michael Fenton Stevens

Theresa .... Rosalind Ayres

Heidrun .... Cosima Shaw

Barry .... Abdul Salis

Samantha.....Amber Sainsbury

Other parts.....Philip Pope and Gina Yashere

Written and produced by Andy Hamilton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

**WED 10:00 Michael Butt - The Piper's Chair (m000qydl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**WED 11:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j2510)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 11:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0003d75)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 12:00 Last Christmas (m000cl31)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 12:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001r7r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**WED 12:30 Relativity (m00025f9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jyyw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 13:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq4v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (b00vcpf4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 14:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mzslp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**WED 15:00 Michael Butt - The Piper's Chair (m000qydl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**WED 16:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j2510)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 16:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0003d75)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 17:00 Last Christmas (m000cl31)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 17:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001r7r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**WED 17:30 Relativity (m00025f9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jyyw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 18:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq4v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 19:00 The Write Stuff (b00vcpf4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 19:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mzslp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m000mhxh)**

Raise Your Game

Jay-Ann Lopez is a serious gamer – first-person-shooters a speciality. But across the gaming landscape, she sees a dominant culture which is not geared towards her: male, white and macho, with games, characters and narratives to match.

Despite some games being targeted at women since the 1980s and independent gaming companies challenging the status quo for decades, this culture has remained mainstream.

She asks why that particular gaming culture has remained so resilient, and what shaped it. And what part it plays in the misogyny and racism facing many gamers today.

Using the treasures of the BBC archive she transports us back to defining moments in our relationship with video games. She watches Pong, Manic Miner, Lara Croft and Fortnite working their magic and climbing inside our minds. And watches the industry grow: today gaming is bigger than music and movies combined. Jay-Ann debates the tensions and opportunities in this vast landscape with sociologists, psychologists and gaming industry insiders.

Producer: Melvin Rickarby

A BBC Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.

**WED 21:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000n5dh)**

2. Blackadder & Brian

Public Historian Greg Jenner continues his Arthurian quest to find out how comedy writers make history funny.

Greg is the Historical Consultant to all eight TV series of CBBC's Emmy and multiple BAFTA award-winning Horrible Histories.

In short, he is both a nerd and a comedy nerd.

In the second of three programmes, Greg grapples with the big questions over accuracy and ethics

With the help of:

Comedian-turned-classicist Natalie Haynes

'Horrible Histories' Head Writer Ben Ward

'Austentatious' improvisers Cariad Lloyd and Andrew Hunter-Murray

Featured programmes:

'Desert Island Discs: Terry Jones' [BBC Radio 4 1983]

'Reel Histories: The Life of Brian' [BBC Radio 4 2004]

Producer: Anne-Marie Luff.

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

**WED 22:00 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m001g987)**

Home

"Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for Henry Normal" Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times

Join Henry Normal for the tenth instalment of his acclaimed, occasional series in which the acclaimed, occasional writer tackles those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.

So far Henry has covered 'Family', 'Life', 'Love', 'Imagination', 'Nature', 'The Universe', 'Communication' 'Ageing' and 'Community'; and this latest episode is all about 'Home'.

Through poetry, stories, jokes and quotes, he will be examining how 'home' is more than just a place and talking about what it really means to us.

Recorded in Rye, East Sussex, where Henry now calls home.

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

He's published eight collections of poetry including his most recent 'The Beauty Within Shadow'. Plus his memoir written with Angela Pell 'A Normal Family' everyday adventure with our autistic son.

Praise for previous episodes in this series:

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

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

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

Written and performed by Henry Normal

Production Coordinator - Katie Baum

Sound manager - Jerry Peal

Produced by Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4

**WED 22:30 ReincarNathan (m001g9j0)**

Series 3

Snowshoe Hare

Nathan Blakely was a popstar. But he was useless, died, and was reincarnated. The comedy about Nathan's adventures in the

afterlife returns for a third series, starring Daniel Rigby, Ashley McGuire and guest-starring Elis James as Gary Grape.

In the season finale, Nathan is brought back to life as a Snowshoe Hare in the Rocky Mountains. And this time he's got a friend - a hare called Gary Grape, a reincarnation of Nathan's arch nemesis from his human days. Can Nathan get Gary to forgive him for being such a terrible human being and finally get to Elysium? Will he ever learn to do the right thing and make it back to human again?

Cast:

Ashley McGuire - Carol

Daniel Rigby - Nathan

Elis James - Gary Grape

Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Paker

Producer: Harriet Jaime

Sound: Jerry Peal

Music Composed by: Phil Lephed

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4

**WED 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (m001gjh0)**

Series 5

Episode 4

The World Bigotry Championship and jingoistic famine relief.

Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on radio.

Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell

With:

Jasper Jacob

Felicity Montagu

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

**WED 23:30 Radio 9 (b041yb36)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Dull Dave gets down with the kids, and a drastic diet inspired by the suffragettes.

Delve into the recesses of a twisted comedy brain.

Written and performed by Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker.

With:

Sarah Walton

John Stevenson

Stefan Frank

Janice Vee

Matt Wilkinson

Michelle Gomez

Producers: Johnny Daukes and Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

#### THURSDAY 29 DECEMBER 2022

**THU 00:00 Michael Butt - The Piper's Chair (m000qydl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j2510)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0003d75)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Last Christmas (m000cl31)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001r7r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 Relativity (m00025f9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jyyw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007jq4v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (b00vcpf4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mzslp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:10 Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes (b007k0d1)**

1. Setting Off

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

The Adventures of the Ingenious Gentleman Don Quixote de La Mancha by Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra.

Don Quixote dons his rusty armour, mounts his broken down horse and sets off with Sancho Panza, his faithful squire, to put the world to rights.

Classic adventure first published in 1605.

Starring Bob Grant and Bernard Cribbins.

Dramatised in two parts by John Arden.

Don Quixote .... Bob Grant

Sancho Panza .... Bernard Cribbins

Cervantes .... Ronald Baddiley

Aldonza .... Meg Johnson

Moor .... Geoffrey Banks

Innkeeper .... Kenneth Alan Taylor

Father Perez .... David Sumner

Barber-Surgeon .... Peter Wheeler

Housekeeper .... Kathleen Helme

Antonia .... Kate Lee

Dorothea .... Linda Gardner

Market boy .... Alan Parnaby

Serjeant .... Alan Meadows

Don Fernando .... Simon Mollox

Music composed by Stephen Boxer.

Director: Alfred Bradley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1980.

**THU 06:40 Bernard Who? (b01s0qms)**

1. Early Years and Making Films

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

In this revealing series, he talks to his friend and producer Martin Jenkins about his extraordinary career, and a cast of friends share their memories of working with Bernard, including David Tennant and the late Barbara Windsor, Barry Cryer and Richard Briers.

He's been directed by Hitchcock, starred alongside a galaxy of screen legends including Peter Sellers and Kenneth Williams, is good mates with David Tennant, and has performed with Barbara Windsor wearing nothing but a bikini.

Somehow Bernard Cribbins has earned a special place in the hearts of every generation; whether you're a fan of the Carry On films or his 1960s chart hits Right Said Fred and Hole in the Ground, grew up watching The Railway Children or listened to him read more than 100 classic tales on Jackanory. And he has continued to wow younger audiences as Wilfred Mott in Doctor Who, and most recently as the storytelling sailor Old Jack in the new BBC children's television series on CBeebies.

In the first of two programmes, Bernard looks back at his early career at Oldham Rep, where he started as an actor and assistant stage manager aged 13, on his national service with the parachute regiment in Palestine, and the big break that took him to London's West End, and from there to the Carry On films. Barry Cryer, Barbara Windsor, the playwright Ray Cooney and Richard Briers, recorded shortly before his death, share their memories of Bernard the man and the performer.

Plus Bernard's personal recollections of working with the legendary Peter Sellers, Alfred Hitchcock and Peter Cushing. Producer: Eve Streeter

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

**THU 07:05 Alan Plater - The What on the Landing (m001gigt)**

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

Albert Chipchase hears somebody pull the chain in the lavatory. Nothing unusual about that, except that his wife is attending her evening class in Elementary Archaeology and he is in the house alone.

Starring Bernard Cribbins,

Written by Alan Plater.

Narrator .... Geoffrey Banks

Albert Chipchase .... Bernard Cribbins

Edna Chipchase .... Catherine Naish

Hodges .... Harold Innocent

Mrs Sprake .... Juliet Cooke

Svenson / Rev Jack Vincent .... Geoffrey Wheeler

Spilsby .... James Beck

Secretary .... Stephanie Turner

Producer: Alfred Bradley

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1967.

**THU 07:55 Bernard Who? (b01s4rj7)**

2. Fred, The Wombles and The Railway Children.

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

Bernard talks to his friend and producer Martin Jenkins about his extraordinary career, and a cast of friends share their memories of working with Bernard, including David Tennant, Barbara Windsor, Barry Cryer and the late Richard Briers. He's been directed by Hitchcock, starred alongside a galaxy of screen legends including Peter Sellers and Kenneth Williams, is good mates with David Tennant, and has performed with Barbara Windsor wearing nothing but a bikini.

In the last of two programmes, legendary Beatles producer George Martin recalls working with Bernard on the 1962 chart-toppers Right Said Fred and Hole in the Ground. Bernard reveals the secret to his storytelling magic on Jackanory, which captured the hearts and imaginations of a generation of children - including David Tennant. We hear how Bernard found the voices for Uncle Bulgaria and Tomsk in The Wombles and Jenny Agutter, his co-star in The Railway Children, discloses what she believes to be the secret of Bernard's eternal youth. David Tennant and the writer Russell T Davies give their insights on working with Bernard on Dr Who, and the joy of reminding the viewing public what an exceptional actor he is. "He can break your heart with a single line," says Russell T Davies.

This is Bernard's own intimate retrospective of his career, told in conversation with his friend for more than 50 years, the acclaimed radio drama producer Martin Jenkins.

Producer: Eve Streeter

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2013.

**THU 08:25 Sounds Natural (b07k0t59)**

Bernard Cribbins

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

From the Meadow Pipit to the Red-Backed Shrike.

Actor Bernard Cribbins talks to Derek Jones about his love of bird watching, fishing and the importance of conservation.

Aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.

Producer: John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1972.

**THU 09:00 Mind Your Own Business! (b009pr61)**

## Points of Disagreement

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

Whiz-kid Jimmy Bright has run out of Whizz. So staid accountant Russell Farrow grabs the reins, and ends up in a prickly situation...

Bernard Cribbins and Frank Thornton star in Andrew Palmer's sitcom

Jimmy Bright ..... Bernard Cribbins

Russell Farrow ..... Frank Thornton

Nan Forbes ..... Annette Crosbie

Sue Plant ..... Annee Blott

With Dennis Ramsden

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1988.

**THU 09:30 The Iguanodon (b0075cbr)**

Away and Slightly to the Left

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

Sam Varley is looking for a lift back to the mainland when his boat is wrecked in a storm.

Mr Brook is looking for an unforgettable adventure at sea, after a lifetime in custards.

Neither of them get quite what they're expecting on a boat called 'The Iguanodon'...

Three-part comedy adventure by Paul Lucas.

Sam Varley ..... Paul Haigh

Mr Brook ..... Bernard Cribbins

Don O'Reilly ..... Dermot Crowley

Isabel ..... Rosemary Leach

The Captain ..... John Arthur

Laura ..... Sally Phillips

Harriet ..... Patsy Byrne

Producer: Jo Clegg

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

**THU 10:10 Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes (b007k0d1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:10 today]

**THU 11:45 Bernard Who? (b01s0qms)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:40 today]

**THU 12:10 Alan Plater - The What on the Landing (m001gjt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 today]

**THU 13:00 Bernard Who? (b01s4rj7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

**THU 13:30 Sounds Natural (b07k0ts9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:25 today]

**THU 14:00 Mind Your Own Business! (b009pr6l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 14:35 The Iguanodon (b0075cbr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**THU 15:10 Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes (b007k0d1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:10 today]

**THU 16:45 Bernard Who? (b01s0qms)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:40 today]

**THU 17:20 Alan Plater - The What on the Landing (m001gjt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 today]

**THU 18:10 Bernard Who? (b01s4rj7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

**THU 18:35 Sounds Natural (b07k0ts9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:25 today]

**THU 19:05 Mind Your Own Business! (b009pr6l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 19:30 The Iguanodon (b0075cbr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**THU 20:05 Fear on 4 (b007jnt6)**

Series 2

Soul Searching

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

Hospitals can be frightening enough, but even more so when a patient is asked to take part in a bizarre experiment.

The Man in Black sets the chilling scene...

Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.

Written by Martyn Wade

The Man in Black .... Edward de Souza

Mr Timmins .... Bernard Cribbins

Tom .... Shaun Prendergast

Oswald/2nd Surgeon .... Norman Bird

Sister .... Joan Walker

Night Nurse .... Rebecca Jones

1st Surgeon .... Steve Hodson

Producer: Martyn Wade

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1989.

**THU 20:40 Monsignor Quixote by Graham Greene (Omnibus) (b07nt0dq)**

Episode 1/2

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

Graham Green's comic 'entertainment', set in rural Spain a few years after the death of Franco.

Father Quixote makes a friend of an Italian bishop, with unexpected consequences.

Starring Bernard Cribbins.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.

Father Quixote ..... Bernard Cribbins

Sancho ..... Philip Jackson

Teresa ..... Susan Jameson

The Italian Bishop ..... Sean Baker

The Spanish Bishop ..... Brian Protheroe

Father Herrera ..... Nick Underwood

Shop Assistant ..... James Lailey

Guardia 1 ..... Sam Rix

Guardia 2 ..... Sean Baker

Guardia 3 ..... Tom Forrister

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

**THU 21:55 Bernard Cribbins' Comedy Classics (m001gjjz)**

Part of 4 Extra's Bernard Cribbins Day. The actor would have turned 94 on 29th December 2022.

Bernard Cribbins shares his favourite comedy records and showbiz memories.

Bernard's selection includes his own popular hits, 'Hole In The Ground' and 'Right Said Fred'.

Plus tracks by Noel Coward, Gracie Fields, The Goons, Peter Sellers and many more.

Producers: James Alexander and Marion Roe

First broadcast on BBC Local Radio in December 2018.

**THU 23:05 Drama (b06s1f0d)**

The Bed-Sitting Room

Three years since the nuclear misunderstanding which led to the third world war ("and it's no idle boast when I remind you that this was the shortest world war on record... two minutes twenty eight seconds... including the signing of the Peace Treaty which is now on sale at Her Majesty's Stationery Office with a free T-shirt") survivors gather together on the former-streets of London.

In amongst the rubble, Captain Kak and his fiancée Penelope find Lord Fortnum, who is convinced he's turning into a bed-sitting room. With property prices what they are, Kak should be on to a good thing.

This atmospheric, surrealist play was originally written by John Antrobus and Spike Milligan.

Adapted by John Antrobus and Paul Merton.

Captain Kak ..... Paul Merton

Lord Fortnum ..... Derek Jacobi

Mate ..... Bernard Cribbins

Penelope ..... Catherine Tate

The BBC ..... Corrie Corfield

Mrs Ethel Skroake ..... Suki Webster

The Vicar ..... John Antrobus

Captain ..... Sean Baker

Seaman ..... Richard Pepple

Music and FX by Jerry Peal.

Director: Sam Michell.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

## FRIDAY 30 DECEMBER 2022

**FRI 00:10 Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes (b007k0d1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:10 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:40 Bernard Who? (b01s0qms)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:40 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:10 Alan Plater - The What on the Landing (m001gjt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:05 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:55 Bernard Who? (b01s4rj7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:25 Sounds Natural (b07k0ts9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:25 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 Mind Your Own Business! (b009pr6l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 The Iguanodon (b0075cbr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)**

A train, a missing governess and evil Nazi plans for Europe. All aboard for a gripping ride to adventure.

Starring Renee Asherson and Jenny Funnell.

Ethel Lina White's novel 'The Wheel Spins' was first published in 1936.

Dramatised by Neville Teller.

It was first adapted as a 1938 British film thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock

Miss Froy .... Renee Asherson

Iris .... Jenny Funnell

Wilberforce .... Mark Tandy

Maximilian Hare .... Mark Payton

Dr Traunitz/Stephen Yardley .... Richard Durden

Baroness/Mrs Todhunter .... Shirley Dixon

Prince Frederick/Mr Barnes/Porter .... Jonathan Keeble

Baron Hoffmeir/Mr Todhunter .... Michael Roberts

Ian Bretherton/Ticket Collector .... Geoffrey Beevers

Evelyn Flood-Porter/Frau ummer .... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Rose Flood-Porter/Frau Kummer .... Jan Shand

Mrs Barnes .... Karen Lewis

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in August 1999.

**FRI 06:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j272j)**

Series 1

4. Speed

Detective Riley is feeling angry for being sent on a 'speed awareness' workshop.

But that puts him on the trail of ex-con from the old days in

Hull - womanising rip-off merchant Frank Butters...

Starring Robert Daws and Duncan Preston.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo is set in Leeds.

DI Trueman .... Robert Daws

DS Riley .... Duncan Preston

Frank Butters .... Sam Dale

Melanie .... Christine Kavanagh

Eric Simonelli .... John Dougal

Inez .... Miranda Keeling

Svetlana .... Jasmine Callan

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2007.

**FRI 06:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0003jh0)**

Star Trap

4. Sabotage?

Winnie The Musical has been beset by a suspicious number of accidents, and now a cast member has died, Charles can't resist doing some detective work to find out what's going on.

Meanwhile, he is beginning to regret that he ever agreed to partner Frances in her dance competition.

Bill Nighy stars as the actor-cum-amateur-sleuth.

The conclusion of Simon Brett's novel.

Dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Charles Paris .... Bill Nighy

Frances .... Suzanne Burden

Maurice .... Jon Glover

Chris Watt/Winston .... Nigel Lindsay

Nina Lamb .... Clare Corbett

Ged .... Ronny Jhutti

Kay Walbrook .... Carolyn Pickles

Abbie .... Sarah Owens

Waitress .... Franchi Webb

Bar Staff .... Joseph Ayre

Man .... Don Gilet

Director Mary Peate

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.

**FRI 07:00 Last Christmas (m000cnhn)**

4. Meera Syal & Malcolm Walker

Greg Wise and Emma Thompson curate this collection of personal reflections on the meaning of Christmas.

Actress Meera Syal reflects on belonging and the festive season, while cardiologist Malcolm Walker has gift giving on his mind.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2019.

**FRI 07:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001rm7)**

4. Angel Delight

Laura is either truly blessed - or is going crazy. She can't tell which.

Another contemporary drama short inspired by stories from the old and new testaments.

Good news stories for anxious times written by Katie Hims.

Laura ..... Nadia Clifford

Claudia ..... Jeanette Percival

Angel .... Tony Turner

Rick .... Cameron Percival

Leila ..... Jayda Pryce

Trumpet .... Peter Ringrose

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

**FRI 07:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (m0001r8n)**

Doorknobs and Matchsticks

Arthur celebrates the 50th episode of his long running sitcom.

The former variety star is understudy on a Christmas production of Bedknobs and Broomsticks. Will he ever get on stage?

Steve Delaney stars as Count Arthur

With a host of regular characters created by:

Mel Giedroyc

Terry Kilkelly

Alastair Kerr

Dave Mounfield

The first 50 episodes of Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show!

comprise seven series and eight specials since the programme first aired in December 2005. Highlights include winning the Sony Radio Award for Best Comedy in 2009 and being voted as the Best Radio Sitcom by the British Comedy Guide in 2016 and 2018.

The long running radio series aired until 2012 when the character stepped on to BBC TV for three series of the BAFTA nominated and critically acclaimed TV sitcom Count Arthur Strong. Since then, Count Arthur has returned to BBC Radio 4 annually with his celebrated Christmas specials.

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

**FRI 08:00 Parsley Sidings (b01p47pg)**

Series 1

The 1890 Rocket

Station master Horace Hepplewhite decides to renovate his grandfather's rusting old steam engine.

Can he manage to get it back on the rails once more?

Starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender.

Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station.

Horace Hepplewhite .... Arthur Lowe

Bert Hepplewhite .... Ian Lavender

Percy Valentine .... Kenneth Connor

Gloria Simpkins .... Liz Fraser



Phineas Perkins .... John Graham  
 Recreated announcements by Keith Skues.  
 Producer: Edward Taylor  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1972.  
**FRI 08:30 Bristow (b007tdnn)**  
 Series 3  
 Of Moles and Men  
 Office rebel Bristow returns with some inside information which must surely lead to promotion.  
 Starring Michael Williams.  
 Frank Dickens' sitcom is based on his famous long-running newspaper cartoon strip about the Chester-Perry buying clerk.  
 Bristow ..... Michael Williams  
 Jones ..... Rodney Bewes  
 Mrs Purdy ..... Dora Bryan  
 Hewitt ..... Owen Brenman  
 Gert ..... Liz Frazer  
 Daisy ..... Joan Sims  
 Fred Stokes ..... David Battley  
 Miss Glockling ..... Carol Starks  
 Teacher ..... Jane Booker  
 Miss Sunman ..... Katy Odey  
 Fudge ..... Jon Glover  
 Music: John Whitehall  
 Producer: Neil Cargill  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.  
**FRI 09:00 Act Your Age (b00g3hr8)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 5  
 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 Russell Kane, Phil Nicoll and Johnnie Casson.  
 Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.  
**FRI 09:30 Millport (b0076b7f)**  
 Series 3  
 Reinstatement  
 As the first ferry of the holiday season arrives - why is Irene back on the island?  
 The return of the bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.  
 Barmaid Irene Bruce is 30-something and hankering after a better life on the mainland.  
 Irene ..... Lynn Ferguson  
 Moira/Agnes ..... Janet Brown  
 Alberto/Dr Hume/Ferryman ..... Lewis McLeod  
 Ena/Bunty ..... Gabriel Quigley  
 Minister ..... Robert Patterson  
 Dougie ..... Kenneth Bryans  
 Music arranged by Olly Fox.  
 Producer: Lucy Bacon  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.  
**FRI 10:00 The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**FRI 11:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j272j)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 11:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0003jh0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 12:00 Last Christmas (m000cnhn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 12:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001rm7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**FRI 12:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (m0001r8n)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 13:00 Parsley Sidings (b01p47pg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 13:30 Bristow (b007tdnn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 14:00 Act Your Age (b00g3hr8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**FRI 14:30 Millport (b0076b7f)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**FRI 15:00 The Lady Vanishes (b017557m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**FRI 16:00 Trueman and Riley (b00j272j)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 16:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (m0003jh0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 17:00 Last Christmas (m000cnhn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 17:15 Good News Stories by Katie Hims (m0001rm7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**FRI 17:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (m0001r8n)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 18:00 Parsley Sidings (b01p47pg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 18:30 Bristow (b007tdnn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 19:00 Act Your Age (b00g3hr8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**FRI 19:30 Millport (b0076b7f)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**FRI 20:00 Burn Slush! The Reindeer Grand Prix (b085789n)**  
 Competitive reindeer-racing is a popular sport in the Arctic Circle. In Finland, the season runs from November to April and good jockeys are local celebrities. They need strong biceps and serious guts - strapped onto cross-country skis they're hauled

behind reindeer at up to 40mph.  
 Cathy FitzGerald travels to Lake Inari in the snowy north of Finland to find out more about the sport.  
 Presented and produced by Cathy FitzGerald  
 A White Stiletto production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2015.  
**FRI 20:30 Soul Music (b085trlz)**  
 Auld Lang Syne  
 It's gone from being an 18th century song about impotence to one of the best known songs all over the world.  
 Most of us have sung Auld Lang Syne at some point in our lives on New Year's Eve, but how many of us know more than a few of the words and anything of its origin and meaning?  
 Soul Music hears the stories behind the song, how it went from being a reflective melancholic Scottish air about the parting of the ways, to the jaunty tune we know today.  
 There are also stories of love, sorrow, hope and joy, emotions that are especially heightened at this time of year.  
 Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.  
 Producer: Maggie Ayre  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.  
**FRI 21:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000nd74)**  
 3. Eddie Izzard & Pauline Pepys' Dowry  
 Public Historian Greg Jenner concludes his Arthurian quest to find out how comedy writers make history funny.  
 Greg is the Historical Consultant to all eight TV series of CBBC's Emmy and multiple BAFTA award-winning Horrible Histories.  
 In short, he is both a nerd and a comedy nerd.  
 In the last of three programmes, Greg grapples with the big questions over accuracy and ethics  
 With the help of:  
 Comedian-turned-classicist Natalie Haynes  
 'Horrible Histories' Head Writer Ben Ward  
 'Austentatious' improvisers Cariad Lloyd and Andrew Hunter-Murray  
 Featured programmes:  
 'Pauline Pepys' Dowry' [BBC Radio 4 2010]  
 'That Mitchell and Webb Sound' [BBC Radio 4 2005]  
 'Eddie Izzard: Dressed to Kill'  
 Producer: Anne-Marie Luff.  
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2019.  
**FRI 22:00 The Confessional (m001ghws)**  
 Series 3  
 The Confession of Sheila Hancock  
 The comic and intrusive chat show, in which Stephen Mangan interrogates celebrity penitents about their stories of shame, guilt and embarrassment.  
 Each week, Stephen entices a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions of sins, peccadilloes, misdeeds and idiocies - anything really that will make us laugh, shudder, blush or cringe at their expense.  
 In this episode, Stephen's guest is reluctant national treasure Dame Sheila Hancock - actor, singer, director, novelist and writer. Together they discuss inappropriate behaviour, snobbery and flagrant rule-breaking.  
 Other guests in this series are Jessie Cave, Neil Dudgeon, Maisie Adam, Lady Antonia Fraser and Ben Bailey Smith aka Doc Brown.  
 Presented by Stephen Mangan  
 Additional material by Nick Doody  
 Produced by Frank Stirling  
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4  
**FRI 22:30 Beauty of Britain (b00n0prf)**  
 Series 1  
 Seagulls Over Sue Ryder  
 Beauty Olonga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.  
 See Britain through her eyes - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its over-fondness for cauliflower cheese.  
 In this opening episode, Beauty discovers the glories of Weston-super-Mare's charity shops and experiences the disappointment of her first British funeral.  
 Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.  
 Beauty ..... Jocelyn Lee Esien  
 Mr Collinson ..... Malcolm Tierney  
 Jill ..... Pippa Haywood  
 Sally ..... Felicity Montagu  
 Karen/Bus Driver/Shop Assistant ..... Nicola Sanderson  
 Mrs Gupte ..... Indira Joshi  
 Anil ..... Paul Sharma  
 Derek/Waiter/Church Reader ..... Christopher Douglas  
 Minister ..... Dan Tetsell  
 Music by The West End Gospel Choir.  
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.  
**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001h52r)**  
 Jake Yapp  
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Laura Lexx talks to Jake Yapp.  
**FRI 23:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbq)**  
 The Brothers Faversham  
 Augustus Faversham  
 The story of Victorian Britain's most celebrated magician -

Augustus 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 February 2008.  
**FRI 23:30 James Acaster's Perfect Sounds (p0c1bjs4)**  
 Series 2  
 Sadia Azmat & Black Girl Blues  
 Fetish Bones by Moor Mother delivers a powerful message via a sonically abrasive backdrop.  
 Labelled by the artist herself as Black Girl Blues, Project Housing Bop or Slaveship Punk, it's an album that demands the listener's full attention.  
 However, was it enough to hold Sadia Asmat's attention?