

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2023

SAT 00:00 **The Zone (b046nxcx)**

Episode 2

Turner is dragged back into The Zone where his rare abilities place him in great demand but put his life firmly on the line. Starring Ben Crowe.

Conclusion of Trevor Preston's sci-fi crime thriller set in a world beyond the law.

Turner Ben Crowe

Dr Costello Sinead Keenan

Hill Clare Perkins

Dwoskin Clive Hayward

Cage Stephen Greif

Cliff Harry Myers

AV Elaine Claxton

McClelland David Cann

Baaker Michael Bertenshaw

Other parts played by:

Matthew Watson

Wilf Scolding

Jaimi Barbakoff

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

SAT 00:45 **James Follett - The Man Who Invented****Yesterday (m0007rbp)**

Like so many scientists before him, Sir Max is delighted when his experiments come to fruition.

His most recent, however, takes him slightly by surprise...

Short sci-fi drama written by James Follett.

Sir Max Flinders Alan Rowe

Jerry Fox Graham Faulkner

Sally Jenny Twigge

Director: Christopher Venning.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1980.

SAT 01:00 **Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe (b007jqyc)**

Episode 2

Crusoe's acceptance of his solitude is shattered by a single footprint in the sand.

Conclusion of Daniel Defoe's epic tale.

Starring Roy Marsden and Tom Bevan.

Dramatised by Steve Chambers.

Older Robinson Roy Marsden

Younger Robinson Tom Bevan

Wells Gerard McDermott

Crusoe's Father John Rowe

Crusoe's Mother Jenny Lee

Captain Christopher Wright

Jack Iwan Thomas

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 02:00 **Red For Danger (m000rn07)**

1. Lady's Invitation

A jeweller attends a party where he discovers his beautiful hostess is in danger...

Suspense-packed thriller serial in six-parts.

Written by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers - Edward J Mason.

Starring:

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Dudley Rolph

Gerik Schelderdurp

June Spencer

Peter Wilde

Producer: Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in October 1954.

SAT 02:30 **New Creatives Dramas (m001hwh5)**

Series 7

Tregoynt Community Radio & Mythophobia

Fresh storytelling from first-time writers and producers as part of BBC Introducing Arts supported by BBC Arts and Arts Council England.

Presented by writer, musician and broadcaster Paul Dodgson.

TREGOYNT COMMUNITY RADIO by Siân Esther Powell.

Tune into Tregoynt Community Radio for the latest updates from Cornish Fairy Folk. The show offers a glimpse into the daily life of the village's colourful and unpredictable characters and hears how they navigate the world around them.

Starring Edward Rowe and Mary Woodvine.

Producer: Simon Harvey

Executive Producer: Jeremy Routledge

A Calling the Shots production.

MYTHOPHOBIA by Ross Foster.

When Dr Michael Hawkins steps into his practice he expects a day like any other, but there's something in the air that threatens to bring his darkest secrets to the fore. Mythophobia is a story about the lies we tell, the secrets we keep, and how far we'd go to keep them.

Starring Ed Gaughan, Matthew Gravelle and Gemma Saunders.

Sound design by Martyn Harries.

Music by Chris Reed.

Producer: Kate McAll

Presented and produced by Paul Dodgson for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SAT 03:00 **The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah (b0b17c5f)**

5. Pain

As the writer flourishes, the man, now a husband, suffers at the cruel hands of infertility.

Desperate to have a child and be a father, Benjamin and his wife embark on IVF but, as his career flies, his belief in his ability to conceive comes to an end.

That pain will never leave him but he decides to take on the taboo and talk about it in his poems and his writings, opening the doors for other people's pain to be understood.

Autobiography written and concluded by Benjamin Zephaniah.

Abridged by Sara Davies

Producer: Celia de Wolff

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

SAT 03:15 **Subterranean Homesick Blues (b092g97d)**

Series 2

5. The Holiday

John and Maggie have finally rekindled their relationship.

Full of renewed vigour, John is now ready to take the next step towards commitment - a holiday.

But going away together has always proved problematic for this pair.

AL Kennedy's romantic comedy drama.

John Bill Nighy

Maggie Anna Calder-Marshall

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

SAT 03:30 **Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00d0jx)**

The Haunting of Mr Bickersdyke

The indomitable Psmith hatches a plan to take revenge on bullying manager Mr Bickersdyke.

PG Wodehouse's comic adventures of the extraordinary Psmith and his friend Mike in the world of Edwardian finance.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan

PG Wodehouse Simon Williams

Psmith Nick Caldecott

Mike Jackson Inam Mirza

John Bickersdyke Stephen Critchlow

Mr Rossiter Chris Pavlo

Mr Waller Jonathan Tafler

Pleasure Seeker Dan Starkey

Bannister Robert Lonsdale

Producer: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

SAT 04:00 **Mr Willow's Wife (m000p0dn)**

1. Getting to Know You

Felicity Willow is feeling sad that her 13 year-old twin boys have gone away to boarding school.

So instead, she decides to devote her energies to getting closer to husband Paul once more...

Starring Moira Lister and Terence Alexander.

Written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman

Felicity Willow Moira Lister

Paul Willow Terence Alexander

Nanny Doris Hare

Motel Receptionist Ray Cooney

Manager John Chapman

Producer David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1971.

SAT 04:30 **The Weekend Starts Here (m001hwh9)**

3. Are You Local?

Tensions continue between the residents and second home owners of Shipcombe Green when a pub quiz is organised.

Londoner Felicity gets the chance to go to the local disco - with a local boy.

Sitcom about a village divided between the full-time resident villagers and the weekenders.

Written by Bill Matthews

Marina Diana Hardcastle

Terence Philip Bretherton

Mrs Thorogood Gillian Barge

Mr Thorogood Rupert Vansittart

Christine Susan Brown

Norman Gavin Muir

Felicity Gemma Saunders

Robbie Tim Treloar

Lawrence Fyffe Tom Marshall

Smith / Josh Tom George

Sandra Fiona Clarke

Music composed and performed by Terry Davies.

Director: Paul Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

SAT 05:00 **The Museum of Curiosity (m000n5g1)**

Series 15

Episode 5

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Alice Levine welcome:

* Comedian Ken Cheng

* Jewellery and silverware designer Theo Fennell

* Supernanny Jo Frost

The Museum's Guest Committee donate the Starship Enterprise, a bottle of rum and the perfect after dinner singsong.

Researchers: Mike Turner and Anne Miller of QI.

Producers: Richard Turner & James Harkin.

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

SAT 05:30 **Beak Expectations (b00ngz6q)**

Series 3

A Lovely Life Re-Kipped Again Once More

Pip Bin's happiness is shattered once again.

Fog-filled streets, murders, and apparitions abound, and through it all echoes the terrible, menacing coo of a possessed evil pigeon.

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

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Dr Wackwallop Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Fecund Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Other parts Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

SAT 06:00 **Ben Travers - Rookery Nook (m000h81d)**

The confetti hardly brushed from his tailcoat and his new wife nursing his new mother-in-law, Gerald Popkiss motors to

Chumpton where his new sister-in-law can keep her eye on him.

The question is - can he explain the beautiful, barefoot, pyjama-clad girl sleeping in his bed...?

Starring Ian Lavender.

Ben Travers' farce is based on his novel, first published in 1923.

Adapted by Peter King.

Gerald Popkiss Ian Lavender

Clive Popkiss Brett Usher

Gertrude Twine Anne Jameson

Harold Twine John Grillo

Mrs Leverett Elizabeth Bell

Putz Carl Duering

Conrad the dog Percy Edwards

Clara Popkiss Helena Breck

Rhoda Marley Melinda Walker

Poppy Dickey Jenny Funnell

Chumpton villager David Garth

Rector Colin Starkey

Baby Thomas King

Music composed and played by Ed Welch (piano) with Ron

Aspery

Director: Peter King

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

SAT 07:30 **Richard Hughes - Danger (m001j3dw)**

Three people find themselves trapped in a pitch black, flooding mine. Is this the end?

'Danger' or 'The Mine Play' is regarded as the BBC's first ever radio drama.

Originally broadcast live in February 1923, when the audience was invited to listen in the dark for maximum effect.

This version was re-recorded to mark the play's 50th anniversary - and now rebroadcast on 4 Extra to mark the

centenary.

Written by Richard Hughes.

A young couple and an older man find themselves trapped in a

lightless, flooding mine.

The growing peril prompts thoughts about life and death, and

the value of age.

Jack Christopher Good

Mary Carol Marsh

Mr Bax Carleton Hobbs

Welsh Miners:

John Atterbury

Henry Davies

Richard Parry

John Rebs

Eilian Wyn

Producer: Raymond Raikes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in October 1973.

SAT 07:50 **Inheritance Tracks (b08714d8)**

Johnny Marr

Guitarist Johnny Marr chooses 'Walk Right Back' by the Everly Brothers and 'Slow Emotion Replay' by The The. From

December 2016.

SAT 08:00 **Guy Meredith - Clicktrack (b04wvwpd)**

1930s Britain: A young composer working in the film industry finds himself up against a number of eccentric types involved in

a seemingly doomed picture.

Can he save the day with a magical score?

Stars Maurice Denham.

Guy Meredith's drama about the early days of British film-

making.

Alec Leeland Maurice Denham

Young Alec Ian Targett

Jack B Nimble Michael Graham Cox

Maxwell Vine Philip Voss

Nellie Browne Joan Walker

Claude Leroux Neville Jason

Billy Ian Michie

Helen Holloway Petra Davies

Other parts played by:

Philip Sully

Richard Tate

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007j16n)

Series 1

Beside the Seaside

Carter and his Uncle Mort enjoy some sea air and some miserable memories.

Carter Brandon gets a week off work, so he decides to go on day-trips in his car, with his Uncle Mort, 'where the fancy takes them'.

Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of Carter Brandon and his curmudgeonly uncle.

Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel'.

In addition to radio adaptations, this earned them a run of four BBC TV series of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' from 1975 to 1979.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon Peter Skellern

Mrs Keanleyside Hilda Fennemore

Narrator Christian Rodska

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

SAT 09:00 Ray's a Laugh (m001j3dy)

From 16/10/1959

When Ted makes Kitty an early morning cup of tea, she wonders what is he really up to?

Starring Ted Ray.

Ray's a Laugh follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961.

Written by Bernard Botting and Charles Hart.

With:

Kitty Bluett

Laidman Browne

Kenneth Connor

Pat Coombs

BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulth

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1959.

SAT 09:30 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01jznr9)

Series 1

Episode 4

Baby talk for Eric and it's bath-time for Ernie - but is he really that hairy?

Special singing guest: Wilma Reading.

With:

Anne Hamilton

Arthur Tolcher

Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1975.

SAT 10:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to the Family (m0007rf7)

1. Mementos & Millican

Isy Suttie returns to Derbyshire, the home of her teenage years as she ambles through the radio archives to celebrate family life and growing up.

On her travels we hear contributions from her close friends along with some classic BBC comedy.

'The Shoe Box of Memories'

The first of a three part programme where comedian and actress Isy Suttie searches through a shoe box of special items recalling her adventures in Matlock, Derbyshire as a child and teenager, evoking bitter sweet memories of her journey to adulthood

She is joined by her family of friends Hannah and Caroline to reminisce.

Featuring:

'Sarah Millican's Support Group'

Comedy by Sarah Millican, who plays Sarah, life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt.

In this episode, she helps solve various family issues.

Producer: Stephen Garner

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

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SAT 22:00 Chris Addison's Civilization (b00f681x)

A Sense of Identity

Chris Addison reveals how "culture" gives a civilisation a sense of identity, and Professor Herring tells all about a conference on deckchairs

Continuing his journey through the vast and rich subject of civilisation, the thinking-idiot's anthropologist explains exactly what we need to create a new one.

With:

Professor Austin Herring (Geoffrey McGivern)

Jo Enright

Dan Tetsell

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

SAT 22:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbzc)

More Brothers Faversham

Perceus and Lucius Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's great twin industrialists, Perceus and Lucius.

The comedy trio share another tale in their swashbuckling family romp.

Written by and starring The Penny Dreadfuls:

Humphrey Ker

David Reed

Thom Tuck

With:

Miles Jupp

Ingrid Oliver

Script edited by Richard Turner.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2008.

SAT 23:00 Vent (b0016v4j)

Series 1

Switching Off

As he lies unconscious in intensive care, Ben's mind takes him on the most difficult journey yet.

Travelling through the landscape of his own chaotic brain, it looks surprisingly like Mordor.

In the real world, it's time to see if Ben can breathe on his own.

Starring Neil Pearson.

Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.

Ben Neil Pearson

Jean Josie Lawrence

Mary Fiona Allen

Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash

With:

Dave Lamb

Mark Perry

Jo Martin

Tim Whitnall

Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

SAT 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b007jv6)

Series 4

Sleep

Satan has never been to sleep, so Thomas and the Professor try

to give him 40 winks.

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

The Professor James Groot

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Other characters played by:

Felicity Montagu

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton Stevens

Nigel Pegrum

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

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SUN 00:00 Robert Holmes - Aliens in the Mind (b007jlv8)

4. Official Intercessions

Having brought the apparently simple-minded Flora Keiry to London, Professor Lark and John Cornelius uncover the sinister nature of her true identity.

Then they realise the authorities must be alerted...

Starring Peter Cushing and Vincent Price.

Written by Rene Basilio from an idea by Robert Holmes.

John Cornelius Peter Cushing

Curtis Lark Vincent Price

Flora Keiry Sandra Clarke

Kalman Baromek Steve Playtux

Ian Sanderson Frazer Carr

Gulliver William Eadle

Brigadier Sherman Clifford Norgates

Gwynt Michael Harbour

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.

SUN 00:30 A Sting in the Tale (b0076j5y)

4. Sally Go Round the Moon by Natalia Power

Are the pressures of her job the reason Sally is hearing the voice of a child that no-one else can hear?

Or is she being haunted?

Series of eerie dramas to send a chill up the spine

Written by Natalia Power.

Sally Jaimiti Barakoff

Laura Rachel Atkins

Receptionist Frances Jeater

Stacey Wilson Ioan Meredith

Simon David Thorpe

Voice Jessica Crossley

Pianist and Musical Director: Clement Power

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

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SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001j3wh)

My Muse - Kathryn Williams on Sylvia Plath

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses: My Muse - Kathryn Williams on Sylvia Plath.

The award-winning singer songwriter Kathryn Williams was motivated to write an entire album, Hypoxia, by the work of the poet Sylvia Plath.

Kathryn was commissioned to write some songs for the Durham Book Festival to mark the 50th anniversary of Sylvia Plath's death and the publication of her novel, The Bell Jar. She wanted to write something that got away from the popular tragic image of Sylvia Plath who killed herself at the age of just 30.

Instead Kathryn wanted to focus on the writing. Plath is considered one of the greatest poets of the 20th century.

Once the commission was over Kathryn couldn't stop writing and decided these songs would be her next album. She got stuck and called on the singer songwriter and producer Ed Harcourt for help, who features in this programme.

Kathryn also speaks to Andrew Wilson author of Mad Girl's Love Song, a biography of Plath's early life. They meet at Parliament Hill Fields, one of the many places in England that inspired Plath.

Another is Hardcastle Crags in West Yorkshire where Kathryn goes on a walk with the poet Sarah Corbett, author of And She Was. For the first time - and amidst cracking thunder - Kathryn visits the grave of Sylvia Plath along with Gail Crowther, author of The Haunted Reader and Sylvia Plath.

Kathryn wants to concentrate on Plath's work, not her death, so ends with Deryn Rees-Jones, also a poet and a critic and Professor of Poetry at Liverpool University, where a collection of some of Plath's manuscripts are held.

Producer: Nicola Swords

BBC Radio Production North.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

SUN 06:30 The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah (Omnibus) (b01q698)

Benjamin Zephaniah reads his autobiography, beginning with his childhood growing up in Birmingham.

It was a childhood coloured with love and violence.

But it was also where his love of poetry first evolved - and his relationship with his parents went in two very different directions.

Written and read by Benjamin Zephaniah

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Sara Davies

Producer: Celia de Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2018.

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001j3x2)

Caroline Hiron

Skincare supreme Caroline Hiron chooses : On Her Majesty's

Secret Service by John Barry, and 'Travelin' Soldier by The

Chicks.

SUN 07:50 AL Kennedy - Subterranean Homesick Blues

(Omnibus) (b093m2x1)

Series 2

John and Maggie return as the lovers attempting to rekindle the flames of an on/off affair from their younger days. But they discover love doesn't get easier when you're older but no wiser.

Omnibus of five episodes written by AL Kennedy.

John Bill Nighy
Maggie Anna Calder-Marshall

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

SUN 09:00 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b01m3jy)

From 08/06/1974

Kenneth and Ted take a comic romp through the permissive society – and a spoof Noel Coward drama.

Kenneth Williams and Ted Ray cross their comedy swords. Characters, songs and sketches galore.

Starring Ted Ray and Kenneth Williams.

With:

Miriam Margolyes

Nigel Rees

Music by Neil Innes.

Written by Michael Wale and Joe Steeples.

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.

SUN 09:30 Something to Shout About (m0002hh3)

Series 2

Episode 13

Mavis's new beatnik boyfriend makes her dizzier than ever.

"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

Other parts played by:

Warren Mitchell

Producer: Eric Miller

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1961.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01mg07z)

Longplay

James Corden

Actor, writer and US chat show host. James Corden shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

In a specially extended edition for BBC Radio 4 Extra, he shares his record, book and luxury choices.

As a child he longed to act - he found early success in Alan Bennett's play *The History Boys* and became a household name for the TV show he devised and co-wrote. Gavin and Stacey. At the time of this recording in 2012, James was starring in *One Man, Two Guvnors*. It had transferred from London's West End to New York's Broadway and he says: "I'm well aware that this could well be the best part that I ever play on stage - it's a gift for any actor who has any interest in comedy. It feels like all my dreams come true."

DISC ONE: First Day of My Life - Bright Eyes

DISC TWO: Days Like This - Van Morrison

DISC THREE: Gumboots - Paul Simon

DISC FOUR: The Art Teacher - Rufus Wainwright

DISC FIVE: A Little Respect - Erasure

DISC SIX: She's a Woman - Brent Carver

DISC SEVEN: I Can't Make You Love Me - Bonnie Raitt

DISC EIGHT: Vide Cor Meum - Danielle de Niese

BOOK CHOICE - A guide to learning the piano

LUXURY CHOICE - A piano

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE - Days Like This - Van Morrison

Desert Island Discs was created by Roy Plomley.

Producer: Corinna Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in September 2012.

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SUN 22:00 Sean Lock - 15 Storeys High (b09k9mvy)

Series 1

Episode 4

Could the detritus of Sean's domestic life have artistic worth previously unappreciated?

The life of Sean Lock at 76, Elderberry House, Maydew Estate, where he fails to keep the world at bay.

Starring Sean Lock

Written by Sean Lock and Martin Trenaman.

With:

Tim Mitchell

Tracy-Ann Oberman

Peter Serafinowicz

Martin Trenaman

Chris Pavlo

Script Editor: Robert Fraser-Steele

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

SUN 22:30 Chain Reaction (b00tqx3w)

Series 6

Ade Edmondson interviews Ruby Wax

The comic actor and comedian in the tag talk show, where the guest becomes the interviewer in the next show.

Writer and star of "The Young Ones" and "Bottom", alternative comedy legend Ade Edmondson grabs the microphone to interview the UK's favourite sharp tongued American, Ruby Wax.

Ade asks Ruby about the impact her strict parents had on her comedy, her start in entertainment as an RDC wench, her break into TV and those famous celebrity interviews, and how her journey has led her from being a celebrated TV entertainer and comedienne to a qualified expert on Psychotherapy and Neuroscience.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2010.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001jd4m)

Michelle de Swarte 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight Stephen Bailey catches up with Michelle de Swarte

SUN 23:00 Safety Catch (b00fgq18)

Series 1

A Wanting Man

Simon wonders whether to stay faithful to his girlfriend, when he suspects a friend of his sister may be attracted to him.

Starring Darren Boyd as Simon McGrath.

Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality.

Simon is essentially a nice man who also happens to be an arms dealer.

With:

Joanna Page

Lewis MacLeod

Sarah Smart

Brigit Forsyth

Catherine Shepherd

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

SUN 23:30 1966 and All That (b01phm54)

The 1980s and 90s

Neil Knock-Knock becomes leader of the Labour Party; Jeffrey Archer reveals he's won the Nobel Prize - and John Major stands against himself ... and loses.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1980s and 90s.

With:

Joss Ackland

Eleanor Bron

Rory Bremner

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

John Humphrys

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001j3wh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah (Omnibus) (b0b1q698)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001j3x2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 AL Kennedy - Subterranean Homesick Blues (Omnibus) (b093m2x1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 The Betty Witherspoon Show (b01m3jy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Something to Shout About (m0002hh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01mg07z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 We're Backing Britain (b0bkrcs4)

Based on the true story of the 1968 'I'm Backing Britain' campaign.

Britain's economy is teetering on the brink. Strikes, devaluation and rejection from the Common Market are making Prime Minister Harold Wilson's life a misery.

The Labour government has been fighting budget deficits with austerity measures, while struggling with a small Commons majority and attempting to change Britain's relationship with Europe. A cloud of doom and gloom seems to be descending over the country after the heady days of the Swinging Sixties.

What the country needs is some Dunkirk spirit - to wave the Union Jack from the White Cliffs and fight back.

When the typists of Colt Ventilation decide to work half an hour a day for free to help the country fight economic hard times, they are championed by the great and good. But they have unwittingly put their local shop steward on a collision course with the union big boys.

Initially encouraged by Wilson, the idea of working for free is loved by the right and quickly hated by the left. Labour is put under pressure by the TUC to quash this "economic illiteracy".

David Morley's satirical play takes us back to the doom and gloom of Great Britain in the late 1960s, and shines a light on the industrial strife of the 70s.

Valerie White Felicity Duncan

Brenda Mumford Catherine Lamb

Joan Southwel Alana Ramsey

Fred Price Nicholas Boulton

Jack O'Hea Duncan Wisbey

Harry Tyler Geoffrey McGivern

Rory McCarthy Wilf Scolding

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Director: Sean Grundy

Producer: Richard Clemmow

A Perfectly Normal production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2018.

MON 05:45 Short Works (m00025fw)

Big House by Louise Hegarty

After investigating an arson at a local manor house, an insurance company employee discovers a series of fires erupting much closer to home.

An original short story especially commissioned by BBC Radio 4 by the Irish writer Louise Hegarty.

Winner of the Sunday Business Post Penguin Ireland Short Story Prize, Louise's work has been featured in the anthology 'wordlegs presents: 30 Under 30' and the Banshee literary journal.

This is her first story for BBC Radio.

Read by Cathy Belton

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

MON 06:00 Red For Danger (m000r46)

2. Gold Elephant

Red Farley is still missing and so is Pat's birthday bracelet. In spite of being warned off by his friend the inspector, David Conway and his fiancé Pat decide to do a little investigating themselves.

Suspense-packed thriller serial.

Written by Edward J Mason.

Starring:

Chris Gittins

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Dudley Rolph

Gerik Schelderup

Harry Stubbs

Peter Wilde

Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.

MON 06:30 Personal Column (m001j41s)

Off To A Good Start by Dawn Pavitt and Terry Wale

Carol and Dennis's honeymoon period is soon over.

Is the wedding dress to blame?

Dramas which tell the stories reading between the lines of newspaper personal ads.

Written by Dawn Pavitt and Terry Wale.

Carol Barnes Sian Davies

Dennis Nigel Anthony

Mrs Barnes Eva Stuart

Mrs Dickens Mary O'Farrell

Mr Barnes Alan Dudley

Miss Faulkner Griselda Hervey

Taxi Driver/Toast Master Humphrey Morton

Series concept originated by Philip Levene.

Producer: Betty Davies

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

MON 07:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j425)

1. Opposition

When Florence plans to open a bookshop in Hardborough it is clear she will have powerful local opposition.

"It is a peculiar thing to take a step forward in middle age, but

having done it I don't intend to retreat"

Written by Penelope Fitzgerald

Read in ten parts by Maggie Steed.

Abridged and produced by David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

MON 07:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042j8y5)

1. Setting Sail

Bev, the meanest hairdresser in Britain, and Shirl, the stupidest, head out to sea on a cruise round the Fjords.

Bev sees it as a comedy opportunity for a bit of extra business.

Return of the comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirley Rosie Cavaliero

Enid Nicola Sloane

Diane Angela Lansdale

Captain Andersen Joel MacCormack

Producer: Jessica Dromgoole

Director: Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

MON 07:30 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v2sx)

Birth

Following on from her hugely successful, award-winning series – 'Minds The Gap' and 'Utopia', Bridget Christie turns her attention to Mortality

Like many of us forced to work from home during Covid lockdown, Bridget recorded this series herself in her house, and in her local park, on a pre-sanitised recording device sent to her in the post. Batteries weren't included. She had to buy them all herself.

In a collection of informative, personal and absurd recordings, she confronts the difficult questions most of us spend our lives avoiding – all whilst being interrupted by cats, chores, children, foxes and a plumber.

"Do twins share a soul or do they get one each?" "Why don't we bury our placentas and plant a tree on top of them?" and "Who's blocked the toilet again?"

If you are mortal, then this is the show for you.

Written and performed by Bridget Christie

With guest appearances from her dad, sister Eileen and friend Ash

Following episodes cover 'Life', 'Death' and 'The Afterlife'.

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.

MON 08:00 Brothers in Law (b007jry1)

Series 1

Solicitor's Instructions

Barrister Roger Thursby takes on an elaborate drink-driving case.

Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was first published in 1955.

Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Henry Blagrove Richard Briers

Grimes John Glyn-Jones

Sally Mannerling Ann Davies

Tewkesbury James Hayter

The Magistrate Geoffrey Sumner

Other parts played by:

Alan Barry

Ronald Forfar

John Gabriel

Leslie Heritage

Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1970.

MON 08:30 Yes Minister (b007k0nj)

Series 2

A Question of Loyalty

With a war on waste at the Civil Service - what does MP Jim Hacker think?

Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds. Satirical sitcom centred around hapless MP Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.

Written by Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn

It first ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984.

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Woolley Derek Fowlds

Betty Oldham, MP Judy Parfitt

Sir Mark Spencer Nigel Stock

Peter William Hope

Gillian Helena Breck

The Committee Chairman John Strickland

The PM Arnold Diamond

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Aikin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

MON 09:00 Genius (b0082b9x)

Series 3

Gyles Brandreth

A conveyor duvet for quibbling couples? Loaning out our royals abroad?

Dave Gorman asks author and broadcaster Gyles Brandreth to select the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest

chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

MON 09:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007yrh0)

Series 2

Episode 3

When Daniel's brother suggests a night in the pub and Lucy's best friend meets a new man, their plans for a week away from other people's problems come seriously unstuck.

Starring David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling.

David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.

Daniel David Tennant

Lucy Elizabeth Carling

Amanda Nasreen Hussain

Alison Joanna Brookes

Peter Robert Harley

Caroline Polly Frame.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.

MON 10:00 We're Backing Britain (b0bkrsc4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 10:45 Short Works (m00025fw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

MON 11:00 Red For Danger (m000rn46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Personal Column (m001j41s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j425)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042j8y5)

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MON 13:30 Yes Minister (b007k0nj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 Genius (b0082b9x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007yrh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 We're Backing Britain (b0bkrsc4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 15:45 Short Works (m00025fw)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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MON 18:30 Yes Minister (b007k0nj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 Genius (b0082b9x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007yrh0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 Radiolab (m000vgw9)

Series 7

Right to be Forgotten

Radiolab explores an online world where that story about you lives forever. Can we shake our internet past?

In an online world, that story about you lives forever. The tipsy photograph of you at the college football game? It's up there.

That news article about the political rally you were marching at? It's up there. A DUI? That's there, too. But what if ... it wasn't.

In Cleveland, Ohio, a group of journalists are trying out an experiment that has the potential to turn things upside down: they are un-publishing content they've already published.

Photographs, names, entire articles. Every month or so, they get together to decide what content stays, and what content goes.

On today's episode, reporter Molly Webster goes inside the room where the decisions are being made, listening case-by-case as editors decide who, or what, gets to be deleted. It's a story about time and memory; mistakes and second chances; and society as we know it.

This episode was reported by Molly Webster, and produced by Molly Webster and Bethel Habte.

Special thanks to Kathy English, David Erdos, Ed Haber, Brewster Kahle, Imani Leonard, Ruth Samuel, James Bennett II, Alice Wilder, Alex Overington, Jane Kamensky and all the people who helped shape this story.

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

From WNYC. First broadcast on national public radio in the USA in 2019.

MON 21:00 Restart (m001j421)

3. Circleville

The video game designer, a military base, an errant priest...

From the makers of THE CIPHER and PASSENGER LIST an original, mind-bending 8-part thriller.

When British teenager Eddie witnesses his on-line friend, Junior, being abducted from his bedroom, he travels to the US to find him, and is drawn into the secretive world of a video game "detox" camp called Restart. Starring Armin Karima, Jon Gabrus & Jennifer Armour.

Music by Benbrick. Created by Brett Neichin and John Scott Dryden.

Eddie.....Armin Karima

Francis.....Jon Gabrus

Boss.....Akie Kotabe

Skye.....Gianna Kiehl

Hilly.....Jennifer Armour

Mr Priest..... Nathan Osgood

Mr Jacobs.....Eric Meyers

Atari Boss.....Philip Desmeules

Bucky.....Eric Sirakian

Other parts: Joshua C Jackson, Victor Perez, Kerry Shale, Eric Sirakian, Matilde Gaido, Rebecca LaChance

Kids at camp: Matteo Caporusso, Vaughn Arthur Endraca, Sebastian Stewart, Michaela Moore & Libbi Fox

Production:

Created & Written by Brett Neichin & John Scott Dryden

Original music by Benbrick with additional programming by Lostwithyou

Editing & Sound Design - John Scott Dryden, Adam Woodhams & Andreina Gomez

Recording: Sonica Studios, London & Marc Graue Studios, LA.

Sound Engineering - Paul Clark, Tony Diaz & Peter Mack

Script Editing - Farokh Soltani & Mike Walker

Trails - Jack Soper

Assistant Producer - Eleanor Mein

Runner - Jacob Tombling

Producer & Casting - Emma Hearn

Director & Executive Producer - John Scott Dryden

A Goldhawk production for BBC Sounds

MON 21:30 Red Moon (m000sy0t)

Phase 5: Transit

As the body count mounts, Eddie and Susan head for the RAF base in Cumbria.

An alternative-history, Cold War thriller, where American and Soviet Moon bases aim their nuclear missiles at targets across the planet.

Winner of Best Online Audio Drama at the BBC Audio Drama Awards, 2019.

CAST:

Eddie Sloper Philip Bulcock

Dr Susan Madison Yasmine Holness-Dove

Mrs Jones/Felicity Georgina Periam

Wendy Sarah Whitehouse

Murray Greg Page

CIA Hitman Richard Reed

Lt. Gen. Atherton William Hope

Music composed and performed by Francesco Quadrupolo.

Story by Jack Bowman and Robert Valentine.

Written, directed and produced by Robert Valentine.

A Wireless Theatre Production recorded at the RNIB Talking Book Studios.

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001hx07)

Series 90

Mods and Rockers, The Perfect Mullet and Deep Sea Diving

Sue Perkins challenges Paul Merton, Jan Ravens, Tony Hawks and Desiree Burch to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation.

The long-running Radio 4 national treasure of a parlour game returns this week with subjects ranging from The Perfect Mullet to Deep Sea Diving.

Production co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

Sound editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Rajiv Karia

A BBC Studios Production

MON 22:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0075tgf)

Series 1

Episode 4

Have the girls from hit American TV show Friends really come to visit?

Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Jim North

Script editor: Graeme Garden

Music by Richard Webb.

Producers: Claire Jones and Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001hxb9)

Series 110

Episode 7

Andy is joined by Mark Steel, Ria Lina, Catherine Bohart and Camilla Long. This week the panel discuss President Zelensky's surprise visit to the UK, Rishi Sunak's cabinet reshuffle and Liz Truss' political comeback.

Hosted and written by Andy Zaltzman with additional material from Alice Fraser, Zoë Tomalin, Rebecca Bain and Cameron Loxdale.

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jptd)

Series 2

The Sea

Why did Turner paint the sea so often? Was it its timeless majesty, or because he couldn't draw hands properly?

From Liverpool University - this is the cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards.

Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.

With:

Rebecca Front

Armando Iannucci

And the voice of Tom Baker.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2023

TUE 00:00 We're Backing Britain (b0bkrcs4)

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TUE 04:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b007yrh0)

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TUE 05:00 DJ Britton - The Love of Birds (m001j431)

Miranda has come to Bardholm to find space to think.

Huw is there because counting puffins makes him feel good.

Their meeting on this remote Welsh island has unexpected consequences for them both.

DJ Britton's drama was specially commissioned for Valentine's Day.

Miranda Penny Downie

Huw Richard Elfyn

Director Gilly Adams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

TUE 05:45 Short Works (m0001s03)

Fear of Flying by Anna Freeman

A woman and her new boyfriend take a trip.

But can she conquer her fear of flying?

An original short work for radio - written and performed by Anna Freeman.

Anna is a novelist, a multiple poetry slam champion, an associate lecturer in creative writing at Bath Spa University and the producer of Bristol's acclaimed spoken word series, Blahlahlah.

She is the author of two novels, The Fair Fight, a historical adventure set within the world of female prize-fighters and their patrons in 18th century Bristol, and Five Days of Fog, which follows a gang of female criminals through the great smog of 1952.

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

TUE 06:00 Red For Danger (m000rmzx)

3. Seeing Red

David Conway and Pat Manners try to catch up with the mysterious and elusive Red Farley.

Finally they track her down at the circus - but why is she fearing for her life..?

Suspense-packed thriller serial.

Written by Edward J Mason.

Starring:

Anne Cullen

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Chris Gittins

Dudley Rolph

Gerik Schelderup

Harry Stubbs

Ysanne Churchman

June Spencer

Peter Wilde.

Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.

TUE 06:30 Personal Column (m001j44r)

What Am I Bid? by Eddie Maguire

Tony is intrigued by a personal advert which reads:

'Wife available - what offers? Box 523'

Dramas which tell the stories reading between the lines of newspaper personal ads.

Written by Eddie Maguire.

Tony George Cole

Ralph Henry Knowles

Jane Sonia Fraser

Trengrove John Justin

Series concept originated by Philip Levene.

Producer: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

TUE 07:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j451)

2. Haunted

The bookshop premises are haunted by a 'rapper', and Florence is invited to a party at The Stead.

"Poltergeists, in Hardborough, were called rappers. 'Your rapper's been at my adjustable spanners' said the plumber."

Written by Penelope Fitzgerald

Read by Maggie Steed

Abridged and produced by David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

TUE 07:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042jfw5)

2. Drumming Up Business

The cruise has been a good way for Bev and Shirl to drum up a little illicit hairdressing business below deck.

The storm may have passed but it's not going to be all plain sailing.

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

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirley Rosie Cavaliero

Nigel John Norton

Captain Andersen Joel MacCormack

Producer: Jessica Dromgoole

Director: Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

TUE 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b03gvqlz)

Series 9

The Personal Statement

Ed is grovelling to his former girlfriend Fiona, claiming to be a 'changed man'. But as she quite rightly points out, he's still wearing the same socks and sandals.

As Ed tries to get back into her good books, he finds himself retiring from the writing trade and applying for real jobs. So it is, he writes a personal statement and attends his first interview for a salaried position since, well, ever.....

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

Fiona Jenny Agutter

Olive Stephanie Cole

Jaz Milvain Philip Jackson

Pearl Alison Steadman

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Interviewer Melanie Hudson

Waitress Nicola Sanderson

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jith)

Series 7

Insurance: The White Man's Burden

Neddie Seagone tries to set fire to the English Channel to claim the insurance.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Jack Train

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 February 1957.

TUE 08:30 In the Chair (b007jsvd)

Episode 3

Hack George Cragge is convinced that the minister for information has something to hide.

And the BBC Chairman gets implicated...

Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.

Mark Tavener's blackly humorous murder mystery.

George Cragge Michael Williams

DCI Frank Jefferson Barry Foster

Prime Minister Hugh Laurie

Crichton-Potter Richard Griffiths

Martin McCabe John Bird

Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry

Marcia Mallon Rebecca Front

Jim Hardie Kenneth Cranham

Director of Personnel Geoffrey Whitehead

Chancellor Simon Greenhall

John Jonathan Keeble

Caroline Susie Brann

Max Peter Woodthorpe

Michael Salisbury John Rowe

Sandra Rachel Atkins

Richard Darren Boyd

Newsreader Harriet Cass

Music by Paul Mottram.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (b007Sryv)

Series 1

Episode 5

Everyone should have a therapist - and it is only sad people who have pets?

Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky debating game.

With:

Clive Coleman

Rhona Cameron

Niall Ashdown

John Maloney

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

TUE 09:30 North East of Eden (b01hc5t1)

Spirits

The discovery of an ancient relic brings pilgrims to Paradise.

But Marcia is also praying for a miracle when errant boyfriend Clem pays a visit...

Starring Rebecca Front and Joan Sims.

Peter Kerry's sitcom about a GP living on Paradise Island off the coast of Northumbria.

Dr Marcia Hulme Rebecca Front

Auntie Annie Joan Sims

Hjorst Niall Ashdown

Joseph James Garbutt

Mrs Peevis Jean Southern

Ralph Stephen Thirkeld

William Sammy Johnson

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

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TUE 19:30 North East of Eden (b01hc5t1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m001j45g)

Series 9

Stay Resolved

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

Manoush Zomorodi explore how we can keep the new resolutions we make. Can a story or idea motivate us in a whole new way?

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

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b069njsy)

Bridget Christie

Comedian Bridget Christie chooses 'Have You Ever Seen the Rain' by Creedence Clearwater Revival and the theme to

Step toe and Son.

TUE 21:00 Restart (m001j5l6)

4. Start Again

Life at Camp Restart, the Boss, a baggage handler who stole a plane...

From the makers of THE CIPHER and PASSENGER LIST, a mind-bending original 8-part thriller.

When British teenager Eddie witnesses his on-line friend, Junior, being abducted from his bedroom, he travels to the US to find him, and is drawn into the secretive world of a video game "detox" camp called Restart. Starring Armin Karima, Akie Kotabe & Savannah Steyn.

Music by Benbrick. Created by Brett Neichin and John Scott Dryden.

Eddie....Armin Karima

Francis....Jon Gabrus

Boss....Akie Kotabe

CJ.... Savannah Steyn

Lars....Kerry Shale

Flo.... Michaela Moore

Felix.... Michaela Moore & Sebastian Stewart

Watts.... Vaughn Arthur Endraca

Other parts: Joshua C Jackson, Victor Perez, Kerry Shale, Eric Sirakian, Matilde Gaido, Rebecca LaChance
Kids at camp: Matteo Caporusso, Vaughn Arthur Endraca, Sebastian Stewart, Michaela Moore & Libbi Fox

Production:

Created & Written by Brett Neichin & John Scott Dryden

Original music by Benbrick with additional programming by Lostwithyou

Editing & Sound Design - John Scott Dryden, Adam

Woodhams & Andreina Gomez

Recording: Sonica Studios, London & Marc Graue Studios, LA.

Sound Engineering - Paul Clark, Tony Diaz & Peter Mack

Script Editing - Farokh Soltani & Mike Walker

Trails - Jack Soper

Assistant Producer - Eleanor Mein

Runner - Jacob Tombling

Producer & Casting - Emma Hearn

Director & Executive Producer - John Scott Dryden

A Goldhawk production for BBC Sounds

TUE 21:35 Red Moon (m000t4mc)

Phase 6: Darkside

Eddie and Susan are embattled at a Cumbrian RAF base, hoping to avert disaster.

An alternative-history, Cold War thriller, where American and Soviet Moon bases aim their nuclear missiles at targets across the planet.

Winner of Best Online Audio Drama at the BBC Audio Drama Awards, 2019.

Eddie Sloper Philip Bulcock

Dr Susan Madison Yasmine Holness-Dove

Mrs Jones Georgina Periam

Quirke Joe Riley

Liz Sarah Whitehouse

SAS Captain Greg Page

Base Commander Richard Reed

Lt. Gen. Atherton William Hope

Music composed and performed by Francesco Quadraruopolo. Story by Jack Bowman and Robert Valentine.

Written, directed and produced by Robert Valentine.

A Wireless Theatre Production recorded at the RNIB Talking Book Studios.

TUE 22:00 Phil Ellis Is Trying (m0008268)

Series 2

Rugrat

When Phil hears a ruckus in Johnny's memorabilia shop downstairs, he goes to investigate, only to discover the mayor of

Parbold, who gives Phil a much-needed job: to discover if her husband is having an affair. This undercover work takes Phil,

Polly and Johnny across town to investigate Parbold's seedy underbelly. It may be a case Phil is desperate to crack, but will he like what he finds?

Written by Phil Ellis and Fraser Steele.

Starring:

Phil Ellis as Phil

Johnny Vegas as Johnny

Amy Gledhill as Polly/Miss Ecuador

Terry Mynott as Keith/Geoff

Katia Kvinge as Ellie

Andrew Ellis as Dave

Sunil Patel as Steve

and with special guest star Desiree Burch as the Mayor of Parbold

Produced by Sam Michell

A BBC Studios production

TUE 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01dtjh4)

Series 2

Food

Award-winning Jason Byrne grills the topic of food - revealing his love for an animated rabbit, and his hatred of baguette nibbling.

Fast-paced stand-up comedy and sketch show

With:

Laurence Howarth

Anna Bengo

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001jd4h)

Michelle de Swarte 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week. The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight Stephen Bailey catches up with Michelle de Swarte

TUE 23:00 Henry Normal: A Normal... (b09r4qdm)

Love

Cuddle up with Henry Normal with a show made especially for Valentine's Day.

'A Normal Love' explores love, romance and other unreasonable expectations using poetry, storytelling and comedy to tackle those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.

A multi-award winning writer, producer and poet, Normal is 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, The Mighty Boosh, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.

Written and performed by Henry Normal.

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

TUE 23:30 Elvenquest (b00k49s9)

Series 1

Episode 2

Lord Darkness has kidnapped Amis and wants the sword.

With a search underway, can Sam stop him?

More comic adventures set in lower Earth where fantasy writer Sam has been coerced into joining a band of intrepid heroes as they battle the dread forces of evil in search of the legendary sword of Asnagar!

Fantasy sitcom written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Elf Lord, Vidar Darren Boyd

Dean The Dwarf Kevin Eldon

Amis, The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Sam Stephen Mangon

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Amazon Princess, Penthislela Sophie Winkleman

Producers: Anil Gupta & Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2023

WED 00:00 DJ Britton - The Love of Birds (m001j431)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]

WED 00:45 Short Works (m0001s03)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Red For Danger (m000rmzx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Personal Column (m001j44r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j451)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042jfw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b03gvqlz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b007jth)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:30 In the Chair (b007jvsd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075ryv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 North East of Eden (b01hc5tl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j3py)

1. Fantasy

The London suburbs, late 1920s: with a failing business, Mr Beluncle lives in a world of fantasy inspired by Mrs Parkinson's Church of the Last Purification. His motto is 'give love'.

Episode 1

His family, living in the London suburb of Boystone in the late 20s, his mistress and the business partner in his failing furniture factory have to contend with his plans for moving into smart new houses he cannot afford and speculating in business that does not exist. He is a true eccentric - which can be both hilarious and infuriating.

VS Pritchett 1951 satirical novel

Dramatised in three parts by Frederick Bradnum.

Philip Beluncle Freddie Jones

Ethel Beluncle Rosemary Leach

Linda Truslove Phyllida Nash

Lady Roads Maxine Audley

Mr Phibbs Alfred Burke

Mrs Vogg Lila Kaye

Judy Dykes Polly James

Henry Stephen Tompkinson

George Joseph Wright

Leslie Richard Pearce

Grandma Gladys Spencer

Mary Phibbs Victoria Carling

David Vogg John Church

Mr O'Malley Laurence Payne

Granger Tim Reynolds

Fred John Baddeley

Sis Phibbs Zelah Clarke

Mr Martin Kim Wall

Anderson Julian Firth

Music composed by Terence Albright

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1987.

WED 06:00 Red For Danger (m000rng8)

4. Cards on the Table

Following a murder at the circus, the race is still on for David and Pat to get to the bottom of the mystery about the secret new super metal.

Suspense thriller in six-parts by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers.

Starring Ysanne Churchman, Anne Cullen, Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Dudley Rolph, Gerik Schelderup, June Spencer, William Avenall and Peter Wilde.

Written by Edward J Mason

Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on BBC Midland in November 1954.

WED 06:30 Personal Column (m001j3p7)

Home And Away by Dawn Pavitt and Terry Wale

Elderly Albert and Fred cement a new friendship through the personal ads. Stars Harold Kasket and Henry Stamper.

CAST:

Albert Rudge Harold Kasket

Fred Bissett Henry Stamper

Mrs Parker Anna Burden

Ruby Anne Jameson

Troy Len Jones

Sandra Olwen Griffith

Police Sergeant Duncan McIntyre

'Personal Column' was a concept developed by Philip Levene whose writing credits include 19 episodes of ITV's 'The Avengers'. Levene sets out read between-the-lines of typical entries found in newspaper personal columns.

Written by Dawn Pavitt and Terry Wale.

Producer: Gerry Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

WED 07:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j3pg)

3. Preparations

Despite both corporal and incorporeal opposition Florence prepares to open her shop.

Written by Penelope Fitzgerald

Read by Maggie Steed

Abridged and produced by David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

WED 07:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042jpk0)

3. The Pressure is On

The pressure is on for Bev and Shirli - the business, the money, the talent contest and the missing pastry are occupying their minds.

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

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirley Rosie Cavaliero

Wendy Victoria Inez Hardy

Produced by Jessica Dromgoole

Directed by Colin Guthrie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

WED 07:30 Sarah Kendall: Talking Story (m000x0vb)

Chris Addison

In this series, Sarah talks to three different storytellers about what 'story' means to them and about how they developed their own style of storytelling in their respective mediums.

Sarah Kendall started her career as a stand-up comedian in the late 90s in Australia. After 15 years performing stand-up comedy in comedy clubs and at festivals around the world, Sarah moved away from the more traditional joke telling aspect of the job and transitioned into storytelling.

Sarah wanted to create something on stage that felt like the sort of films she loved to watch, so she wrote an hour-long show that was one single story as opposed to a series of jokes and routines. She reimagined her teenage years as though they had been directed by John Hughes, giving her memories a full, cinematic makeover.

She found, in telling these personal stories, that she was connecting with her audience in a way that was more meaningful to her and in a way that she wasn't able to with the jokes and routines in her previous shows.

In this episode comedian, writer, actor, director Chris Addison recalls his journey from joke writing to screen writing and directing, discussing his relationship with storytelling across his broad body of work.

Sarah's live storytelling shows have been adapted for BBC Radio 4 and have formed two seasons of her series - 'Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy'. The show went on to win numerous awards including the Writers' Guild of Great Britain Award and the BBC Audio Drama Award. Since then, Sarah has gone on to write and star in the Royal Television Society award winning and BAFTA nominated sitcom 'Frayed'.

Produced by Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1f3)

Series 2

The Chef That Died of Shame

The regular Hancock cast play different characters - in the rise and fall saga of a pie-stall cook, Percy Higgins.

Starring Tony Hancock

With Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Andree Melly and Kenneth Williams.

Announcer: Kenneth Williams
 Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.
 Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
 Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.
WED 08:30 Flying the Flag (b00c65k9)
 Series 3
 Cool Heads
 The diplomats consider their action as a hijack hits their wives' fact-finding shopping trip.
 "In my view, Colonel, the best course of action would be a swift and speedy implementation of time-honoured diplomatic principles."
 "Wait and see?"
 "Precisely."
 Series 3 of Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.
 CAST:
 HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen
 William Frost Peter Acre
 Helen Waterson Moir Leslie
 US Ambassador Spiro Weinberg Stephen Greif
 Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin
 Dr Hutchings Norman Bird
 Producer: Neil Cargill
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.
WED 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b01d2rz3)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Miles Jupp presides over more relation revelations in the show where it's not what you know that matters, but who. And more importantly, how well you know them.
 Writer and broadcaster, Emma Freud, stand-up Tom Wigglesworth and BBC 6Music's Shaun Keaveny, each nominate one of their intimate circle to answer a series of questions and the try to second-guess how their nominees responded.
 Emma picks her son, Jake, Tom his dad, Richard, and Shaun plumps for younger brother, Paul.
 Producer: Sam Michell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.
WED 09:30 A Square of One's Own (m001j3pr)
 The Rights of Women
 Universal rights prove irksome for Lytton Strychnine, Virginia Woolf and Vita Sockville-Pest.
 Ivan Shakespeare's four-part comedy series based on the life and times of the Bloomsbury Group.
 Lytton Strychnine Toby Longworth
 Mrs Virginia Woolf Sally Grace
 Johnny Maynard Coins Nicholas Hardy
 Mr Clive Pill Matthew Bell
 Mrs Vanessa Pill Sarah Parkinson
 Mrs Vita Sockville-Pest Joanna Brookes
 Catherine Manmad Moya O'Shea
 The Butler, The Policeman and The Prison Governor Chris Emmett
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.
WED 10:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j3py)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 11:00 Red For Danger (m000rng8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 Personal Column (m001j3p7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j3pg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042jpk0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 12:30 Sarah Kendall: Talking Story (m000x0vb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1f3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 Flying the Flag (b00c65k9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 14:00 It's Not What You Know (b01d2rz3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 14:30 A Square of One's Own (m001j3pr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 15:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j3py)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 16:00 Red For Danger (m000rng8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 16:30 Personal Column (m001j3p7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 17:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j3pg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042jpk0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 17:30 Sarah Kendall: Talking Story (m000x0vb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1f3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 18:30 Flying the Flag (b00c65k9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 19:00 It's Not What You Know (b01d2rz3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 19:30 A Square of One's Own (m001j3pr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 20:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - A Celebration of a Comedy Classic (b074bg38)
 "Ooh Betty!" it's a celebration of the BBC's hit TV comedy about the disaster-prone lives of hapless Frank Spencer and his long-suffering wife Betty.
 Created by Ray Allen, it ran for 22 episodes over three series from 1973-78, starring Michael Crawford and Michele Dotrice – spawning a host of catchphrases and impersonators.
 In this behind-the-scenes documentary, scriptwriter Ray reveals his difficulty in getting the show commissioned – and how Michael Crawford wasn't first choice to play Frank.
 The show's legendary daring stunts were co-ordinated by Stuart Fell who admits it was "ambitious for the BBC" at the time.
 Michele Dotrice recalls how filming on the edge of a cliff was "a bit hairy" and reveals her mother's reaction when the stunt hit TV screens.
 Classic clips and rare archive appearances are interwoven amongst fresh and in-depth interviews in this celebration of the BBC's comedy classic.
 Presented and produced by Richard Latto.
 First heard on BBC Radio Solent in 2015.
WED 21:00 Restart (m001j519)
 5. Wild Mountain
 Extreme detox, the kill, the other side of the camp...
 From the makers of THE CIPHER and PASSENGER LIST an original, mind-bending 8-part thriller.
 When British teenager Eddie witnesses his on-line friend, Junior, being abducted from his bedroom, he travels to the US to find him, and is drawn into the secretive world of a video game "detox" camp called Restart. Starring Armin Karima, Savannah Steyn & Akie Kotabe.
 Music by Benbrick. Created by Brett Neichin and John Scott Dryden.
 Eddie....Armin Karima
 Junior.... Zachary Nachbar-Seckel
 CJ.... Savannah Steyn
 Boss....Akie Kotabe
 Lars....Kerry Shale
 Wats.... Vaughn Arthur Endracia
 Flo.... Michaela Moore
 Flo's Mama.... Matilde Gaido
 Other parts: Joshua C Jackson, Victor Perez, Kerry Shale, Eric Sirakian, Matilde Gaido, Rebecca LaChance
 Kids at camp: Matteo Caporusso, Vaughn Arthur Endracia, Sebastian Stewart, Michaela Moore & Libbi Fox
 Production:
 Created & Written by Brett Neichin & John Scott Dryden
 Original music by Benbrick with additional programming by Lostwithyou
 Editing & Sound Design - John Scott Dryden, Adam Woodhams & Andreina Gomez
 Recording: Sonica Studios, London & Marc Graue Studios, LA.
 Sound Engineering - Paul Clark, Tony Diaz & Peter Mack
 Script Editing - Farokh Soltani & Mike Walker
 Trails - Jack Soper
 Assistant Producer - Eleanor Mein
 Runner - Jacob Tombling
 Producer & Casting - Emma Hearn
 Director & Executive Producer - John Scott Dryden
 A Goldhawk production for BBC Sounds
WED 21:35 The Boring Talks (p08k0rd2)
 Jigsaws
 It started with 'regency wedding scene' puzzle purchased for £2 in a charity shop. Now Anya Driscoll is a jigsaw junkie. In this edition of The Boring Talks she discusses her obsession, and pieces together the history of jigsaws, the art of jigsaws and whether or not they could save your life (spoiler - they can't really).
 James Ward introduces another curious talk about a subject that may seem boring, but is actually very interesting.... maybe.
WED 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rvkz)
 Series 2
 I've Been Loving You Too Long to Stop Now
 Conversations from a Long Marriage is a two-hander, starring Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam, as a long-married couple who met in the Summer of Love and are still passionate about life, music and each other. We listen to – and empathise with - their dangling 'conversations' covering everything from health scares, jealousy and confessions, to TV incompatibility and sourdough bread.
 In EPISODE 6, 'I've Been Loving you too long to stop now', Joanna complains they're 'in a rut', so Roger plans a spontaneous day out but is thwarted at every turn. Underterred, he cooks her a 'date night' supper and they talk about their long marriage.
 Written by Jan Etherington. Produced and directed by Claire Jones. Production co-ordinator Beverly Tagg. A BBC Studios Production.
WED 22:30 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03vgr6q)
 Best Man Speeches and Weddings
 Comedian Jason Cook uses his life experiences to help us better navigate the choppy waters of life.
 In this opening episode, Jason examines the pitfalls of making best man speeches, with advice on how to make a wedding memorable.

With Zoe Harrison and Neil Grainger.
 Jason was the creator of BBC2's comedy Hebburn.
 Producer: Sam Michell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.
WED 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04xp4wx)
 Series 6
 Rebecca Front
 Marcus Brigstocke persuades his guests to try new experiences: things they really ought to have done by now. Some experiences are loved, some are loathed, in this show all about embracing the new.
 This week, Rebecca Front, a self-confessed scaredy cat, is persuaded to take her first ride on a motorbike and read her first book about science. But how much of it did she understand?
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.
WED 23:30 Bunk Bed (b0b9z4nv)
 Series 5
 Episode 2
 Late at night, in the dark, in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander.
 Patrick Marber and Peter Curran from under the covers, discuss the failings of James Bond as an English role model compared to Playschool presenter Brian Cant.
 They ponder the link between short trousers and bullying, and the soulfulness of the sock drawer.
 Produced by Peter Curran.
 A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018.
WED 23:45 I, Regress (b019rqcx)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 A dark, David Lynch-ian comedy, ideally suited for an unsettling and surreal late night listen. 'I, Regress' sees Matt Berry (The IT Crowd, Garth Marenghi's Dark Place, Snuff Box) playing a corrupt and bizarre hypnotherapist taking unsuspecting clients on twisted, misleading journeys through their subconscious.
 Each episode sees the doctor dealing with a different client who has come to him for a different problem (quitting smoking, fear of water, etc). As the patient is put under hypnosis, we 'enter' their mind, and all the various situations the hypnotherapist takes them through are played out for us to hear. The result is a dream- (or nightmare-) like trip through the patient's mind, as funny as it is disturbing.
 Episode 4: Ray Highknock (Alex Lowe) goes to Dr Matt Berry hoping that his experimental regressive hypnotherapy will cure his smoking addiction. The result is a series of strange encounters that all seem strangely familiar...
 The cast across the series include Katherine Parkinson (IT Crowd), Morgana Robinson (The Morgana Show), Simon Greenall (I'm Alan Partridge), Jack Klaff (Star Wars, For Your Eyes Only), Tara Flynn (The Impressions Show, Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle), Alex Lowe (Barry From Watford, The Peter Serafinowicz Show), and Derek Griffiths (Playschool, Bod, and The Royal Exchange).
 A compelling late night listen: tune in and occupy someone else's head!
 Produced by Sam Bryant.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2023

THU 00:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j3py)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Red For Danger (m000rng8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Personal Column (m001j3p7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j3pg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042jpk0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 Sarah Kendall: Talking Story (m000x0vb)
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THU 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b01d2rz3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 A Square of One's Own (m001j3pr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j3qm)
 2. On The Verge
 London suburbs, late 1920s: can Mr Beluncle combine religion and money to help his failing business?
 Episode 2
 Mr Beluncle's business is on the verge of bankruptcy. His son Henry is keeping his affair with Mary Phibbs a secret. The religious fanatic David Vogg is planning to scupper the Church of the Last Purification, and Ethel Beluncle becomes more downtrodden by the moment.
 VS Pritchett 1951 satirical novel.
 Dramatised by Frederick Bradnum.
 Philip Beluncle Freddie Jones
 Ethel Beluncle Rosemary Leach

Linda Truslove Phyllida Nash
 Lady Roads Maxine Audley
 Mr Phibbs Alfred Burke
 Mrs Vogg Lila Kaye
 Judy Dykes Polly James
 Henry Stephen Tompkinson
 George Joseph Wright
 Leslie Richard Pearce
 Grandma Gladys Spencer
 Mary Phibbs Victoria Carling
 David Vogg John Church
 Kitty Wix Zelah Clarke
 Mr Chilly Paul Surr
 Mr Van der Hoek Blain Fairman
 Mr Martin Kim Wall
 Granger Tim Reynolds
 Doctor ... John Sanson
 Music composed by Terence Albright
 Director Glyn Dearman
THU 06:00 Red For Danger (m000rnjd)
 5. Target Practice
 Red Farley is still missing. David Conway has left his flat in the early hours with Kratz following a message from Johnny Johnson to meet him at the foundry works. David and Kratz then find out who is working for whom. Paul Farley and Hugo Norsten will stop at nothing to get their hands on the secret formula for Kratz alloy metal - and then they want to test it out - just to make sure.
 Suspense thriller in six-parts by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers.
 Starring Anne Cullen, Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Chris Gittins, Dudley Rolph, Gerik Schelderp, Harry Stubbs, June Spencer, Michael Ford, Peter Wilde and Ysanne Churchman.
 Written by Edward J Mason
 Producer Philip Garston-Jones
 First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.
THU 06:30 Personal Column (m001j4sc)
 Time For A Coat by Andrew Sachs
 Victoria's desire for a new coat calls for all manner of sacrifices. Stars Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.
 CAST:
 Virginia Perrin Wendy Craig
 Simon Perrin Francis Matthews
 Harry Blackman Wilfrid Carter
 Grace Blackman Sheelah Wilcocks
 Leo Silby David Lawton
 Mrs Silby Noel Hood
 Delia Rosalind Shanks
 Col Gruber John Justin
 Pat the Maid Hilda Schroder
 Guest Wilfred Babbage
 'Personal Column' was a concept developed by Philip Levene whose writing credits include 19 episodes of ITV's 'The Avengers'. Levene sets out read between-the-lines of typical entries found in newspaper personal columns.
 Written by Andrew Sachs.
 Producer: Jane Graham
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1967.
THU 07:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j4sf)
 4. Disaster
 Florence's lending library gets off to a disastrous start.
 Written by Penelope Fitzgerald
 Read by Maggie Steed
 Abridged and produced by David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
THU 07:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042ldyy)
 4. The Head Judge
 The pressure is mounting, but Bev is hoping to turn the visit of the head judge of the talent competition to her advantage.
 Comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.
 Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.
 Bev Lorraine Ashbourne
 Shirley Rosie Cavaliero
 Julie Carys Eleri
 Captain Andersen Joel MacCormack
 Produced by Jessica Dromgoole
 Directed by Colin Guthrie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.
THU 07:30 Sara Pascoe: The Modern Monkey (b09tdtd8)
 Series 1
 Territory
 How does our monkey past influence our modern lives and how come we can still get emotionally hijacked by our primitive emotions?
 Sara Pascoe investigates - Territory.
 It's a vital resource and we live on a crowded planet but why do we have such a visceral reaction when someone intrudes on our personal space?
 From the bigger picture concepts of colonialism and national borders, to how you divide your shared bedroom, to the physical limits of our own bodies, this is a frank, funny look at how our evolutionary history shapes the way we see and move through the world.
 Recorded on location at The Freud Museum in London.
 Written by and starring Sara Pascoe
 Producer: Alexandra Smith
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

March 2018.
THU 08:00 The Men from the Ministry (b012n3rv)
 Taking Leave of Their Census
 The bungling bureaucrats are sent to Cornwall where some dodgy villagers are up to no good...
 A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
 Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler
 Lamb Richard Murdoch
 Mildred Murfin Norma Ronald
 Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddiley
 Mildred's Dad John Graham
 Mildred's Mum Sheila Wilcox
 Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
 'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966. Sadly many episodes didn't survive in the archive, however the BBC's Transcription Service re-recorded 14 shows in 1980 - never broadcast in the UK, until the arrival of BBC Radio 4 Extra.
 Producer: Edward Taylor.
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in August 1972.
THU 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0081s3d)
 Series 2
 Episode 3
 Can crooked lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel free his jailed assistant Ravelli?
 Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.
 Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel Michael Roberts
 Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravellias Frank Lazarus
 With Lorelei King, Graham Hoadly and Vincent Marzello.
 Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.
 Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.
 Producer: Dirk Maggs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1991.
THU 09:00 Booked (b0075t8p)
 Series 5
 Episode 4
 Ian McMillan hosts the literary game where everyone gets to do their party piece.
 Panellists Helen Lederer, David Stafford, Roger McGough and Miles Kington each get a goody bag.
 Producer: Viv Beeby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
THU 09:30 Mary Wesley - The Vacillations of Poppy Carew (m001j5j4)
 6. Fun At Last?
 Willy finds that Poppy can be as difficult and obstinate as one of his favourite pigs, and leaves her alone to find her own fun. Will Poppy finally be able to decide where her heart truly lies?
 Stars Beatie Edney.
 Mary Wesley's novel in a six-part dramatisation.
 Cast:
 Poppy Carew Beatie Edney
 Victor Lucas James Fleet
 Penelope Lucas Frances Jeater
 Edmund Matthew Morgan
 Mary Kate Maravan
 Fergus Andrew Wincott
 Willy Guthrie Kim Wall
 Ambulance man Michael Onslow
 Director: Jane Morgan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 20:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to the Family (m0007rf7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
THU 21:00 Restart (m001j4sh)
 6. The Most Dangerous Game
 Hunters and hunted, the "happy kids", an ancient mechanism...
 From the makers of THE CIPHER and PASSENGER LIST, an original, mind-bending 8-part thriller.
 When British teenager Eddie witnesses his on-line friend, Junior, being abducted from his bedroom, he travels to the US to find him, and is drawn into the secretive world of a video game "detox" camp called Restart. Starring Armin Karima, Akie Kotabe & Zachary Nachbar-Seckel.
 Music by Benbrick. Created by Brett Neichin and John Scott Dryden.
 Eddie....Armin Karima
 Junior.... Zachary Nachbar-Seckel
 Hilly....Jennifer Armour
 Boss....Akie Kotabe
 CJ.... Savannah Steyn
 Lilya.... Nathalie Armin
 Salman.... Dana Haqjoo
 Randall... Vaughn Arthur Endraca
 Other parts: Joshua C Jackson, Victor Perez, Kerry Shale, Eric Sirakian, Matilde Gaido, Rebecca LaChance
 Kids at camp: Matteo Caporusso, Vaughn Arthur Endraca, Sebastian Stewart, Michaella Moore & Libbi Fox
 Production:
 Created & Written by Brett Neichin & John Scott Dryden
 Original music by Benbrick with additional programming by Lostwithyou
 Editing & Sound Design - John Scott Dryden, Adam Woodhams & Andreina Gomez
 Recording: Sonica Studios, London & Marc Graue Studios, LA.
 Sound Engineering - Paul Clark, Tony Diaz & Peter Mack
 Script Editing - Farokh Soltani & Mike Walker
 Trails - Jack Soper
 Assistant Producer - Eleanor Mein
 Runner - Jacob Tombling
 Producer & Casting - Emma Hearn
 Director & Executive Producer - John Scott Dryden
 A Goldhawk production for BBC Sounds
THU 21:35 The Boring Talks (p06x6hrp)
 #32 - Roads That Don't Exist
 A Brixton block of flats, an oddly-angled building in Piccadilly and a park that 'smells like bins'. Road enthusiast Chris Marshall explores how London has been quietly shaped by roads that don't actually exist.
 Presenter: James Ward
 Contributor: Chris Marshall
 Producer: Clara Nissen
THU 22:00 Prepper (m0002g7v)
 Series 1
 The Kit in Your Head
 Comedy with Sue Johnston and Pearl Mackie.
 Trump. ISIS. The Courgette Crisis. Signs of civilisation's fragility are all around. No wonder the Doomsday Clock just nudged closer to midnight. In this fearscape, more and more ordinary people are wondering how they'd cope if everything we take for granted (law and order, access to healthcare, iceberg lettuces in Sainsburys) was taken away.
 Preppers - a large and rapidly growing global community - have taken this thought one step further. They're actively skilling-up, laying down supplies and readying themselves for the end of the world, in whatever form it comes. Indeed, a prepping shop just opened in Newquay. And if people in Cornwall are prepping, it's time to worry.
 Imagine if Woman's Hour made a podcast about preparing for the end times. Prepper follows neurotic, debt-ridden Rachel and hard-as-nails 'Churchill in Spanx' Sylvia, working class Mancunians who prep and podcast, sharing knowledge with their community, and showing off just how Armageddon-ready they are.
 Told through their podcasts from Sylvia's garage and featuring 'apoco-tips', 'end of days drills' and interviews with preppers from around the world, Prepper comically explores how two mismatched women live with the possibility of the end of days, and how they bond over their determination to survive. And fend off zombies.
 This week - situational awareness.
 Cast:
 Sylvia Sue Johnston
 Rachel Pearl Mackie
 with Simon Holland Roberts

Written by Caroline Moran and James J. Moran

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4

THU 22:30 Big Problems with Helen Keen (b05z11b6)

Series 1

Other People

Helen looks at the challenges posed by other people.

What are the unspoken rules that make society work? How can we make the internet polite? How did air-conditioners win an election? And are emoticons completely pointless (sad face)? Helen Keen is joined by Peter Serafinowicz and Susy Kane for a comic account of the big problems that have beset humanity over the centuries, and the surprising ways we have devised to solve them.

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

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

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001jdcb)

Michelle de Swarte 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight Stephen Bailey catches up with Michelle de Swarte

THU 23:00 Athena's Cancel Culture (m000vh6n)

Episode 4

Over the last few years, if a celebrity has ever said or done anything remotely controversial, then they've probably been cancelled. Largely performed through social media, some describe it as necessary evil to help democratise the internet and reflect the expectancy of an artist's audience, for others it's just a chance to shut up gobby celebs!

Whatever your view, it certainly helps empower fans by diminishing celebrity cultural capital and helping keep their egos and opinions in check. It's a growing phenomenon that's left almost no one unscathed, from comedians and actors to musicians and TV hosts. It's also happening to the not so famous - remember the bin cat lady?

With stand up and sketch comedy, Athena explores cancel culture and the world of offence in modern times. Over four episodes, Athena will help explain the phenomenon of cancel culture among celebrities, look at the history of offence, and offer up some cancel rules for guidance. Athena then puts all that cancel knowledge to the test on her own social media activity from 10 years ago. There's just no escape from cancel culture justice, even for Athena!

Writer and Performer: Athena Kugblenu

Support cast: James McNicholas, Jamie-Rose Monk and William Frazer

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Gusman production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.

THU 23:15 Helen Lederer - All Change (b0bk413f)

4. Comparisons

Helen accepts an invite to a "cheese and wine" school reunion party - a limited menu, but ample opportunity for feeling superior...?

Helen Lederer takes a lighter look at women growing old disgracefully.

Written by and starring Helen Lederer

With Stephen Moore, Tracy-Ann Oberman and Tom George.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

THU 23:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pxm45)

Series 3

The Madman in the Attic

With Tom's Dad advocating some rather drastic "rationalizing", Tom realises that it might be time for him to have a clear-out himself.

Sitcom where Tom Wrigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with his Mum, Dad and Gran, giving us a glimpse into his family background and the influences that have shaped his temperament, opinions and hang-ups.

Tom Tom Wrigglesworth

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2023

FRI 00:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j3qm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Red For Danger (m000rnjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Personal Column (m001j4sc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j4sf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042ldyy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Sara Pascoe: The Modern Monkey (b09tdt18)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 The Men from the Ministry (b012n3rv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0081s3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Booked (b0075t8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Mary Wesley - The Vacillations of Poppy Carew (m001j5j4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j4hh)

3. Taking Charge

London, late 1920s: will Mr Beluncle try to avert financial ruin when he's left in charge of the business?

Episode 3

Linda Truslove has taken her sister Judy Dykes to Bexhill to get away from the Church of the Last Purification and the supposed 'miracle' of being able to walk again. This leaves Mr Beluncle in sole charge of Bulux.

VS Pritchett 1951 satirical novel.

Dramatised by Frederick Bradnum.

Philip Beluncle Freddie Jones

Ethel Beluncle Rosemary Leach

Linda Truslove Phyllida Nash

Mr Phibbs Alfred Burke

Henry Stephen Tompkinson

George Joseph Wright

Leslie Richard Pearce

Grandma Gladys Spencer

Mary Phibbs Victoria Carling

Kitty Wix Zelah Clarke

Mr Chilly ... Paul Surr

Miss Vanner Karen Archer

Fishmonger Michael Tudor Barnes

Shop assistant Stephen Rashbrook

Music composed by Terence Albright

Director Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

FRI 06:00 Red For Danger (m000rvwq)

6. Under Fire

Even Paul Farley is uneasy, as living targets are lined up to test the Krautz alloy metal. Can David and Pat outwit the villains as they get increasingly reckless under Johnny Johnson?

Concluding episode of suspense thriller in six-parts by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers.

Starring Ysanne Churchman, Anne Cullen, Chris Gittins,

Arnold Peters, Bernard Rebel, Eddie Robinson, Dudley Rolph,

June Spencer, Peter Wilde and Harry Stubbs.

Written by Edward J Mason

Producer Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in

November 1954.

FRI 06:30 Personal Column (m001j4gg)

This Column Every Friday by Arnold Yarrow

A dodgy insurance broker takes drastic measures to avoid being exposed. Stars Charles Leno and Mary Wimbush.

CAST:

Helen Winstall Mary Wimbush

Percy Winstall Charles Leno

Arthur Gartred James Bree

Newspaper Clerk Jean Aubrey

'Personal Column' was a concept developed by Philip Levene whose writing credits include 19 episodes of ITV's 'The Avengers'. Levene sets out read between-the-lines of typical entries found in newspaper personal columns.

Written by Arnold Yarrow.

Producer: John Gibson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September

1967.

FRI 07:00 The Bookshop by Penelope Fitzgerald (m001j4gt)

5. Christine

10 year old Christine is a formidable organiser for Florence.

Written by Penelope Fitzgerald

Read by Maggie Steed

Abridged and produced by David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

FRI 07:15 HighLites - Wash and Blow (b042lmsx)

5. Heading for a Showdown

After a difficult week Shirli has a lot on her mind and it looks like Bev is heading for a showdown.

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

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirley Rosie Cavaliero

Captain Andersen Joel McCormack

Diane Angela Lonsdale

Produced by Jessica Dromgoole

Directed by Colin Guthrie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

FRI 07:30 Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00dp7lw)

Stirring Times with Comrade Waller

Psmith and Mike discover the secret passion of the kindly Head of Cash.

PG Wodehouse's comic adventures of the extraordinary Psmith and his friend Mike in the world of Edwardian finance.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan.

PG Wodehouse Simon Williams

Psmith Nick Caldecott

Mike Jackson Inam Mirza

Edward Waller Ryan Watson

Mr Waller Jonathan Tafler

Comrade Prebble Chris Pavlo

Bill Dan Starkey

Ada Jill Cardo

Plebeian Stephen Critchlow

Plebeian Robert Lonsdale

Producer: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

FRI 08:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000p7c4)

2. Together Again

Felicity decides it's time that she and husband Paul do more together.

Starring Moira Lister and Terence Alexander.

Written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman.

Felicity Willow Moira Lister

Paul Willow Terence Alexander

Nanny Doris Hare

Madame Rondeberge Miriam Margolyes

John Chapman Henri Rodeberge

Ray Cooney Wolfgang Schmidt

Producer David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1971.

FRI 08:30 The Weekend Starts Here (m001j4h3)

4. What's It Worth?

There's uproar when a TV show exposes the antics of the village antique shop owner.

Bill Matthews' sitcom about the tensions between the residents and second home owners of Shipcombe Green.

CAST:

Marina Diana Hardcastle

Terence Philip Bretherton

Mrs Thorogood Gillian Barge

Mr Thorogood Rupert Vansittart

Christine Harwood Susan Brown

Norman Harwood Gavin Muir

Felicity Gemma Saunders

Robbie Tim Treloar

Lawrence Fyffe Tom Marshall

Celia Fyffe Elizabeth Bell

TV Producer Tom George

Other parts played by members of the cast

Music composed and performed by Terry Davies.

Director: Paul Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000ndbk)

Series 15

Episode 6

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Alice Levine welcome:

* Comedian Hannah Gadsby

* Entomologist and ecologist Dr Sarah Beynon

* Presenter and Paralympian Ade Adepitan

The Museum's Guest Committee donate the a wildflower meadow, a headtorch and a tardigrade.

Researched by Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner, Emily Jupitus and

Lydia Mizon of QI.

Produced by Anne Miller.

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

FRI 09:30 Bleak Expectations (b00nk3r)

Series 3

A Now Grim Life Yet More Grimified

Pip Bin faces his most grueling fate yet at the hands of his evil undead ex-guardian and an enormous quantity of cheese.

But can the spirits of Harvest Festival past, present and future show him a way to redemption?

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

Sir Philip Bin Richard Johnson

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Young Pip Tom Allen

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Dr Wackwallop Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Fecund Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Other parts Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

FRI 10:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j4hh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

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FRI 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000ndbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 Bleak Expectations (b00nk3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 VS Pritchett - Mr Beluncle (m001j4hh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Personal Column (m001j4gg)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 18:30 The Weekend Starts Here (m001j4h3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000ndbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Bleak Expectations (b00nk3r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Marc Riley's Musical Time Machine (b05107zk)

Series 1

Frank Zappa and Lou Reed

The BBC's archive is justifiably and inarguably world-famous, but most of this attention and praise is showered on the riches contained within the Beeb's music archive - the life-changing Peel performances, seminal sessions from Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin and David Bowie.

But these musical marvels risk over-shadowing another archive that's just as diverse, rich and rewarding - the BBC's spoken word, music archive.

As long as there have been pop stars, the BBC has spoken to them. Marc Riley and his trusty Time Machine - a rickety rust-bucket, back-firing jalopy - travel back through the years to visit the great and the good, the famous and the infamous, safely ensconced within the treasure trove of the BBC archive. Marc replays candid snapshots at crucial points in the careers of some of the biggest names in music.

In each episode, Marc lines up the Time Machine to travel to two different points in time and revisit two interviews with something in common - a person or place, a shared influence or ideology, a discovery, a misunderstanding.

In the second programme, interviews share a fierce rivalry.

Both artists were intent on creating grown-up rock 'n roll, both pushed the boundaries of rock music. Both were anti-establishment, both were anti-hippy. Both were the kings of their exciting new scenes - one in New York, one in LA. Yet, despite the similarities and the common ground, each loathed the other. First there's Frank Zappa in conversation with Radio 1's Andy Batten-Foster from 1984, while the second interview comes from a 1992 interview by Johnnie Walker with Lou Reed.

Producer: Ian Callaghan
A Smooth Operations production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 20:30 Soul Music (m000czzx)

Series 29

Toto's Africa

Released in 1982, this soft-rock anthem has become an unlikely viral smash-hit.

Africa by Toto is a song that has changed lives, helped to raise thousands of pounds for charity and provided an unexpected musical corner-stone in a critically acclaimed play. Telling their personal stories in Soul Music:

Ralf Schmidt is the Artistic Director of Ndlovu Youth Choir which is made up of young people from the poorest parts of South Africa. Incredibly, the choir made it to the final of America's Got Talent, one of the biggest entertainment shows in the world. Ralf's exuberant, irresistible and uniquely African arrangement of Toto's Africa was their stand-out performance. (Brief extract of AGT (c) Fremantle USA and Syco Entertainment)

Michael Savage (aka DJ Michael Vinyl) of Prime Cuts record shop in Bristol, staged what could be considered a night of torture when he played Africa non-stop for twelve hours at a club. As Mike and Olivia Perry recall, this was to raise money for the Bristol based charity, Temwa, which operates in Malawi. They expected a handful of people to turn up, but the event had worldwide attention and was a huge success.

Mike Massé's life was completely changed following his release on YouTube of what many consider to be one of the best Africa cover-versions ever recorded. The main photo is of Mike Massé (photo credit: Jim Mimna).

David Greig is the Artistic Director of the Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh; an esteemed playwright with intellectual clout. So, why did he include Africa in one of his plays? Well, he nearly didn't, but then he saw the light.

And, Abigail Gardner, a reader in music at the University of Gloucestershire, explains why Africa - originally a US No. 1 for just a week in 1982 - has recently undergone a strange modern rebirth, making it one of the most streamed songs on the internet.

Producer: Karen Gregor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

FRI 21:00 Restart (m001j4hr)

7. No One Sees the Janitor

Training regime, a friend IRL, the escape...

From the makers of THE CIPHER and PASSENGER LIST, an original, mind-bending 8-part thriller.

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Gabrus & Akie Kotabe. Music by Benbrick.

Created by Brett Neichin and John Scott Dryden.

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Junior....Zachary Nachbar-Seckel

Francis....Jon Gabrus

Boss....Akie Kotabe

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Director & Executive Producer - John Scott Dryden

A Goldhawk production for BBC Sounds

FRI 21:35 The Boring Talks (m001j5j6)

Jeremy Bentham's 'Auto-Icon'

James Ward introduces another curious talk about a subject that

may seem boring, but is actually very interesting... maybe.

Did Bentham leave his body to University College London?

Does he still attend council meetings there? Has anyone played

football with his head? Subhadra Das debunks some myths

Presenter: James Ward

Contributor: Subhadra Das

Producer: Jack Soper

FRI 22:00 Believe It! (m000nd0d)

Series 5

Goodbye

Richard Wilson returns with another series of not quite true

revelations about his life. Jon Canter's comedic writing is as

sharp as ever as he delves into themes such as celebrity, brand

awareness and death.

As usual Richard has many friends from whom he seeks advice.

Starring Ian McKellen as Head of Gay, and Peter Capaldi and

David Tennant as the Two Doctors, along with an excellent

supporting cast.

It's a mockumentary and spoof autobiography rolled into one.

CAST:

Richard Wilson

Sir Ian McKellen

Peter Capaldi

David Tennant

Jan Ravens

Irina - Rebekah Staton

Alexis - Elliot Levey

Written by Jon Canter

Produced and directed by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 Lucy Montgomery's Variety Pack (b012wj5)

Series 2

Episode 2

The human chameleon's host of comic characters with a

nonagenarian musical.

Multi-paced, one woman Fast Show showcasing the exceptional

talent of Lucy Montgomery.

With:

Philip Pope

Sally Grace

Wael Shepherd

Natalie Walter

Written by Lucy Montgomery with additional material by

Steven Burge, Jon Hunter, Fay Rusling and Barunka

O'Shaughnessy.

Script Editor: Dan Tetsell

Music by Philip Pope

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

FRI 23:00 Hannah Gadsby: Arts Clown (b055gcdq)

3. Michelangelo's David

Art historian Hannah Gadsby continues her comedy lectures about four masterpieces, with a look at Michelangelo's 'David', the 17ft statue he created between 1501 and 1504.

Born in Tasmania, Hannah got to know a lot about art from books. But it was only in her 20s when she visited Europe for the first time, that she saw the art she'd studied 'in the flesh', so to speak.

There in Florence she fell in love with David so she shares her affection for and knowledge of him, with all his imperfections. Hannah is joined on stage by her very own 'Quotebot' who is

inputted with every quote that's ever been written about art.

Written by Hannah Gadsby.

Performed by Hannah Gadsby with her Quotebot aka John

Lloyd.

Script edited by Jon Hunter

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

FRI 23:15 The Pin (b07wgj2v)

Series 2

Evolution

The Pin are out to evolve - which means new features (and new total misunderstandings about how existence works).

Strap in for a 15-minute delve into a world of oddness

performed in front of a live studio audience.

The Pin are an award-winning comedy duo, and legends of

Edinburgh festival. They deconstruct the sketch form, in a show

that exists somewhere between razor-sharp smartness and

utterly joyous silliness.

Written by Ben Ashenden and Alex Owen

Performed by:

Ben Ashenden

Alex Owen

Leila Hoffman

Tahj Miles

Producer: Sam Bryant

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

September 2016.

FRI 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00s0hn9)

Series 2

Episode 2

Arthur Smith invites us into his Balham flat in south London for comedy, music and entertainment.

With his guests: Paloma Faith, Miles Jupp and Tom

Wrigglesworth.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010