

SATURDAY 15 APRIL 2023

SAT 00:00 All the Dark Corners (b015zm9l)

The Desk by Andrew Readman
Davis Finch is a hack TV writer with aspirations to write a novel.
In order to be a real writer he feels he needs a proper desk. The one he buys changes his life.
He becomes a success - but at what price?
The first in a series of three chilling plays starring Graeme Hawley.

Written by Andrew Readman.
Finch.....Graeme Hawley
Harrison.....Tim McInnerny
Rachel.....Karen West
Morris.....Greg Wood
Valerie.....Melissa Jane Sinden
Shopkeeper.....Russell Richardson

Director: Gary Brown

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

SAT 00:45 Algernon Blackwood's Ghost Stories (m001kwhg)

3. Ancient Sorceries

Supernatural tales by English short story writer Algernon Blackwood.

An Englishman staying in a sleepy French town makes a terrifying discovery.

Abridged by Fiona McAlpine

Reader: Hugh Ross

Director: Clive Brill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SAT 01:00 Edmund Gosse - Father and Son (b0076vm0)

2. Torn

Baptised aged 10 and now growing up, lonely Edmund is torn between his father and the terrible secret in his heart.

Derek Jacobi stars as Edmund Gosse.

Conclusion of Edmund Gosse's uniquely frank memoir of a Victorian childhood.

Dramatised by Nick Warburton.

Edmund Gosse Derek Jacobi

Philip Henry Gosse Roger Allam

Young Edmund Steven Williams

Eliza Brightwen Jane Whittenshaw

Ella Smith Mrs Brown

Brother Fawkes Gerard McDermott

Preacher Wayne Foskett

Teacher John Cummins

Brethren/Villagers Delroy Brown

Brethren/Villagers Nick Sayce

Brethren/Villagers Sophie Roberts

Brethren/Villagers Ayesha Antoine

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

SAT 02:00 Hercule Poirot (b007jly9)

Murder in Mesopotamia

Episode 5

Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot battles to reveal the identity of the desert murderer...

The gripping conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Dr Leidner William Franklin

Coleman David Jarvis

Captain Maitland Richard Todd

Mrs Mercado Elaine Claxton

Sheila Reilly Cathy Sara

Dr Reilly Norman Rodway

Richard Carey Gavin Muir

Amy Leatheran Becky Hindley

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

SAT 02:30 No Place To Hide (m001kwh8)

3. Joanna Appears

After the seizure of a British MI6 agent, John Rennie must use every lead to try and track the kidnappers down...

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Spy-based serial written by Ted Albuery.

John Rennie James Kerry

Kathy Swenson Margaret Robertson

Khalim Said Richard Kay

Adele Palmer Susannah Fellows

Jan Branders Ali Refaie

Hugo Paynter David Garth

Joanna de Vries Colette Hiller

Gabriella Carole Boyd

Dutchman/Porter Mark Straker

Policeman Charles Whaley

Piano played by Mary Nash.

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

SAT 03:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l2b)

10. A Shocking Revelation

"If either of you know any impediment why ye may not lawfully be joined together..."

Believing her happiness with Mr Rochester assured, a shocking revelation threatens Jane's dreams.

Charlotte Bronte's bold and passionate story of a woman's search for independence and love on her own terms.

Abridged by Sally Marmion.

Read by Anne-Marie Duff

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

SAT 03:15 Curious Under the Stars (m0002mw6)

Devil's Bridge

Part 5

Giant footsteps shake the village of Glan Don, as Hadrian's secret is revealed.

Magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast.

Starring Sion Pritchard, Emma Sidi and Ifan Huw Dafydd.

Written by Annamaria Murphy.

Gareth/Fluffy Sion Pritchard

Diane Emma Sidi

Emlyn Ifan Huw Dafydd

Megan Aimee Ffion Edwards

Matty Siw Hughes

Hadrian Paul Rhys

Series created by Meic Povey.

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.

SAT 03:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05qgm0y)

Series 2

Episode 3

Adventuring comedian Tim FitzHigham recreates another 19th-century bet.

Can he cook a pudding ten feet under water?

Written by and starring Tim FitzHigham.

Additional material by Jon Hunter and Paul Byrne.

Producer: Joe Nunney.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.

SAT 04:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rq30b)

Series 1

The Stepmother

Harold's not too happy to meet his dad Albert's new girlfriend.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H. Corbett

Emma Joan Lovell

The 1962 BBC TV comedy pilot 'The Offer' sparked a run of 8 series.

Adapted for BBC radio from the TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

SAT 04:30 Babbewick Hall (b01nlzcw)

Series 1

Episode 6

The downfall of Squire Fenton and Babbewick Hall appears imminent with the arrival of Fenton's father who has plans for his wayward son.

Not least that he should marry the insipid and bewhiskered Harriet.

Meanwhile, Augustus makes a dramatic discovery...

Starring Nicholas Le Prevost and Forbes Masson.

Conclusion of the first series of Scott Cherry's sitcom set in the 18th-century.

Fenton Babbewick Nick Le Prevost

Augustus Snipe Forbes Masson

William Babbewick Benjamin Whitrow

Elizabeth Babbewick Pauline Yates

Harriet Courtney King

Septimus Hickey John Moffatt

Molly Gillian Bevan

Barney David Antrobus

Jack Sam Kelly

Music by Paul Mottram.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.

SAT 05:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0010wz0)

Series 16

Episode 2

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Holly Walsh welcome:

* Comedian Evelyn Mok

* Historian Dr Alun Scott

* Screenwriter Allan Scott.

Evelyn talks about the rivalry between Gothenberg and Stockholm and donates the Swedish Dragon Gate to the Museum - it was intended to be the country's first Chinatown but things didn't go according to plan. Dr Alun discusses his research into beards which led to the media dubbing him the 'maven of shaving' and Allan talks about his time running a Scottish whisky company before becoming a screenwriter and working with Garry Kasparov on The Queen's Gambit.

Researchers: Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner and Jack Chambers of QI.

Produced by Anne Miller

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

SAT 05:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00nj6fb)

Series 3

Episode 4

The sports agent's business partner Sammy gets a dead cert horse from a corrupt jockey.

Starring Neil Pearson.

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

Trevor Neil Pearson

Sammy Paul Reynolds

Ralph Michael Fenton Stevens

Theresa Rosalind Ayres

Heidrun Cosima Shaw

Barry Abdul Salis

Meryl Claire Skinner

Dean Philip Pope

Written and produced by Andy Hamilton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.

SAT 06:00 The Displaced Person (m001134j)

Elsie's husband has been missing at sea for months and she can't accept it.

Then a sudden disaster sets her and her family on a journey of self-discovery.

War-time drama written by Christopher Denys.

Elsie Clare Kinsale

Doreen Jenny Luckraft

Billy Judy Bennett

Muriel Anna-Jane Casey

Mrs Chadwick Judith Barker

Gerard Elizabeth Proud

Dora Julie Corrigan

Mrs Ryder Paula Tilbrook

Policeman John Jardine

Brindley John Branwell

Postmaster Laurence Kenny

Railwayman Keith Clifford

George Malcolm Raeburn

Landlady Rosalie Williams

Director: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1990

SAT 07:30 James Bond - Casino Royale (Omnibus) (m001134n)

Episode 2

Agent 007 continues to pursue the fraudster, Le Chiffre, who's absconded with 25 million francs of Soviet money and is being hunted by the sinister SMERSH.

Bond's life is endangered - and something is troubling his girlfriend, Vesper.

Casino Royale is Ian Fleming's first James Bond novel.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Sally Marmion.

Concluded by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

SAT 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (b07tz3q7)

Billy Ocean

Soul singer Billy Ocean chooses 'No Woman, No Cry' by Bob Marley & The Wailers, and 'A Change Is Gonna Come' by Sam Cooke.

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrc0)

Series 2

Young Chocolate

Carter's uncle fancies a good funeral, so they head off to the burial for a boxer.

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

The Undertaker Michael Graham Cox

Marcus Potts Stan Richards

Narrator Christian Rodska

Producer: Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

SAT 09:00 We're in Business (b07nwwqt)

The Regimental Dinner

Can Dudley and Harry help the Major organise his regimental dinner?

Stars Peter Jones and Harry Worth.

Peter Jones is small-time businessman, Dudley Grosvenor who's always out to make a fast buck - usually at the expense of his side-kick, Harry Worth.

Written by Marty Feldman, Barry Took and Peter Jones.

Dudley Peter Jones

Harry Harry Worth

Miss Boot Irene Handl

With Dick Emery and Frederick Treves.

A selection of surviving episodes from two series broadcast between 1959-1960.

Producer: Charles Maxwell.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1960.

SAT 09:30 Whack-O! (b06451cb)

The Inspector's Visit

Professor Jimmy Edwards' plans to bribe the boys with a sumptuous meal are all washed up.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio, Chiselbury School is run "for the sons of gentefolk".

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, MA never misses a trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents.

Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95

pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra. It's only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr Pettigrew, that the school exists at all.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Adapted by David Climie.

June Whitfield Matron

Roger Shepherd Lumley

Frederick Treves Alfred Tennyson

With:

Michael Turner

Graham Aza

David Lott

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1961.

SAT 10:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000z6g9)

1. From Macca to McLean

Sir Paul McCartney, Emeli Sande, Suzanne Vega, Natalie Merchant, Paul Weller, Corrine Bailey Rae, Richard Hawley, Jimmy Webb, Laura Marling, Billy Bragg, Ray Davies and Don McLean give a masterclass in the art of songwriting.

In the first of three programmes, John Wilson looks back over his conversations with 45 acclaimed songwriters for BBC Radio 4's series 'Mastertapes'.

Recorded with an audience of fans at the BBC Maida Vale studios in London, each guest focuses on a key album from their career, describing in detail how dozens of much loved hit songs were written.

Now, the 'Mastertapes' guests are brought together to offer a unique how-to guide to writing the perfect song.

Sir Paul McCartney demonstrates the building blocks of songwriting, reveals how a chord 'borrowed' from a Picasso painting became the basis of a collaborative composition with Kanye West. McCartney also talks candidly about his songwriting partnership with John Lennon in The Beatles.

Suzanne Vega and Emeli Sande remember - and try to play - the very first songs that they wrote as children.

Ray Davies reveals how the character studies he created for his songs with The Kinks - including 'Dedicated Follower Of Fashion' - were based on real people. Paul Weller breaks down the words and chords to 'A Town Called Malice', and remembers how, as a younger songwriter, he would ritually destroy his lyric books after completing a new album. And Don McLean is delightfully evasive about his greatest hit, 'American Pie'.

Presented and produced by John Wilson.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra - and first broadcast in May 2021.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 James Bond - Casino Royale (Omnibus) (m001134n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (b07tz3q7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SAT 13:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrc0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 We're in Business (b07nwwqt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Whack-O! (b06451cb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000z6g9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 All the Dark Corners (b015zm9l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SAT 16:45 Algernon Blackwood's Ghost Stories (m001kwhg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

SAT 17:00 The Displaced Person (m001134j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 James Bond - Casino Royale (Omnibus) (m001134n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (b07tz3q7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SAT 19:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrc0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 We're in Business (b07nwwqt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Whack-O! (b06451cb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000z6g9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b03brkfl)

Series 3

Episode 5

John Finnemore with another sketch-packed show.

This episode reveals the truth behind some famous anecdotes and a curious tale of a hard-bitten dame. A part of this show is in 3-D. Unfortunately, it's a horrible part.

Written by and starring John Finnemore

With

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Simon Kane

Lawry Lewin

Carrie Quinlan

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.

SAT 22:30 Influencers (m0011443)

Behind the Scenes

A comedy about the online world of influencing.

Starring and written by Katy Brand and Katherine Parkinson.

Ruth and Carla are two stars of the online business world. They are bound together by a carefully controlled public image involving lucrative product placement and well paid endorsements. But behind the scenes things are not always so harmonious.

We find Ruth and Carla worrying about company finances and plotting their next big move into podcasting to give their shared business a boost. They are taking delivery of all their new equipment when they hear that a rival influencer, Grace Broadstairs, has been rushed to hospital. As she is incapacitated, all her followers are now up for grabs. Wishing Grace well is also a perfect theme for the first podcast episode. A Lovely Chat with Ruth and Carla - if they can just figure out how the microphones work.

Award-winning duo Katy Brand and Katherine Parkinson write and star in this sharp new comedy, taking an affectionate swipe at the very modern world of influencing.

The podcast A Lovely Chat with Ruth and Carla, as featured in the show, is available to listen to on BBC Sounds.

Carla Katy Brand

Ruth Katherine Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2021.

SAT 23:00 4 Stands Up (b00f86m7)

Series 2

Episode 2

Welsh comic Rhod Gilbert invites old hands and fresh faces on the comedy circuit to perform.

Featuring character pieces, double acts and sketches.

With:

Stewart Francis

Jo Neary

Chris Addison

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

SAT 23:30 A Bit of Fry and Laurie (b048vwqx)

Second Bit

A crazy shopping spree, and eating Greek in Stevenage.

Starring Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie.

On their journey to international stardom - Cambridge

Footlights graduates, Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie wrote and starred together in a pilot show for BBC TV.

This was followed by four acclaimed TV series of 'A Bit of Fry & Laurie' from 1989 to 1995.

Stephen Fry introduces the second of two audio collections of choice comedy morsels culled from the BBC TV soundtracks.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.

SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023

SUN 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010ns71)

Night Watch

1. Confrontation

Living in the past is hard. Dying in the past is incredibly easy. Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch falls through time and arrives in the city of his youth.

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel.

Dramatised in five parts by Robin Brooks.

Sam Vimes ... Philip Jackson

Young Sam ... Carl Prekopp

Carcer ... Paul Ritter

Fred Colon ... Sam Dale

Jocasta Wiggs ... Clare Corbett

Sergeant Knock ... Matt Addis

Dr Lawn ... Ben Onwukwe

Willikins ... Peter Marinker

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

SUN 00:30 Simon Bovey - Cold Blood (b007s74m)

3. The Changing Man

After his trip to Mitchell Bluff, Taft's realised Bowers' story about the attack on his base doesn't add up - and Bowers isn't giving anything away.

Worse, a member of Taft's team has been found dead...

Continuing Simon Bovey's sci-fi thriller made in 2005 but set in 2015.

Bowers Tim McMullan

Commander Taft Tom Mannion

Max Bellingfield Stuart McLoughlin

Anaya Nddi Del Fatti

Deborah Helen Longworth

Director: Marc Beeby

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in January 2005.

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SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m0011394)

Breaking Our Silence

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses Breaking Our Silence.

Salma El-Wardany discusses the connection between poetry and revolution with other poets - both political and personal.

In 2011, poet Salma was part of the Arab Spring uprising in Cairo. Thousands of Egyptians came together in Tahrir Square to fight for a new future. And poetry was everywhere - spray painted on walls, shared on social media, and written into songs that became anthems for the protesters.

"It was a revolution fuelled by poetry," says Salma.

Salma celebrates the connection between poetry and revolution. She speaks to four of her favourite female poets - all women of colour from different corners of the world, whose work fuels revolution, both personal and political.

British-Indian poet Nikita Gill sees her own work written onto placards and hears it chanted in the street on marches.

Yrsa Daley-Ward, award-winning writer of Bone and The Terrible, writes about topics on which women have often been silent.

Tjawangwa Dema argues that what, to a Western audience, might seem like a simple love poem, can be truly revolutionary when written by a woman from Botswana.

And Lisa Lux shares the power of poetry to unite people into a revolutionary community, as she does by organising feminist literary salons in Beirut.

Salma believes that these poetic revolutions, and her own, all have one thing in common - they involve women speaking out, and refusing to be silenced any longer.

Producer: Hannah Marshall

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.

SUN 06:30 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus) (m0011396)

Episode 2

Will Blanche Ingram's arrival at Thornfield dampen Jane's dreams?

Charlotte Bronte's bold and passionate story of a woman's search for independence and love on her own terms.

First published in 1847.

Omnibus of the middle five of fifteen episodes abridged by Sally Marmion.

Read by Anne-Marie Duff.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0011398)

Chris Robshaw

Former Rugby Union player Chris Robshaw, picks 'If You Don't Know Me by Now' by Simply Red and 'California King Bed' by Rihanna.

SUN 07:50 Curious Under the Stars (m0002rx5)

Series 7 (Omnibus) - Devil's Bridge

A stranger arrives in Glan Don, with a plan that threatens the future of the village.

Magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast.

Starring Sion Pritchard, Emma Sidi and Ifan Huw Dafydd.

Omnibus of five parts written by Annamaria Murphy.

Gareth/Fluffy ... Sion Pritchard

Diane ... Emma Sidi

Emlyn ... Ifan Huw Dafydd

Megan ... Aimee Ffion Edwards

Matty ... Siw Hughes

Hadrian ... Paul Rhys

Series created by Meic Povey.

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019

SUN 09:00 Harry Worth (b09r458r)

Things Could Be Worse

Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgotten

Harry gets more than he bargains for when celebrating his birthday with some wartime reminiscences.

Written by David McKellar and David Renwick.

Starring Harry Worth.

With:

John Baddeley

John Graham

Miriam Margolyes

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1976.

SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (m001139b)

Series 4

The Cornish Exercise - Recovered Audio

4 Extra Debut. The crew of HMS Troutbridge are sent on a secretive training exercise in Cornwall.

This recently rediscovered episode gets its first broadcast in over 60 years on BBC Radio 4 Extra.

Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman
 Sub-Lieut. Phillips Leslie Phillips
 Lieut. Murray - the No. 1 Stephen Murray
 Chief Petty Officer Pertwee Jon Pertwee
 Captain Povey Richard Caldicot
 Heather Heather Chasen
 AB Johnson/ Lieut. Cdr Stanton Ronnie Barker
 Leading Seaman Goldstein/The Admiral Tenniel J Evans
 Lieut. Bates/Rear Admiral Ironbridge Michael Bates
 Wren Cornwell Judy Cornwell
 The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.
 Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1962.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01mrq09)
 Longplay
 Anna Ford
 TV news presenter Anna Ford shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young.
 In a specially extended edition for BBC Radio 4 Extra, Anna shares her life story and explains her musical choices, book and luxury choices.
 One of the first high profile women in news, she worked for Granada, ITV and the BBC before retiring after more than 30 years on our screens.
 One of Anna's professional pairings was presenting ITV's News at 10 with Reginald Bosanquet. She remembers how he would try to unsettle her during broadcasts:
 "I adored Reggie. He would land either obscene poems or love poems on my script just before I was to about to read it to camera and I would catch just a sight of this and it was almost impossible not to laugh."
 DISC ONE: It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't got that Swing - Duke Ellington and His Orchestra
 DISC TWO: Bach's Concerto for Two Violins and Strings in D Minor - Yehudi Menuhin and David Oistrakh with the Great Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Alexander Orlov
 DISC THREE: Dawn Chorus: seasonal birdsong (sound effects) recorded in May in Kent
 DISC FOUR: Masters of War - Bob Dylan
 DISC FIVE: Isaac Albéniz's Mallorca - Julian Bream
 DISC SIX: Carolina in My Mind - James Taylor
 DISC SEVEN: You can call me Al - Paul Simon
 DISC EIGHT: J'Attendrai - Tino Rossi
 BOOK CHOICE: Staying Alive: Real Poems for Unreal Times edited by Neil Astley
 LUXURY CHOICE: Endless supply of leaf tea, teapot, mug and semi skimmed milk
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: You can call me Al - Paul Simon
 Producer: Leanne Buckle
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in September 2012.
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SUN 22:00 Start/Stop (b039dbjr)
 Series 1
 Concert
 Jack Docherty's sitcom about love, marriage and despair. Three couples sail off into the sunset. And sink.
 Starring Jack Docherty, Charlie Higson, Katherine Parkinson, John Thomson, Fiona Allen and Kerry Godliman.
 With their marriages in various states of disrepair - a trip to a classical music concert poses difficulties for everyone.
 Barney Jack Docherty
 Cathy Kerry Godliman
 Fiona Fiona Allen
 David Charlie Higson

Evan John Thomson
 Alice Katherine Parkinson
 Producer Steven Canny
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.
SUN 22:30 Chain Reaction (b012x130)
 Series 7
 Simon Day talks to Peter Hook
 Chain Reaction is Radio 4's tag-team interview show.
 Each week, a figure from the world of entertainment chooses another to interview; the next week, the interviewee turns interviewer, and they in turn pass the baton on to someone else - creating a 'chain' throughout the series. Previously, Rhys Thomas interviewed Simon Day.
 This week, Simon is asking the questions, and has chosen one of his musical heroes: Peter Hook, best known for playing bass in Joy Division and New Order, and for co-owning and running one of the most famous nightclubs in the world - which lost £10 for every punter who walked through the door for over a decade.
 Interviewer Simon Day
 Interviewee Peter Hook
 Producer Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.
SUN 23:00 Safety Catch (b017gxpv)
 Series 2
 I Draw the Line
 When faced with a particularly tricky moral issue at work Simon finally decides enough is enough and quits his job.
 It's not great timing though as he and Anna find themselves contemplating having a baby.
 Starring Darren Boyd.
 Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality.
 Simon is essentially a nice man who also happens to be an arms dealer.
 Simon McGrath.....Darren Boyd
 Anna Grieg.....Joanna Page
 Boris Kemal.....Lewis Macleod
 Judith McGrath.....Sarah Smart
 Angela McGrath.....Brigit Forsyth
 Madeleine Turnbull.....Rachel Atkins
 Marcus.....Dan Mersh
 Producer: Dawn Ellis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.
SUN 23:30 Lemn Sissay's Origin Stories (b07z3zfw)
 3. Is It a Bird?
 Batman was an orphan; Lisbeth Salander, The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, was an orphan; Superman was an orphan and a founding. Cinderella was a foster child. Darth Vader - well, they can't all be winners.
 Taking a comic and poetic angle, Lemn Sissay compares reality against the treatment of children raised in care, orphans and foster children in popular culture. Because it surely says something about how we view them that we create so many for fiction?
 The most important thing that John and Martha Kent taught Clark, the boy they found in a strange-looking pod that crash-landed on their Kansas farm, was to keep his true self secret. People wouldn't understand that you can lift cars, melt steel beams with your eyes, or fly. People will be scared of you because you are different. Every adoptee and every care leaver knows this feeling. Lemn examines how he hid his feelings, his experiences, his identity, in order to fit in better with the world around him.
 Lemn also talks to comedian and adoptee Deborah Frances-White about secret identities - and how to go about reinventing yourself.
 Written and performed by Lemn Sissay.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.
MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023
MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m0011394)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus) (m0011396)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0011398)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]
MON 01:50 Curious Under the Stars (m0002rx5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]
MON 03:00 Harry Worth (b09r458r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (m001139b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b01mrq09)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Give Dotty a Chance (b08jrf01)
 It's 1989 and Welsh singer Dorothy Squires is living a penniless existence in a caravan.
 She thinks her glittering career that took her to Hollywood has been forgotten.
 But then two fans turn up to try persuade her to put her glad rags on and revive her career.
 But can she still do it?
 Starring Ruth Madoc.
 Written by Martyn Hesford.

Dorothy Squires Ruth Madoc
 Alan Arthur Brostrom
 Warren Graeme Hawley
 Margaret Sue Jenkins
 Radio Interviewer Leah Marks
 Box Office Man/Man in Bar Jake Norton
 Director: Gary Brown
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.
MON 05:45 Short Works (m0004f6c)
 A Traditional Sunday Roast by Yvvette Edwards
 Muma Rose surprises her grand-daughter, Anthea, by announcing she is in a new relationship with an octogenarian called Alfie.
 She wants them all to meet over a proper Sunday lunch - and so Anthea must shape up.
 An original short story by Yvvette Edwards
 Read by Cherrille Skeete.
 Yvvette Edwards is a British East Londoner of Montserratian origin and, in addition to writing short stories, she is author of two novels - A Cupboard Full of Coats and The Mother. Her work has been nominated for a number of literary awards, including the Commonwealth Writers' Prize and the Man Booker Prize.
 Producer: Jeremy Osborne
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2019.
MON 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2vr)
 1. The Black Trunk
 True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age featuring the formidable barrister, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.
 In his first case, fought in 1894, he sets out to save Marie Herman from death on the gallows.
 Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator, John Mortimer.
 Dramatised by Michael Butt.
 Tom Baker stars as Sir Edward Marshall Hall.
 With:
 Timothy Block
 Jonathan Tafler
 David Glover
 Zelah Clarke
 Nicholas Farr
 Jill Graham
 Kate McEnery
 Director: John Taylor
 A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast in November 1996.
MON 06:30 No Place To Hide (m00113b2)
 4. It's Better When You're Here
 Watching for Mason's kidnappers, can John Rennie also deal with wayward Joanna's demands?
 Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.
 Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world of espionage
 Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.
 John Rennie James Kerry
 Kathy Swenson Margaret Robertson
 Joanna de Vries Colette Hiller
 Jan Branders Ali Refaie
 Johan de Vries Harry Towb
 Hugo Paynter David Garth
 Mike Ryan / Waiter Keith Bartlett
 Girl Carole Boyd
 Director: Christopher Venning
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.
MON 07:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b007613d)
 11. Conscience
 Jane must examine her conscience and decide on the right course - even if at the cost of her happiness and that of her lover's...
 Charlotte Bronte's bold and passionate story of a woman's search for independence and love on her own terms.
 Abridged in fifteen parts by Sally Marmion.
 Read by Anne-Marie Duff
 Producer: Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.
MON 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007q9w)
 The Country Girls
 1. Coping
 Kate and Baba are friends who occupy the twin poles of romance and realism.
 In this opening episode, Kate's father is off on a drinking binge, so the farm has to cope without him.
 Originally published in the 1960s, The Country Girls, and the two other novels in the trilogy (The Lonely Girl and Girls in their Married Bliss), were banned by the Irish Censorship Board, burnt publicly in O'Brien's home town, and described by the Justice Minister (a young Charles Haughey) as filth.
 Edna O'Brien's trilogy is now recognised as an iconic work of 20th century Irish fiction.
 Dramatised in ten parts by Lin Coghlan.
 Kate Charlie Murphy
 Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity
 Mama Catherine Cusack
 Dada David Ganly
 Hickey Lloyd Hutchinson
 Jack Holland Jonjo O'Neill
 Miss Moriarty Helen Clapp

Directors: Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

MON 07:30 55 and Over (b01nt3xm)

1. Out of Tune

Ray and Jane's marriage is rocked by some very bad singing and late-life crises take hold.

Starring Juliet Stevenson and Philip Jackson.

Multi-award winning writer, Peter Souter's comedy about love, sex and other foolhardy mistakes made by the modern 50-pluser.

Jane Juliet Stevenson

Ray Philip Jackson

Tony Patrick Brennan

Heather Liza Sadovy

Honey Stephanie Racine

Sam Adam Nagaitis

Director: Helen Perry

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007zkzy)

Series 4

Episode 7

Kenneth Horne hits The Celluloid Jungle and waltzes off for some strictly Bona Ballroom tuition from Julian and Sandy. One of BBC Radio's most influential and groundbreaking series packed full of colourful characters, parodies, memorable catchphrases, and double-entendres.

Starring:

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Announcer: Douglas Smith

Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London.

Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.

Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman wrote the brilliantly inventive - and sometimes outrageous - scripts for the first three series.

Series 4 is written by Barry Took with Brian Cooke & Johnnie Mortimer and Donald Webster.

Music by the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.

MON 08:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)

Series 2

Episode 5

Will Ken and Sandy's plan to use a lion to advertise Leo cosmetics be a roaring success?

Starring Martin Jarvis.

Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising.

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

John 'Sandy' Beach Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

Deborah Rosalind Ayres

Ambrose Paul Jesson

Andy Chris Emmett

Christina Jo Manning Wilson

Film Director Scott Cherry

With:

Joss Ackland

James Griffiths

Miriam Margolyes

John Shrapnel

Imelda Staunton

David Tate

Producer: Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

MON 09:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

Series 2

Episode 2

The topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.

Hosted by Clive Anderson.

Gyles Brandreth and Natalie Haynes

battle it out against

John O'Farrell and Richard Herring.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

MON 09:30 Ring Around the Bath (b00p8fk7)

Series 1

New House

Patrick and Stella finally find the house of their dreams - a perfect cottage with a garden in the country - but the children aren't budging.

Will their plans be scuppered at the eleventh hour?

Starring Duncan Preston and Penny Downie.

Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about a topsy-turvy household. Stella is a middle-aged and having a crisis - her

grown up children refuse to leave home. What's worse, husband Patrick doesn't mind.

Patrick Duncan Preston

Stella Penny Downie

Alison Claudie Blakely

Rick Bruce McKinnon

Egg Daniela Denby-Ashe

Xanthe Catherine Shepherd

Digger Andrew Westfield

French Teacher Aileen Gonsalves

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.

MON 10:00 Give Dotty a Chance (b08jf0f1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 10:45 Short Works (m0004f6c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

MON 11:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 No Place To Hide (m00113b2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007q9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 12:30 55 and Over (b01nt3xm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Round the Horne (b007zkzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Ring Around the Bath (b00p8fk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 Give Dotty a Chance (b08jf0f1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 15:45 Short Works (m0004f6c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

MON 16:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 16:30 No Place To Hide (m00113b2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 17:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007q9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 17:30 55 and Over (b01nt3xm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Round the Horne (b007zkzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Ring Around the Bath (b00p8fk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m00167xv)

Series 12

Holding On, Digging Out & Hanging Up

True stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces

stories where everyday moments have lasting impacts.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated

to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since

1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling

novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and

years to share it. Originally formed by the writer George

Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in

Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the

screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room,

The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at

theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the

USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and

without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The

Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the

humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic

Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed

by the Public Radio Exchange.

First heard on PRX in 2020.

MON 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b06sbdn5)

Juliette Lewis

Actress and singer Juliette Lewis chooses 'Peg' by Steely Dan,

and 'Voodoo Child/Slight Return' by Jimi Hendrix.

MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b01p0fpq)

Series 1

Ray Davies (the A-Side)

Ray Davies talks about the inspiration behind two classic Kinks

albums, 'Lola' and 'Muswell Hillbillies'.

Series in which leading performers and songwriters talk about

the album that made them or changed them.

Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida

Vale Studios, each edition includes two episodes - the A-side

and B-side.

Both editions feature exclusive live performances of songs from

the two albums.

In this one (The A side), John Wilson takes Ray back to the

early 1970s and the making of two classic Kinks albums.

Marking a period of transition for the group (as they left one

British record label for an American one), both were concept

albums, tackling such broad themes as corruption within the

music industry and the destruction of old communities via

urban regeneration. In a revealing interview, Ray considers the

power of the lyric and the importance of place in his song-

writing.

In the B-side of the programme, it's the turn of the audience to

ask the questions.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in November 2012.

MON 21:30 DS Sue Manson - Fractions of Zero (b00xlv04)

Episode 1

A frantic father asks for Detective Superintendent Sue

Manson's help in finding his missing daughter.

The only clue they have is a series of jumbled letters on the

back of a poster...

Starring Susan Lynch and Philip Glenister.

Bill Murphy's five-part detective thriller about the hunt for a

serial killer obsessed with mathematics.

DS Sue Manson Susan Lynch

James Ellstrom Philip Glenister

Fred Johnston Clive Merrison

Inspector Phillips David Bannerman

PC Mags Langan Alison Pettitt

Lee Horsley David Holt

Superintendent Midgeley Nigel Anthony

Director Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

MON 21:45 The Whisperer In Darkness (m000ndjb)

Episode 11

The trail leads to Thomas Marston's doctor as Heawood realises

that everything is connected.

An unexpected phone call has turned Matthew Heawood's

attention to a mystery in the gloom of Rendlesham Forest.

Folklore, paranormal, otherworldly?

Up for debate, but fertile ground for a new investigative

podcast, that's for sure.

Kennedy Fisher.....JANA CARPENTER

Matthew Heawood..... BARNABY KAY

Eleanor Peck.....NICOLA WALKER

SlideFERDINAND KINGSLEY

Doctor Wilet.....MARK BAZELEY

Henry Akeley.....DAVID CALDER

Producer: Karen Rose

Director/Writer: Julian Simpson

Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas

Production Coordinators: Sarah Tombling & Holly Slater

Music by Tim Elsenburg

Executive Producer: Caroline Raphael

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds,

first broadcast in October 2020.

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001kxwv)

Series 91

2. Tutankhamun, Haggling, and Canadian Cuisine

Sue Perkins challenges Paul Merton, Shaparak Khorsandi,

Daliso Chaponda and Heidi Regan to speak for 60 seconds

without repetition, deviation or hesitation.

The long-running Radio 4 national treasure of a parlour game is

back for a new series with subjects this week ranging from

Tutankhamun to Canadian Cuisine.

Production co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

Sound editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Rajiv Karia

A BBC Studios Production

MON 22:30 iGod (b00s9xb8)

Procrastination

A parallel Earth is obliterated when a lazy Ian decides to take

the afternoon off.

We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and

environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms everyday.

iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as

pointless as moisturising an elephant's elbow.

Starring David Soul and Simon Day.

In each episode, an unnamed, all-seeing narrator (David Soul

shows us that it is stupid to be worrying, as he looks back at

some of the most entertaining apocalypses on parallel Earths.

Each episode, a different parallel world is accidentally wiped

out by an ordinary bloke called Ian (Simon Day).

With a full-range of sound effects and wonderfully funny and

surreal twists, iGOD is an aural extravaganza.

Ian Simon Day

The Narrator David Soul

Also starring:

Rosie Cavaliero

Alex MacQueen

Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman

The Laird Jeremy Hardy

With:

John Garden

Ros Stephen

Kylie Davies

Scott Hammond

Andrew Davis

Brian Berkins

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

MON 23:00 The Now Show (m001kmys)

Series 62

Episode 5

Steve Punt presents the week via topical stand-up and sketches.

He's joined by Ahir Shah talking about the junior doctor strike,

Alex Kealy exploring the French pension reforms & Rachel

Parris singing about being stuck in the Dover queues over the

Easter weekend.

The show is written by the cast with additional material from

Hugh Dennis, Laura Major, Mike Shephard, David Duncan &

Kate Dehnert.

Voice actors: Luke Kempner & Chiara Goldsmith

Sound: Gary Newman & John Boland

Editor: Marc Willcox

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Producer: Sasha Bobak

Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Mark Thomas Presents (b0076vzd)

Stan Freberg

American satirist and comedian Stan Freberg performs at

London's Comedy Store at the age of 79.

Stan reprises favourite songs and routines which made him a

legend in the 1950s and 60s - to the accompaniment of the

original orchestral backing.

Including:

John & Marsha

St George & the Dragonet

Series in which Mark Thomas introduces iconic American

comedy performers.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023

TUE 00:00 Give Dotty a Chance (b08jf0f1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:45 Short Works (m0004f6c)

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TUE 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall

Hall (b007k2vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 No Place To Hide (m00113b2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l3d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy

(m0007q9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 55 and Over (b01nt3xm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Round the Horne (b007zkzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv4w)

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TUE 04:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Ring Around the Bath (b00p8fk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor Of Casterbridge

(b00bbdmb)

1. Burying the Past

Michael Henchard spends his life trying to atone for the terrible

action that led to the loss of his wife and child.

But his past refuses to be buried, no matter how hard he tries to

conceal it.

Starring John Lynch.

Thomas Hardy's tragic story.

Dramatised in three parts by Helen Edmundson

Michael Henchard John Lynch

Elizabeth-Jane Ruth Wilson

Donald Farfrae Paul Higgins

Furnivory Woman Maggie Steed

Susan Henchard Olwen May

Abel Whittle Burn Gorman

Jopp Conrad Nelson

Newson Jonathan Keeble

Solomon Longways Russell Dixon

Christopher Coney David Fielder

Mother Cuxsom Sue Ryding

Martha Vashti Maclachlan

Directed at BBC Manchester by Nadia Molinari.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

TUE 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall

Hall (b007jlzz)

2. The Camden Town Murder

Did Bob Wood really murder Emily Dimmock by slitting her

throat?

True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age featuring

formidable barrister, Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator, John Mortimer.

Dramatised by Michael Butt.

Tom Baker stars as Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

With:

Timothy Block

Kellie Bright

Nicholas Farr

David Glover

Jonathan Tafler

Director: John Taylor

A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast

in November 1996.

TUE 06:30 No Place To Hide (m00113cd)

5. The Kidnap

John Rennie ponders whether to take some extreme measures in

order to rescue the kidnapped British agent.

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world

of espionage

Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.

John Rennie James Kerry

Kathy Swenson Margaret Robertson

Joanna de Vries Colette Hiller

Mike Ryan Keith Bartlett

Khalim Said Richard Kay

Gabriella Carole Boyd

Hugo Paynter David Garth

Adele Palmer Susannah Fellows

Arab servant/First policeman Peter Van Dissel

Second policeman Charles Whaley

English voice/Male voice Albert Welling

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

TUE 07:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l3y)

12. New Friends

Having left Mr Rochester and Thornfield Hall, can Jane make

new friends and begin a new life?

Charlotte Bronte's bold and passionate story of a woman's

search for independence and love on her own terms.

Abridged in fifteen parts by Sally Marmion.

Read by Anne-Marie Duff

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

TUE 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy

(m0007qyp)

The Country Girls

2. Turning Point

A play at the Town Hall marks a turning point in Kate's life.

Edna O'Brien's frank, funny and subversive story of friendship

and growing up in rural Ireland in the 1950s - seen through the

eyes of two friends - Kate and Baba.

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan.

Kate Charlie Murphy

Baba Aoihbinn McGinnity

Martha Deirdre Mullins

Mr Brennan Paul Hickey

Hickey Lloyd Hutchinson

Jack Holland Jonjo O'Neill

Directors: Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on Radio 4 in August 2019.

TUE 07:30 Cleaning Up (b054t173)

4. Surprise

Julie treats Nita to a little surprise.

Every night, as time is called and people are spat out onto the

streets and squeezed into rides home to dream-tossed beds -

others are hard at work. Teams of cleaners are in office spaces

scrubbing, vacuuming and cleaning up.

And right at the bottom of the food chain we find our gang -

Spit n' Polish tackling the floors of a plush tower block in

Manchester city centre.

Written by Ian Kershaw.

Julie Julie Hesmondhalgh

Nobby Paul Barber

Dave John Thompson

Shiv Lauren Socha

Nita Bhavna Limbachi

Our Bri Jack Deam

Alex.... Justin Moorhouse

Produced in Salford by Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on Radio 4 in March 2015.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00d7jxr)

Series 8

The Plasticine Man

Neddie Seagoon poses as a 6,000-year-old man to resurrect his

rock 'n' roll career.

Ground breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan and Larry Stephens.

With:

Peter Sellers

Spike Milligan

Harry Secombe

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: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1957.

TUE 08:30 For Better or for Worse (b00h4lng)

Series 1

Episode 6

Iris dreams of hearing Pavarotti sing in concert, so Bernard tries

to get tickets.

Starring Gordon Kaye and Su Pollard.

Vince Powell's sitcom about the turbulent relationship of an odd

couple.

Iris Su Pollard

Bernard Gordon Kaye

Wilf David Ross

Daisy Paula Tilbrook

Tramp/Ticket Tout Peter Wheeler

Produced at BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1993.

TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (b0075wnx)

Series 2

Episode 2

This house believes in fairies at the bottom of the garden.

Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky

debating game.

With:

Steve Punt

Tony Hawks

Simon Fanshawe

Stuart Maconie

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

TUE 09:30 No Commitments (b007jp3z)

Series 8

Impossibly High Standards

Victoria grows more irritating, as Anna gets a surprise

proposition.

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

different sisters.

Anna Rosemary Leach

Charlotte Celia Imrie

Victoria Angela Thorne

Eddie.....James Greene

Roger Bill Nighy

Gerald.....Colin Starkey

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

TUE 10:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor Of Casterbridge

(b00bbdmb)

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TUE 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy

(m0007qyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

TUE 12:30 Cleaning Up (b054t173)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Goon Show (b00d7jxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 13:30 For Better or for Worse (b00h4lng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 14:00 The Motion Show (b0075wnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

stage.

Manoush Zomorodi explores mind, body, spirit with fresh ideas on how we think, move, and feel: the body.

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2023.

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07gt7zw)

Alan Partridge

Steve Coogan helps Alan Partridge choose 'Who Put The Bomb' by Barry Mann and the theme from 'Grandstand' by Keith Mansfield.

TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b01p40hr)

Series 1

Ray Davies (the B-Side)

Following on from the A-side of this two-part programme, Ray Davies responds to questions from the audience about the inspiration behind two classic Kinks albums, 'Lola' and 'Muswell Hillbillies'.

With John Wilson at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios in London.

Ray performs acoustic live versions of some of the tracks from the albums, both of which were released more than forty years ago.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in December 2012.

TUE 21:30 DS Sue Manson - Fractions of Zero (b00xlv5m)

Episode 2

DS Sue Manson is frustrated because there seems to be no logic to the killer's motive for murder.

The selection seems entirely random...

Starring Susan Lynch and Philip Glenister.

Bill Murphy's detective thriller about the hunt for a serial killer obsessed with mathematics.

DS Sue Manson Susan Lynch

James Ellstrom Philip Glenister

Fred Johnston Clive Merrison

Inspector Phillips David Bannerman

PC Mags Langan Alison Pettitt

Lee Horsley David Holt

Superintendent Midgeley Nigel Anthony

Director Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

TUE 21:45 The Whisperer In Darkness (m000nkt)

Episode 12

Eleanor Peck gives Heawood insight into the dark and disturbing world he and Kennedy have been drawn into.

An unexpected phone call has turned Matthew Heawood's attention to a mystery in the gloom of Rendlesham Forest. Folklore, paranormal, otherworldly?

Up for debate, but fertile ground for a new investigative podcast, that's for sure.

Matthew Heawood.....BARNABY KAY

Kennedy Fisher.....JANA CARPENTER

Mystery woman.....NICOLA STEPHENSON

Newsreader.....FERDINAND KINGSLEY

Albert Wilmarth.....MARK BAZELEY

Henry Akeley.....DAVID CALDER

Eleanor Peck.....NICOLA WALKER

Producer: Karen Rose

Director/Writer: Julian Simpson

Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas

Production Coordinators: Sarah Tombling and Holly Slater

Music by Tim Elsenburg

Executive Producer: Caroline Raphael

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds, first broadcast in October 2020.

TUE 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001kx9x)

Series 1

Episode 3

Chris McCausland asks a panel of comedians to live in an audio only world, deciphering brainteaser sound cues for points and pride whilst trying not to muck about too much along the way.

In this episode, contestants try to figure out what on earth is being advertised on the TV, guess what famous objects or locations children are trying to describe, and even identify people based on the sound of their snoring alone.

The competing comedians are Lee Mack and Sikisa, taking on Andy Parsons and Sarah Keyworth.

Producer: Sasha Bobak

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries

Sound editor: Jerry Peal

Theme music 'Colour me Groovy' by The Rich Morton Sound Recorded at the Backyard Comedy Club, Bethnal Green

TUE 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01p03v9)

Series 3

Ever Been Proposed to in a Pub?

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne muses on all beasts, including humans.

Fast-paced stand-up comedy and sketch show.

With:

Laurence Howarth

Daisy Haggard

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 2010.

TUE 23:00 The (Almost) Accidental Adventures of Bell and Todd (m0004n7s)

Princess

The narrator goes on strike, while Bell and Todd get tied up... Mischievous narrator Diana has thrown Bell and Todd into a mad and a mysterious world of her own devising.

Starring June Whitfield.

John Eggleston's comedy adventure series.

Diana June Whitfield

Bell Matthew Bell

Todd Toby Longworth

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

TUE 23:15 Fabulous (b00hy947)

Series 1

Episode 4

Faye has money troubles, so she's hoping her mum will lend her £10,000.

Lucy Clarke's sitcom about a woman who wants to be fabulous but can't cope.

Starring Daisy Haggard as Faye.

With:

Adam Buxton

Matthew Holness

Laura Solon

Anne Reid

Joanna Scanlan

Joanna Neary

Geoffrey McGivern

Music by Osymyso.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

TUE 23:30 Elvenquest (b00vy3n6)

Series 2

Episode 1

The return of the fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth.

The intrepid band of Questers, led by Elven Lord, Vidar, set off once again on their search for the Sword of Asnagar.

This is the only thing that can free them from the tyranny of the evil Lord Darkness.

Joining Vidar on the Quest is Dean, the dwarf, Penthiselea, an Amazon warrior princess, Sam, the human, and Amis, the Chosen One (formerly Sam's dog who took human form when he arrived in Lower Earth - he alone can wield the Sword of Asnagar that will defeat Lord Darkness).

In this opening episode, the Questers are saved from near certain death by a strong and charming loner, who goes by the name of Byorthnoth the Brave. But is Byorthnoth quite what he seems? And does it really matter when he has such lovely hair? Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is back from the Void and has discovered that he's lost his immortality...

Written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Sam Stephen Mangan

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Elf Lord, Vidar Darren Boyd

Byorthnoth Ben Miles

Amazon Princess, Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman

Amis, The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023

WED 00:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor Of Casterbridge (b00bbdbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jlzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 No Place To Hide (m00113cd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007qyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Cleaning Up (b054t173)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b00d7jxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:30 For Better or for Worse (b00h4lmg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075wnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 No Commitments (b007jp3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor Of Casterbridge (b00bfk05)

2. Revelations

Henchard attempts to hold his life together despite painful revelations - and the unexpected arrival of someone from his past.

Thomas Hardy's tragic story of a man who spends his life trying to atone for the terrible action that led to the loss of his wife and child.

Starring John Lynch.

Dramatised by Helen Edmundson.

Michael Henchard John Lynch

Elizabeth-Jane Ruth Wilson

Donald Farfrae Paul Higgins

Lucetta Emma Fielding

Furnity Woman Maggie Steed

Susan Henchard Olwen May

Abel Whittle Burn Gorman

Jopp Conrad Nelson

Solomon Longways Russell Dixon

Mother Cuxsom Sue Ryding

Phoebe Lorna Lewis

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

WED 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm0j)

3. A Hint of Arsenic

Sir Edward Marshall Hall sets out to prove Harold Greenwood innocent of killing his first wife.

True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age featuring the formidable barrister.

Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator, John Mortimer. Dramatised by Michael Butt.

Tom Baker stars as Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

With:

Timothy Block

Robert Blythe

Zelah Clarke

Lucy Jenkins

Christopher Scott

Jonathan Tafler

Director: John Taylor

A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast in December 1996.

WED 06:30 No Place To Hide (m00113j2)

6. Some Indications of Paranoia

With the mission over in Amsterdam, can John Rennie deal with the consequences of his actions?

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world of espionage.

Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.

John Rennie James Kerry

Kathy Swenson Margaret Robertson

Joanna de Vries Colette Hiller

Mike Ryan Keith Bartlett

Hugo Paynter David Garth

Khalim Said Richard Kay

Harry Mason Malcolm Ward

Adele Palmer Susannah Fellows

Mrs Paynter/Receptionist Narissa Knights

Adam Frederick Lockwood West

Dr Coombs John Forbes-Robertson

Arab/Dutch voice Peter Van Dissel

Messenger Michael Jenner

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

WED 07:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l4h)

13. Something Unexpected

Jane has a new home, work and friends, but then something quite unexpected happens.

Charlotte Bronte's bold and passionate story of a woman's search for independence and love on her own terms.

Abridged in fifteen parts by Sally Marmion.

Read by Anne-Marie Duff

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

WED 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007qd9)

The Country Girls

3. Lift

Mr Gentleman gives Kate a lift into Limerick.

Edna O'Brien's frank, funny and subversive story of friendship and growing up in rural Ireland in the 1950s - seen through the eyes of two friends - Kate and Baba.

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan.

Kate Charlie Murphy

Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity

Dada David Ganly

Hickey Lloyd Hutchinson

Mr Gentleman Paul Chahidi

Assistant Catherine Cusack

Waiter Sean Baker

Film Girl Katherine Press

Film Lad Jonny Holden

Directors: Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

WED 07:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06kdxsg)

Series 1

A Fistful of Sand

Richard Wilson plays Robinson Crusoe in an irreverent re-boot of Daniel Defoe's classic.

After cheating their captain of the ship's treasure, a couple of sailors go into hiding on a deserted island. Their plans to lay low are rumbled when they're discovered by a long-forgotten castaway and his Spanish manservant.

The comedy troupe Peepolykus assume the roles of minor characters in great works of fiction and derail the plot of the book through their hapless buffoonery.

Written by John Nicholson, Richard Katz and Javier Marzan

Crusoe Richard Wilson

Friday Javier Marzan

John John Nicholson

Richard Richard Katz

Captain Sam Dale

First Mate Leo Wan
Briggs David Hounslow
Dodd Caolan McCarthy
Director: Sasha Yevtushenko
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)
Series 3
The Student Prince
The Lad is lured to Moravia as an unknowing decoy for the endangered Crown Prince.
Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With:
Bill Kerr
Sidney James
Kenneth Williams
Andree Melly
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
Music recorded by the BBC Augmented Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1956.
WED 08:30 21st Century Blues (m00113jf)
Seve's Spiritual Exercises
Chaff Chaffinch was born at 23.55 on December 31st 1999 and his 100th birthday is approaching.
A stylist and chronicler of his family's history – Chaff plunges headlong into the horrors and absurdities of the 21st century.
This time he's recalling his nephew Seve's attempt to clone his way to spiritual perfection...
Starring Donald Pleasance.
Futuristic comedy written by Steve Walker
Chaff Chaffinch Donald Pleasance
Seve Shaun Scott
Pepe Dominic Letts
Ex-King James Taylor
Galbraith Galbraith
Rainbow Teresa Gallagher
Jude David Jarvis
Haha Frances Jester
Edmundo Gareth Armstrong
The Chief Lyndam Gregory
Officer Kruppke Peter Whitman
Harold Wilson Steve Walker
Stage Coach Driver Tom Bevan
Music arranged and performed by Neil Brand.
Theme sung by Peter Kenny and Nicholas Boulton.
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1994.
WED 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b0375sfk)
Series 2
Episode 3
Panellists Justin Moorhouse, Bridget Christie and Ainsley Harriott, each nominate a person they know well who will be quizzed.
Then they have to guess how they answered the questions!
Host Miles Jupp tests Bridget on how well she knows her best friend Rebecca Sewell, Ainsley his best friend, pitch doctor Paul Boross, and Justin his former radio producer Sean Gibson.
What is the one thing that DJ Justin does not like talking about?
What is Bridget's worst fear?
And what is Ainsley's worst habit?
All answers and more will be revealed.
Producer: Sam Michell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.
WED 09:30 Big Broadcast (m0000xp2)
Series 3
Location
Neil Brand's fast-talking comedy with music.
It's 1933 and Chicago Beefsteak's Hour of Charm is the most successful on Midwest US radio.
Today the studio team use new technology to entice a Hollywood superstar to sing on the show.
Myrna Samantha Spiro
Jimmy Cagney Ian Conningham
Arthur Ryan Early
Jerry Ryan Whittle
Grace Stibbens Elizabeth Counsell
Stupendo John Lightbody
Dixie Kerry Gooderson
Princeton Stephen Hogan
Jess Emma Handy
Norma Chaffey Lauren Cornelius
Words and music by Neil Brand.
BBC Singers: Helen Neeves, Katherine Nicholson, Chris Bowen, Jamie W Hall
Director: David Hunter
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
WED 10:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor Of Casterbridge (b00bfk05)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 11:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm0j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 No Place To Hide (m00113j2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l4h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007qd9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 12:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06kdxsg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 21st Century Blues (m00113jf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 14:00 It's Not What You Know (b0375sfk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 14:30 Big Broadcast (m0000xp2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 15:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor Of Casterbridge (b00bfk05)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 16:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm0j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 16:30 No Place To Hide (m00113j2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 17:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b0076l4h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007qd9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 17:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06kdxsg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 18:30 21st Century Blues (m00113jf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 19:00 It's Not What You Know (b0375sfk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 19:30 Big Broadcast (m0000xp2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (b0b39r1q)
Commuterville
It's over 175 years since the word "commuter" was used for the first time. (The word does not in fact describe a traveller, it describes a transaction: regular travellers on the railroad into Manhattan were given the opportunity to "commute" their individual tickets into a season pass. Ever since, commuters have been both travellers and revenue stream.)
Today - our great cities inhale and exhale millions of commuters, who start their journey in the darkness of winter mornings in the suburbs, resurface bleakly in the heart of the city and return to long tucked-in children in darkness.
It wasn't meant to be like this. Matthew Sweet looks at our imagined world of fantasy journeys and asks if driverless cars, monorails, or high speed transport systems might deliver them in the future.
Producer: Mark Rickards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.
WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b041xbxp)
Series 5
Mystery
Josie Long investigates small mysteries in this sequence of mini documentaries.
Hearing tales of ghost ships, hidden underground kingdoms and the disappointment of discovering the banality of your family's secrets.
The items featured in the programme are:
Finding Sumo
Produced by Bob Carlson
First broadcast in 'Family Justice' on UnFictional:
Love Letters
Feat. Alan Dearn
Ryou-Un Maru
Produced by Martin Johnson
The Underground Kingdom
Feat. Ross Sutherland
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2014.
WED 21:30 DS Sue Manson - Fractions of Zero (b00y1tkf)
Episode 3
DS Sue Manson is frustrated because there seems to be no logic to the killer's motive for murder but mathematician James Ellstrom helps the detective determine the killer's victim selection system.
Starring Susan Lynch and Philip Glenister.
Bill Murphy's detective thriller about the hunt for a serial killer obsessed with mathematics.
DS Sue Manson Susan Lynch
James Ellstrom Philip Glenister
Fred Johnston Clive Merrison
Inspector Phillips David Bannerman
PC Mags Langan Alison Pettitt
Lee Horsley David Holt
Superintendent Midgeley Nigel Anthony
Director Tanya Nash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
WED 21:45 The Whisperer In Darkness (m000ntst)
Episode 13
An unexpected phone call turns Matthew Heawood's attention to a mystery in the gloom of Rendlesham Forest. Folklore,

paranormal, otherworldly? Up for debate, but fertile ground for a new investigative podcast, that's for sure. One question still lingers, will our host be re-joined by his roaming researcher, Kennedy Fisher?
The duo's last venture patched together frantic updates from Baghdad, as they pursued suspected occultists in The Case of Charles Dexter Ward. Very little hope lingered of solving the mystery, and maybe even less that Kennedy would return home safe. But for now, a new investigation calls.
Following the success of The Case of Charles Dexter Ward, (Silver, British Podcast Awards) Radio 4 commissions a return to this HP Lovecraft-inspired universe. Once again, the podcast embraces Lovecraft's crypt of horror, braving the Sci-Fi stylings of The Whisperer in Darkness.
Kennedy decides to investigate April Marston, Thomas Marston's daughter, after Walter Brown cites her in his will.
Cast:
Matthew Heawood BARNABY KAY
Kennedy Fisher JANA CARPENTER
Army contact STEPHEN MACKINTOSH
Albert Wilmarth MARK BAZELEY
Slide FERDINAND KINGSLEY
Isobel NICOLA STEPHENSON
April Marston REBEKAH STATON.
Parker PHOEBE FOX
Henry Akeley DAVID CALDER
Producer: Karen Rose
Director/Writer: Julian Simpson
Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas
Production Coordinators: Sarah Tombling and Holly Slater
Music by Tim Elsenburg
Executive Producer: Caroline Raphael
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds, first broadcast in October 2020.
WED 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m001kxh6)
Series 3
Episode 3: The UK
Ellie Taylor welcomes you to 'Safe Space', a place where anyone can offload their controversial opinions without fear of judgment.
She talks to members of the public about their gripes and dislikes. This week she argues that the United Kingdom should break up into lots of little kingdoms, Game of Thrones style! So not just England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - Ellie thinks all the regions and cities should become independent too. Joining Ellie to prove her point is regular sidekick Robin Morgan.
With special guest: Medieval Historian, Gabby Storey. She chats to Ellie about what the UK was like when it was broken up into lots of kingdoms in medieval times, why history teaches us that independent kingdoms don't always get along, and what she'd choose to have on her own flag of independence.
Written by and starring Ellie Taylor and Robin Morgan.
Producer: Georgia Keating
Executive Producer: James Robinson
Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries
Sound editor: Marc Willcox
A BBC Studios production for Radio 4
WED 22:30 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b07m7vzj)
Series 1
Murder
The gang must solve a mysterious murder on the Yorkshire Moors, for the conclusion of series 1.
Join critically-acclaimed sketch trio, Daphne, as they pull out all the stops in a dazzling array of peculiar characters, whacky scenarios, dodgy remarks, curious observations, minor altercations and major peacemaking - served on a bed of catchy little numbers with a live nine-piece band.
Written by and starring: Jason Forbes, Phil Wang & George Fouracres
Featuring Sir Willard White & David Elms
Original music composed by Jeff Carpenter
Orchestrator: Simon Nathan
Musical Director: Freddie Tapner
Piano: Jeff Carpenter
Drums: Ben Hartley
Bass: Rob Grist
Percussion: Ben Burton
Trumpet: Michael Maddocks
Tenor Sax: Greg Sterland
Trombone: Elliot Pooley
Violin: Hannah Bell
Cello: Nick Squires
Production Coordinator: Hayley Sterling
Producer: Matt Stronge
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.
WED 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dgh8t)
Series 1
Nick Helm
What is the relationship between man and dog and dinosaurs and puns?
Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band for music and comedy.
With Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Nick Helm.
Host Alex Horne
Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland
Saxophone/clarinet Mark Brown

Double Bass/Bass Will Collier
Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds
Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe
Guest performerNick Helm
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.
WED 23:30 Kieran Hodgson's Earworms (b090293j)
Series 1
Mahler
Can self-described 'music educator and inspiration' Ralph Lewis (the man behind 'In the Bedroom with Brahms' and 'Eating 5 A Day The Elgar Way') persuade self-confessed 'enemy of culture' Paul, that Mahler's worth a listen, and not just a load of old cowbells.
Critically-acclaimed comedian Kieran Hodgson - as Ralph Lewis - presents comedy intros to the great composers.
Written by and starring Kieran Hodgson.
With Colin Houlst and John Sessions.
Producer: Sam Ward.
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2017.
WED 23:45 Jelly Mountain (b00fkp5z)
Episode 3
A visit to the circus heralds arcane amusements.
Songs and stories with Craig Murray-Orr, Dylan Edwards, Beverley Crew and Alison O'Kill.
Producer: Neil Cargill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023

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THU 01:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm0j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 No Place To Hide (m00113j2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b007614h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007r10)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06kdxsg)
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THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t3twj)
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THU 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b0375sfr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 Big Broadcast (m0000xp2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Thomas Hardy - The Mayor Of Casterbridge (b00bvc00)
3. The Stranger
Henchard sets about rebuilding his life but then, appearance of a stranger in Casterbridge, threatens to unravel everything.
Conclusion of Thomas Hardy's tragic story.
Starring John Lynch.
Dramatised by Helen Edmundson.
MICHAEL HENCHARD.....John Lynch
ELIZABETH-JANE.....Ruth Wilson
DONALD FARFRAE.....Paul Higgins
LUCETTA.....Emma Fielding
FURMITY WOMAN.....Maggie Steed
ABEL WHITTLE.....Burn Gorman
JOPP.....Conrad Nelson
NEWSON.....Jonathan Keeble
SOLOMON LONGWAYS.....Russell Dixon
CHRISTOPHER CONEY.....David Fielder
MOTHER CUXSOM.....Sue Ryding
MARTHA.....Vashti Maclachlan
PHOEBE.....Lorna Lewis
Director: Nadia Molinari
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
THU 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007jm10)
4. A Death at Christmas
Sir Edward Marshall Hall faces a complex case over a troubled ex-soldier charged with murder.
True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age featuring the formidable barrister.
Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator, John Mortimer.
Dramatised by Michael Butt.
Tom Baker stars as Sir Edward Marshall Hall.
With:
Becky Hindley
Timothy Block
Jonathan Tafler
Robert Blythe
John Hartley
David Howarth
Director: Michael Fox
A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio, 2, first broadcast in December 1996.
THU 06:30 No Place To Hide (m0011319)

7. Rennie Flies Out
Journalist Kathy Swenson, finds herself drawn into a frightening world when an MI6 agent is kidnapped, and uncompromising John Rennie is sent to find him in Amsterdam.
The mission is over, but can John Rennie deal with becoming the target of his own side?
Written by Ted Allbeury
Cast:
John Rennie James Kerry
Kathy Swenson Margaret Robertson
Joanna de Vries Colette Hiller
Hugo Paynter David Garth
Harry Mason Malcolm Ward
Mary Rennie Ellen McIntosh
Dr Coombs John Forbes-Robertson
Adam Fredericks Lockwood West
Tommy Parks William Eedle
Mrs Winfield/Stewardess Narissa Knights
Taxi driver Peter Acre
Director: Christopher Venning
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.
THU 07:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b007614x)
14. New Wealth
Jane's new-found wealth is tainted by news of the fate of Thornfield and her master.
Anne-Marie Duff continues Charlotte Bronte's bold and passionate story of a woman's search for independence and love on her own terms. First published in 1847.
Abridged in 15-parts by Sally Marmion.
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
THU 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007r10)
The Country Girls
4. New School
Edna O'Brien's frank, funny and subversive story of growing up in rural Ireland in the 50s. Despite not talking to each other, Kate and Baba head off together to their new school.
Kate Charlie Murphy
Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity
Martha Deirdre Mullins
Hickey Lloyd Hutchinson
Jack Holland Jonjo O'Neill
Sr Margaret Catherine Cusack
Cynthia Rose O'Loughlin
Dada David Ganly
Written by Edna O'Brien
Dramatised by Lin Coghlan
Directed by Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.
THU 07:30 On the Rocks (b03ls7y4)
Series 1
Barter
Morwenna is trying to improve herself and Frank needs a lesson in island economics.
It's 1937 on St. Martin's - a remote island of the Isles of Scilly. Islanders are resisting the attempts of the Penzance GPO man to modernise the post office - around which their world revolves.
Written by Christopher William Hill.
Frank Gunwallow Joseph Kloska
Morwenna Alex Tregear
Mary Bec Applebee
Grace Christine Absalom
Tommy Stuart Fox
Ben Alex Palmer
Len Ed Gaughan
Tregarhan Peter Marinker
Sound by Jenni Burnett, Anne Bunting and Graham Harper.
Diirector: Mary Peate
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.
THU 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jttb)
Series 3
Ignore These Programme Titles the Burkiss Way
The team pulls open the "Door Handle of the Day" - and who will win the "Difficult Time of the Month Competition"?
Starring Fred Harris, Jo Kendall, Nigel Rees and Chris Emmett.
Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.
Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.
Producer: John Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.
THU 08:30 The World As We Know It (b00fy2qt)
Donna's Leaving Do
The Stranger revealed that the doomsday device was activated by someone inside the house.
Donna thinks it may be time to start afresh somewhere else. But would she really go and will they discover what really caused the end of the world?
Sitcom by Luke Sorba.
Donna Meera Syal
Johnny Toby Longworth
Patrick Luke Sorba
Abigail Carla Mendonca
The Stranger Simon Greenall
Producer: Elizabeth Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1999.
THU 09:00 Booked (b08yfb97)
Series 6
Episode 1

More original writing and outrageous parody wreaking havoc with literary icons.
Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game with Mark Thomas, David Stafford, Stuart Maconie and Linda Smith.
Producer: Marc Jobst
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1999.
THU 09:30 The Right Time (b007xw0h)
Series 1
Episode 3
A sketch show about modern life, written and performed by Baby Boomers who have lived a bit of it.
With Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Eleanor Bron, Clive Swift, Paula Wilcox and Roger Blake.
Written by Bob Sinfield, Peter Spence, John Pidgeon, Graeme Garden, Michael Fitch, Jack Etherington and Colin Bostock-Smith.
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.
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THU 20:00 The Masterclasses Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000z6g9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
THU 21:00 Great Lives (b00glbvy)
Tony Hancock
Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.
Poet Pam Ayres nominates Tony Hancock as her great life and the comic actor's biographer John Fisher is the expert witness.
Produced by Beatrice Fenton.
First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2009.
THU 21:30 DS Sue Manson - Fractions of Zero (b00y1tlg)
Episode 4
A fresh cryptogram alarms the detective. Has the murderer changed their system?
Starring Susan Lynch and Philip Glenister.
Bill Murphy's detective thriller about the hunt for a serial killer obsessed with mathematics.
CAST:
DS Sue Manson Susan Lynch
James Ellstrom Philip Glenister
Fred Johnston Clive Merrison
Inspector Phillips David Bannerman
PC Mags Langan Alison Pettitt
Lee Horsley David Holt
Superintendent Midgeley Nigel Anthony
Director Tanya Nash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
THU 21:45 The Whisperer In Darkness (m000p0m2)
Episode 14
An unexpected phone call turns Matthew Heawood's attention to a mystery in the gloom of Rendlesham Forest. Folklore, paranormal, otherworldly? Up for debate, but fertile ground for a new investigative podcast, that's for sure. One question still lingers, will our host be re-joined by his roaming researcher, Kennedy Fisher?

The duo's last venture patched together frantic updates from Baghdad, as they pursued suspected occultists in *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*. Very little hope lingered of solving the mystery, and maybe even less that Kennedy would return home safe. But for now, a new investigation calls.

Following the success of *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward*, (Silver, British Podcast Awards) Radio 4 commissions a return to this HP Lovecraft-inspired universe. Once again, the podcast embraces Lovecraft's crypt of horror, braving the Sci-Fi stylings of *The Whisperer in Darkness*.

Kennedy has found Henry Akeley. Or so she thinks.

Cast:
Matthew Heawood.....BARNABY KAY
Kennedy Fisher.....JANA CARPENTER
Dean Perry.....ROBERT GLENISTER
Albert Wilmarth.....MARK BAZELEY
Isobel.....NICOLA STEPHENSON
April Marston.....REBEKAH STATON
Parker.....PHOEBE FOX
Henry Akeley.....DAVID CALDER
Producer: Karen Rose
Director/Writer: Julian Simpson
Sound Recordist and Designer: David Thomas
Production Coordinators: Sarah Tombling and Holly Slater
Music by Tim Elsenburg
Executive Producer: Caroline Raphael
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds, first broadcast in October 2020.
THU 22:00 Susan Calman Makes Me Happy (m000bphn)
Episode 2
Taking part in *Strictly Come Dancing* made Susan Calman happy. Completely, totally happy. And having lived with anxiety for so long, it was something of a surprise to discover something new that gave her feelings of joy. So, in *Susan Calman Makes Me Happy*, she explores and explains the other things in life that bring her happiness.

This week, aided and abetted by her studio audience and wife Lee, Susan presents a love letter to the gogglebox. From the enormous rented behemoth of her childhood through to the modern day box-set you can watch on your phone anywhere you like, television has been an ever-present comfort and teacher for her.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.
Written by Susan Calman and Jon Hunter
Production Co-ordinator: Tamara Shilham
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4
THU 22:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b07c4tq7)
Series 2
Women
Paul looks at the forgotten women of history. From warriors to inventors to civil rights activists, Paul unearths some stories, that for reasons of sexism and patriarchy, we never got told about at school. You're welcome, ladies.

Paul Sinha returns for a second series of the show that uncovers the fascinating stories that we've forgotten in our onward march of progress. In the last series we learned how Alexander Graham Bell did NOT invent the telephone, and that the World Cup final of 2014 could only have happened because of the 1415 invasion of Morocco.

"Sinha's gift for finding humour in it all makes him worth a listen" - The Telegraph
Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Produced by Ed Morrish
A BBC Radio Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0011c79)
Rajiv Karia 1/1
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Jon Holmes chats to Rajiv Karia about the new series of *DMs Are Open*.
THU 23:00 Felicity Ward - Appisodes (b0bd9125)
Series 1
Insomnia
Australian stand-up Felicity Ward tries to solve her mental health issues - one app at a time.

In the first episode, Felicity tries to cure her insomnia with the help of patented sleep app 'Do It In Your Sleep' (as voiced by Bobby Mair).

Throughout the series, Felicity downloads a new app each week to help her de-stress, refocus and find practical solutions to her various trouble areas - anxiety, depression, IBS and insomnia.

Written and performed by Felicity Ward
Script Editor: Gareth Gwynn
Producer: Adnan Ahmed
A BBC Studios Production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.
THU 23:15 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b098n4vk)
Series 4
The Last Day
It's Miss Cavendish's last day at school and retirement looms But surely it can't go completely unmarked?
That's enough to send even the most sensible woman over the edge...
Vicki Pepperdine stars in Jenny Eclair's comic monologue.
Producer: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.
THU 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqpw)
1997
A new breed of dog, the forgotten hostage, and 20 irritating

noises of today.
Recorded in 1993 - the comedy team "look back" at 1997 - a year that was yet to happen.
Starring:
Brian Perkins
Kate Robbins
Special guest: Steve Coogan
A satirical review set on New Year's Eve 1999 - the Sony Gold award-winning comedy recalls the events from 1995 to 1999.
Predicted by 'Spitting Image' writers Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.
Producer: Caroline Leddy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

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FRI 05:00 Thornton Wilder - The Bridge of San Luis Rey (b09z66fd)
"Either we live by accident and die by accident, or we live by plan and die by plan."
The finest bridge in all Peru collapses and five people plunge to their deaths.
An eyewitness sets himself the task of explaining why it was the fate of those five to die...
Annette Badland stars in Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel
Dramatised by Judith Adams.
Madre Maria del Pilar ... Annette Badland
Uncle Pio ... Michael Feast
Jaime / Boy ... Frederick Forge
Brother Juniper / Captain Alvarado ... Robert Glenister
Esteban / Manuel ... Tom Goodman-Hill
Pepita / Dona Clara ... Jasmine Hyde
Camila, la Perichole... Helen McCrory
Marquesa de Montemayor ... Sian Phillips
Director: Gaynor MacFarlane.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
FRI 06:00 John Mortimer Presents: The Trials of Marshall Hall (b007k2zd)
5. The Case of the Green Bicycle
Did Ronald Light shoot a woman cyclist dead?
Sir Edward Marshall Hall sets out to prove his innocence.
True stories of crime and trial in a bygone age featuring the formidable barrister.
Introduced by Rumpole of the Bailey's creator, John Mortimer.
Dramatised by Michael Butt.
Tom Baker stars as Sir Edward Marshall Hall.
With:
Neal Swettenham
David Allister
Nicky Rainsford
Jonathan Tafler
John Hartley
Director: Michael Fox
A Fiction Factory production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast in December 1996.
FRI 06:30 No Place To Hide (m00113q5)
8. The Final Encounter
Journalist Kathy Swenson, finds herself drawn into a frightening world when an MI6 agent is kidnapped, and compromising John Rennie is sent to find him in Amsterdam.
Will John Rennie and Joanna be able to escape his past, and find peace and happiness?
Cast:
John Rennie James Kerry
Kathy Swenson Margaret Robertson
Joanna de Vries Colette Hiller
Doctor Wolf Kahler
Mr Bernstein Aaron Swartz
Adam Fredericks Lockwood West
Hugo Paynter David Garth
Telephone operator/Secretary Janie Booth
Director: Christopher Venning
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.
FRI 07:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b007615g)

15. Jane's Search
After hearing the shocking news of Mr Rochester's misfortune, Jane begins her search for him.
Anne-Marie Duff concludes Charlotte Bronte's bold and passionate story of a woman's search for independence and love on her own terms. First published in 1847.
Abridged in 15-parts by Sally Marmion.
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
FRI 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007rt4)
The Country Girls
5. Friendship
Edna O'Brien's frank, funny and subversive story of growing up in rural Ireland in the 50s. Away from home, Kate thinks she can cope better with Baba's brutal style of friendship.
Kate Charlie Murphy
Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity
Sr Margaret Catherine Cusack
Sr Clare Helen Clapp
Cynthia Rose O'Loughlin
Written by Edna O'Brien
Dramatised by Lin Coghlan
Directed by Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.
FRI 07:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b05r3z49)
Series 2
Episode 4
Adventuring comedian Tim FitzHigham and his old nemesis Alex Horne recreate a 19th century bet; can Tim ride a horse from London to Dover and back before Alex makes 1 million dots on a piece of paper?
Produced by Joe Nunery.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
FRI 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rvzks)
Series 1
The Economist
Fuming Harold decides their rag and bone business needs some bite.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962. The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of 8 series on TV.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H. Corbett
With Ian Burford.
Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.
FRI 08:30 Flying the Flag (b00xc71y)
Series 4
Spiritual Values
Her Majesty's Ambassador Mackenzie and his staff battle on bravely, coming to terms with the changing order in Colonel Surikov's fledgling Eastern-bloc democracy.
The new order brings new problems, not least keeping the diplomatic upper hand in a country discovering the ills of the West.
So when equal rights for women appears on the agenda, closely followed by the emergence of militant feminists, the embassies echo to the sound of men closing ranks.
Series 4 of Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.
Starring Dinsdale Landen as HM Ambassador Mackenzie, Peter Acre as William Frost, Moir Leslie as Helen Waterson, Christopher Benjamin as Colonel Surikov and Stephen Greif as Spiro.
Producer: Neil Cargill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.
FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m00114hf)
Series 16
Episode 3
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and the Museum's latest curator Holly Walsh are joined by impressionist Jon Culshaw, comedian Rosie Jones and writer Elisabeth Robinson.
Jon Culshaw shares both his favourite people to impersonate and his passion for astronomy. Rosie Jones talks about becoming Team GB's cheerleader at the 2021 Paralympic Games and her passion for puzzles. And Elisabeth Robinson discusses what she's learned about the creative process in Hollywood as well as her fascination with the high seas.
This series of The Museum of Curiosity was recorded remotely. The Museum's exhibits were catalogued by Mike Shephard, Mike Turner and Mandy Fenton and Lydia Mizon of QI.
Producer Anne Miller
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2021.
FRI 09:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00nmtwj)
Series 3
Episode 5
Andy Hamilton's comedy series about Trevor the sports agent and his brave attempts to swim safely through the shark tank of life.
5/6. Ralph decides that a new face is the way to revive his career and a snooker player suffers from an unusual phobia.
Trevor Neil Pearson
Sammy Paul Reynolds

Ralph Michael Fenton Stevens

Theresa Rosalind Ayres

Heidrun Cosima Shaw

Barry Abdul Salis

Meryl Claire Skinner

Gerry Kevin R McNally.

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FRI 20:00 The Real MacColl (b04ykk4y)

John Cooper Clarke looks back at the life of Ewan MacColl, a working class boy from Salford, who became renowned as a dramatist, broadcaster, songwriter and folk singer.

Ewan MacColl immortalised his city, Salford, in the song Dirty Old Town. To many, he's best known as the creator of that song and The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face, but it's perhaps the lesser known things about him that are the most fascinating – his struggles as a young boy growing up in the Salford slums, his involvement with radical street theatre, and his re-appearance after the Second World War with a new name. Born in 1915, John Cooper Clarke looks back at MacColl's early years and formative influences and discovers how his upbringing went on to inform the important work he would go on to do in theatre, radio and in the British folk revival. With contributions from biographer Ben Harker, legendary folk artist Martin Carthy and American folk singer and musician Peggy Seeger, MacColl's partner from 1956 until the day he died. Produced by Kellie White

A Smooth Operation production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 20:30 That Reminds Me (m0008htr)

Series 4

John Mortimer

Rumpole of the Bailey creator, John Mortimer shares favourite tales of his life as a barrister and writer.

Series showcasing the reminiscences of celebrated raconteurs before a live audience.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000kp5r)

Series 16

The Zedonk Problem

"Today I learnt that tignons and ligers are what you get when lions and tigers interbreed?!" surprised listener Janz G tells the doctors. "What determines whether species can interbreed?" Geneticist Aoife McLysaght studies molecular evolution. She explains the modern definition of a species, built on ideas from Aristotle, Linnaeus and Darwin: a species is a group of organisms capable of interbreeding to produce fertile offspring. Hybrids – such as ligons and tigers – are usually infertile, because their common ancestors long ago diverged into the lions and tigers we know today. However, this definition isn't absolute, and there are many ways a new species can be formed. Hybrids also offer rich study subjects for scientists. Mathematical biologist Kit Yates discusses why he's been

reading research papers about hebras and zorses (horse x zebra) as their patterns offer insights into how cells spread and develop into organisms, building on a prediction made by codebreaking mathematician Alan Turing.

And it turns out that these hybrids are even more intriguing. As speciation and evolution expert Joana Meier explains, hybrids are not always infertile. Hybridisation can lead to successful new species arising, such as in Lake Victoria's cichlid fish, who it seems have been having a wild evolutionary party for the last 15,000 years. And the picture gets even murkier when we discover that modern genetics reveals our human ancestors successfully mated with Neanderthals.

Presenters: Hannah Fry & Adam Rutherford
Producer: Jen Whyntie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

FRI 21:30 DS Sue Manson - Fractions of Zero (b00y8vl7)

Episode 5

The detective puts herself in personal jeopardy to catch the murderer.

Starring Susan Lynch and Philip Glenister.

Bill Murphy's detective thriller about the hunt for a serial killer obsessed with mathematics.

CAST:

DS Sue Manson Susan Lynch

James Ellstrom Philip Glenister

Fred Johnston Clive Merrison

Inspector Phillips David Bannerman

PC Mags Langan Alison Pettitt

Lee Horsley David Holt

Superintendent Midgeley Nigel Anthony

Director Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

FRI 21:45 The Whisperer In Darkness (m000p72k)

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A ritual involving Kennedy is about to take place in Rendlesham Forest. Can Heawood save her?

Cast:

Matthew Heawood.....BARNABY KAY

Kennedy Fisher.....JANA CARPENTER

Dean Perry.....ROBERT GLENISTER

Albert Wilmarth.....MARK BAZELY

April Marston.....REBEKAH STATON.

Parker.....PHOEBE FOX

Henry Akeley.....DAVID CALDER

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Executive Producer: Caroline Raphael

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds,

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FRI 22:00 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m000219n)

Series 2

Passions

Award-winning comedian and super-sharp everywoman Angela Barnes tackles life and love and, with the help of the audience, packs herself a fantasy coffin.

In part tribute to Angela's beloved late father - a larger than life gregarious character, he was a sex shop manager, naturist, and a big fan of caravans and pranks - Angela celebrates his carpe diem approach to life, and his motto "You Can't Take It With You".

When her father died very suddenly in 2008, Angela and her family proved him wrong and stuffed his coffin with sentimental keepsakes for his final journey. Angela now does the very same thing, nominating objects that she would choose to send on with her as mementoes of her life, and asking the audience to share items they would take with them, all acting as prompts for contemplative, heart-warming and captivating comedy.

Angela Barnes is a vivacious, critically acclaimed stand-up comic from Maidstone, Kent. After a career in health and social care, at the age of 33, she decided to pursue a long-held ambition and give comedy a go. Within a couple of years, Angela and her witty worldview had won the 2011 BBC New Comedy Award by a public vote, secured a weekly star slot in Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week and appeared on numerous radio and television shows including Loose Ends, The Now Show, The News Quiz (BBC Radio 4), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC 3), and Mock The Week and Live at the Apollo (BBC 2). She has been the host of BBC Radio 4 Extra's

Newsjack for the last two series.

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 It's Jocelyn (b08fgw6f)

Series 2

Dumped

Jocelyn talks about a break-up, a flirty dentist crosses the line and a street magician shows off his skills to the public.

The return of more sketches and stand-up from the wonderful mind of Jocelyn Jee Esien.

With Paul Whitehouse as a cockney funeral director

Plus the vocal talents of:

Ninia Benjamin

Curtis Walker

Dee Kaate

Gavi Chera

Karen Bartke

Producer: Suzy Grant

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

FRI 23:00 The East Coast Listening Post (m0006ds4)

Series 2

Tattoo

Jenna and Dana meet Bella Watson, a woman who drunkenly got a Union jack tattoo on her forehead whilst on holiday with friends.

They discover that Bella was goaded into getting the tattoo to prove to a bully that she wasn't a 'wet'. Bella then arranges to meet the bully to forgive them.

Written and performed by Celeste Dring and Freya Parker

With David Elms and Kat Bond

Original score by Owain Roberts

Script editor Matthew Crosby

Produced by Suzy Grant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2019.

FRI 23:15 Lenny Henry's Rogues Gallery (b09h3y8b)

Series 2

Murder Men

Phil Hedley is an actor known for his "tough guy" roles.

When Phil is suddenly cut from his hit cop drama "Tough Diamonds", for getting too close to the executive producer's daughter, the work dries up and he is forced to take a job fronting documentaries on gangs for niche cable channel Man Planet.

But although Phil acts the tough guy, when he finds himself interviewing a drug lord in the middle of the Jamaican bush, it turns out he might not actually be as tough as he first thought... Another darkly comic tale written by and starring Sir Lenny Henry.

Producer: Sam Michell.

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

FRI 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010hcwk)

Series 3

Episode 3

Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in Balham, south London.

With stand-up comedy from Sean Lock in the living room, Annette Fagon on the landing and music from Squeeze in the kitchen.

Producer Alison Vernon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.