

SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023

SAT 00:00 All the Dark Corners (b015zq4p)

Something in the Water by Paul Cornell
When crusading scientist and committed atheist James Woolmer is sacked from his job as a columnist, he decides to up sticks and move his family to the country to get away from it all.

What he finds is a village gripped by hysteria and fear and a lucrative tourist industry surrounding Standlake's resident lake monster, Lachey.

Despite the weird skin abrasions and the rumbling in the pipes James is utterly sceptical, until he sees something in the water. Stars James Nickerson.

Series of three chilling plays.

Written by Paul Cornell.

James James Nickerson

Erica Zara Turner

Ben Joel Davies

Ruskin Conrad Nelson

Peter Jonathan Keeble

Batley Stephen Hoyle

Helen Ruth Alexander Rubin

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

SAT 00:45 Algeron Blackwood's Ghost Stories (m00114s7)

4. Smith - An Episode In A Lodging House

When his fellow lodger comes to ask him for help, a medical student is caught up in powerful magical rituals.

Selection of supernatural tales by English short-story writer Algeron Blackwood.

Abridged by Fiona McAlpine

Read by Hugh Ross.

Director: Clive Brill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

SAT 01:00 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...

Starring Annette Badland.

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel written by Thornton Wilder - first published in 1927.

Dramatised by Judith Adams.

Madre Maria del Pilar ... Annette Badland

Uncle Pio ... Michael Feast

Jaime ... 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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 No Place To Hide (m00113q5)

8. The Final Encounter

Will Rennie and Joanna be able to escape his past, and find peace and happiness?

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

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

Conclusion of Ted Albeury's spy-based serial.

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 November 1984.

SAT 03:00 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.

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

search for independence and love on her own terms.

Abridged by Sally Marmion.

Concluded by Anne-Marie Duff.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

SAT 03:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007rt4)

The Country Girls

5. Friendship

Away from home, Kate thinks she can cope better with Baba's brutal style of friendship.

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

Sr Margaret Catherine Cusack

Sr Clare Helen Clapp

Cynthia Rose O'Loughlin

Directors: Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

SAT 03:30 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?

Written by and starring Tim FitzHigham.

Additional material by Jon Hunter and Paul Byrne.

Producer: Joe Nunery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SAT 04:00 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.

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

With Ian Burford.

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 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.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Return of the Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Spiro Stephen Greif

Christopher Benjamin Colonel Surikov

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.

SAT 05:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m00114hf)

Series 16

Episode 3

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

* Impressionist Jon Culshaw

* Comedian Rosie Jones

* 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 was recorded remotely.

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.

SAT 05:30 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.

SAT 06:00 Stephen Dunstone - Arrived Safe, Writing Later (m0011b9c)

A writer finds, in separate places, two postcards sent 50 years previously by a young woman called Ethel.

This coincidence provokes him to investigate a story that is both strange and haunting.

Somebody dies - but who?

A supernatural story by Stephen Dunstone.

Ethel Merrin Tessa Whorley

George Tregame Scott Cherry

Julia Boyle Lisa Harrow

Roger Danzi Patrick Drury

The Waiter Brian Smith

Piano played by Mary Nash

Director: John Tydemann

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

SAT 07:30 A Boy in the Water (Omnibus) (b0bhfmpz)

In September 1988, 11-year-old Tom Gregory became the youngest person ever to swim the English Channel, trained by a coach at his local swimming baths in Eltham, South East London.

Tom first went to the swimming baths in Eltham when he was seven. As one of the slowest swimmers in his class at school, he could barely make it across a width without taking a break half way. Despite a reluctant start, his potential was soon spotted by the coach who ran the club. John Bullet was an old-school disciplinarian and a maverick in the Channel Swimming establishment, who had an impressive track record for training distance swimmers. He had established a team of local kids who trained together in open water at Dover, in the cold waters of Windermere, and in London Docks.

When John singled Tom out as a Channel contender, Tom's training began in earnest; as his ability and stamina became evident, his (and John's) sights focussed on the world record for the youngest swimmer to make a solo crossing of the Channel. As coach, mentor and inspiration John inspired extraordinary loyalty from his young swimmers. Tom and his older sister Anna were part of a close-knit group of young people who spent their holidays being mini-bussed around the country, camping out and listening to Top Twenty mix tapes, all the while training in conditions which would challenge swimmers of any age.

Tom describes the intensity and closeness of these five years of his life with affection and honesty; the account of his gruelling training and his record-breaking Channel swim, all before his twelfth birthday, is both exhilarating, and, to a generation brought up on stricter health and safety regulations, occasionally disquieting.

Tom's world record still stands today and can never be broken; since his swim the qualifying age for an official Channel challenge has been raised to 16.

Tom Gregory went on to become an officer in the Royal Anglian Regiment and served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He now lives in Surrey with his wife and daughter.

Omnibus of five parts read by Patrick Kennedy,

Abridged and produced by Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2018.

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's North Country (b007jrcg)

Series 2

A Very Occasional Day

Uncle Mort and Carter Brandon continue their days out by

going to a sheepdog trial

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

Pat Brandon Liz Goulding

Narrator Christian Rodska

Producer: Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1989.

SAT 09:00 We're in Business (b07pwyhm)

The Parrot

Dudley and Harry's rent is overdue. Can a new visitor help them out?

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

Sid Dick Emery

Parrot Peter Hawkins

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! (b0651n98)

The Popularity Ballot

Professor Jimmy Edwards hatches an elaborate plan to win a cash prize in a school popularity contest.

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

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.

The Headmaster Jimmy Edwards

Mr Potter Roddy Maude-Roxby

Lumley Roger Shepherd

With:

Frederick Treves

Michael Turner

Michael Hammond

John Mitchell

John Cazabon

Richard McCarthy.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1961.

SAT 10:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000zfbk)

2. Protest and Proclaim

Elvis Costello, Sinead O'Connor, David Crosby, David Hinds and Selwyn Brown of Steel Pulse, Billy Bragg, Benjamin

Clementine, James Dean Bradfield and Nicky Wire of The Manic Street Preachers, Craig David, Robbie Williams, Guy Chambers and Spandau Ballet's Gary Kemp and Tony Hadley give a masterclass in the art of songwriting.

In the second 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.

In this episode, Elvis Costello denies his role as a protest singer and David Crosby describes the process by which the song 'Ohio' became an anthem for '70s American counterculture.

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]

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SAT 21:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000zfbk)

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SAT 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b03c3dx7)

Series 3

Episode 6

John Finnemore with another sketch-packed show.

This episode looks at some pretty creative accounting; cross-examines an expert witness; and asks why it is that posh men's trousers are all the same colour.

Written by and starring John Finnemore.

With:

Margaret Cabour-Smith

Carrie Quinlan

Lawry Lewin

Simon Kane

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.

SAT 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00cxr1s)

Series 2

Courage

Mark Watson promotes the virtue of courage

Fresh from his quest to free us from the seven deadly sins in his first series - Mark turns his attention to six virtues.

Tim Key and Tim Minchin provide poetry, music and feats of cowardice.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

SAT 23:00 4 Stands Up (b00fbkx9)

Series 2

Episode 3

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

Featuring character pieces, double acts and sketches.

With:

Miles Jupp

Ginger and Black

Justin Moorhouse

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

SAT 23:30 Help! My Head's in Wookey Hole (m000ge4l)

Stop the clock!!!

Anneka Rice goes on a treasure hunt for her Madame Tussaud's waxwork head.

This leads her into a hilarious and honest look back at her own life and career.

It's time to ask some tough questions.

Why did she even have a waxwork in the first place?

Is it because she was once famous? And does that mean she is now 'unfamous'?

Producer: Harriet Jaime

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

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SUN 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010nyk4)

Night Watch

2. Stuck

Chasing a villain called Carcer, Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch has been thrown back in time.

The Old Watch are a lack-lustre bunch and they've taken him prisoner.

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Sam Vimes Philip Jackson

Young Sam Carl Prekopp

Carcer Paul Ritter

Tilden Peter Marinker

Rosie Clare Corbett

Colon Sam Dale

Dr Lawn Ben Onwukwe

Knock Matt Addis

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

SUN 00:30 Simon Bovey - Cold Blood (b007s8gn)

4. Sanctuary No More

Deb has found evidence that Bowers has been experimenting on himself and is now a Chimera - changing at a cellular level.

But, the question is, into what?

The answers will have to wait, because now there's a killer on the loose...

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 Nididi 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 (m001lb50)

Poetry Please - Shakespeare's Sonnets

Daljit Nagra selects Poetry Please: Shakespeare's Sonnets presented by Roger McGough with new and archive recordings.

Poet Daljit Nagra heard his first Sonnet whilst watching a Carry On film. Living in a house with no books, he was blown away by the language which he had never heard before. This programme explores some of the best known ones written by

Shakespeare.

Roger McGough with a selection of Shakespeare's passionate, jealous and lustful sonnets read in new and archive recordings by some favourite Poetry Please actors.

Produced by Sally Heaven.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 06:30 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus) (m001lb52)

Episode 3

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. First published in 1847.

Omnibus of the last five of 15 episodes abridged Sally Marmion.

Concluded by Anne-Marie Duff.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001lb54)

Sean Fletcher

Countryfile TV presenter Sean Fletcher, chooses 'He's Misstra Know-It-All' by Stevie Wonder and Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata'.

SUN 07:50 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (Omnibus) (m0007xyj)

The Country Girls

Episode 1

Kate's father is off on a drinking binge, so the farm has to cope without him.

Edna O'Brien's frank, funny story of growing up in rural Ireland in the 1950s.

Kate and Baba - one romantic, the other down to earth - have nonetheless been friends forever, united by their tough resilience.

Originally published in the 1960s, Edna O'Brien's trilogy - including The Country Girls - was banned by the Irish Censorship Board. It's now recognised as an iconic work of 20th century Irish fiction.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Lin Coghlan.

Kate Charlie Murphy

Baba Aobhinn McGinnity

Mama Catherine Cusack

Dada David Ganly

Hickey Lloyd Hutchinson

Jack Holland Jonjo O'Neill

Miss Moriarty Helen Clapp

Director: Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

SUN 09:00 Harry Worth (b09rwg3t)

Things Could Be Worse

And So to Bed

Harry has got back problems, but will a reputation for being a hypochondriac work against him?

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 (b0084rjj)

Series 9

Have Been Towing

HMS Troutbridge comes home, dragging vessels from around the world behind her.

Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Number One Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caldico

Heather Heather Chasen

Captain Hardcastle Ronnie Barker

The Admiral Tenniel Evans

Captain Atchinson Michael Bates

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.

The longer audio replaces the BBC Transcription version which was edited for sale abroad.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b036tt5r)

Longplay

Jonathan Agnew

Cricket commentator Jonathan Agnew shares his music choices.

In a specially extended edition for BBC Radio 4 Extra, cricket commentator Jonathan Agnew shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

Known simply as "Aggers" to the army of fans devoted to BBC Radio's Test Match Special, his charm, knowledge and ready wit have gained him a place in the heart of anyone who loves the game.

His own infatuation began as a young boy at boarding school

and along with his talent and determination it took him all the way to the top of the sport. He played for Leicestershire and England. His transition from the crease to the commentary box was cemented by one of the most memorable moments in broadcasting history - the notorious "legover" comment that prompted the legendary Brian Johnson to dissolve into helpless, prolonged giggles live on air.

He says "The great thing about our job is that you have no preconceived idea about what is going to happen - you have no script - the cricket is the script".

DISC ONE: Hubert Parry's Jerusalem - Sean Ruane

DISC TWO: Dancing Queen - ABBA

DISC THREE: My Kind of Lady - Supertramp

DISC FOUR: Oliver's Army - Elvis Costello

DISC FIVE: "Leg over" commentary (Test Match Special,

9/8/1991) - Brian Johnson & Jonathan Agnew

DISC SIX: Have I Told You Lately - Rod Stewart

DISC SEVEN: Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 8 in

C minor, Op. 13 "Pathétique" - Daniel Barenboim

DISC EIGHT: Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me - George

Michael & Elton John

BOOK CHOICE: City of Joy by Dominique Lapierre

LUXURY CHOICE: Lawn and mower with an endless supply

of fuel

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Have I Told You Lately - Rod

Stewart

Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in February 2013.

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SUN 22:00 Start/Stop (b039rwhc)

Series 1

Weekend Away

Three couples sail off into the sunset. And sink.

Jack Docherty's sitcom about love, marriage and despair.

Starring Jack Docherty, Charlie Higson, Katherine Parkinson,

John Thomson, Fiona Allen and Kerry Godliman.

With their marriages in various states of despair - the promise of

a weekend away tests everyone's patience.

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 (b0132pv7)

Series 7

Peter Hook talks to John Cooper Clarke

The musician and the punk poet laureate in the talk tag show,

where the guest becomes the interviewer in the next show.

The Joy Division and New Order bassist Peter Hook grills

fellow Salfordian and punk poet laureate John Cooper Clarke.

Producer: Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0011kx3)

Ria Lina 1/3

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

Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks

to Ria Lina.

SUN 23:00 Safety Catch (b017skx3)

Series 2

If a Job's Not Worth Doing

Simon is totally convinced that he is in the right job and has a

duty not only to stay there, but to do his job sloppily.

His reasoning for this is that if he wasn't there doing the job

badly then someone else would be doing it well and that would

be a much worse scenario.

Then he has the awful, soul shattering realisation, and one

which is something every person in Britain would be ashamed

to admit, that he actually loves his job. Boris of course is in

heaven at the thought of a soul-mate at work, but Simon decides

the only way he can go on is to learn to hate again.

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

Richard Dan Mersh

Julius Nyahsa Hatendi

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SUN 23:30 Lemn Sissay's Origin Stories (b07zyg5w)

4. The Dark Side

Batman was an orphan; Lisbeth Salander, The Girl with the

Dragon Tattoo, was an orphan; Superman was an orphan and a

foundling. 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?

No-one, really, believes they are doing evil.

Anakin Skywalker did not become Darth Vader because he

liked being bad, he did it because he believed his pregnant wife

was in danger - and so began his journey to the Dark Side.

In this final, and possibly toughest, episode, Lemn examines his

bad choices; where he let himself do the wrong thing - and how

he has attempted to make amends.

When must you let go of your memories and live?

Written and performed by Lemn Sissay.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m0011b50)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus)

(m0011b52)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0011b54)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy

(Omnibus) (m0007xyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 Harry Worth (b09rww3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (b0084rjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b036t5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jlky)

1. An Unwelcoming House

Emily Bronte's novel shocked the public when it first appeared

in 1847 with its ghostly tale of obsessive love and revenge.

Mr Lockwood visits an unwelcoming house up on the Yorkshire

moors.

But how did brooding Heathcliff come to arrive at Wuthering

Heights?

Starring John Duttine and Amanda Root.

Dramatised in five parts by Bryony Lavery.

Heathcliff John Duttine

Cathy Earnshaw Amanda Root

Catherine Heathcliff Emma Fielding

Nellie Dean Sharon Duce

Mr Lockwood David Collings

Hindley Jonathan Keeble

Hareton Gary Cady

Joseph Steve Hodson

Zillah Becky Hindley

Mr Earnshaw John Turner

Edgar Paul Rhys

Isabella Emily Watson

Mary Jilly Bond

Mr Linton Geoffrey Whitehead

Mrs Linton Tessa Worsley

Dr Kenneth John Hartley

Mrs Earnshaw Patience Tomlinson

Children played by:

Sheridan Smith

Liam Barr

Naomi Bell

Felix Bell

Attase Mora

Producer: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

MON 06:00 The Quarry (m0010y0v)

1. Mysterious Stranger

Douglas and Penelope Shemley buy an old painting by an

obscure German artist called Isadore Meyer.

But who is the mysterious stranger that follows them?

Starring Barry Foster and Penelope Lee.

Five-part thriller serial by Jon Rollason and Keith Williams.

Douglas Shemley Barry Foster

Penelope Shemley Penelope Lee

Receptionist Margaret Wolfit

Ruth Isabel Rennie

Paul Andrew Sachs

Simon Shaft Roddy Maude-Roxby

Pinder John Hollis

American Peter Marinker

Reinke Frederick Schrecker

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1965.

MON 06:30 Raffles (m0001n5g)

Series 2

1. The Rest Cure

Bunny is surprised and pleased to be invited by Raffles to share

the latter's self-imposed 'rest cure' in a large house in

Kensington.

But Raffles, needless to say, has his own somewhat nefarious

reasons for wanting to take a holiday...

Starring Jeremy Clyde

EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief'.

Dramatised by David Buck.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Manders Michael Cochrane

Colonel Crutchley Christopher Benjamin

Porter Laurence Payne

Cabbie Norman Bird

The Raffles theme music composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production, first broadcast

in June 1988.

MON 07:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by

Charlotte Higgins (b0bcg7hh)

1. Beginnings

Author and journalist Charlotte Higgins explores our ancient

fascination with mazes and labyrinths, and reflects on their

significance - in art and in mythology, in literature and in life.

Her own interest was inspired by a childhood visit to the palace

of Knossos on the island of Crete - where, according to legend,

King Minos ordered the construction of a labyrinth to house the

half-bull, half-man Minotaur. The monstrous creature was slain

by the hero Theseus, who famously managed to escape from the

labyrinth with the help of a ball of red thread supplied by

Minos's daughter, Ariadne.

"This is where it began," writes Higgins, "my longing for the

labyrinth..."

It was also the beginning of her career as a classicist: "I tried to

learn my way back there," she says, going on to study Greek and

Latin at school and then at Oxford.

As for her own sense of direction: "I have never been able to

find my way. Turn me loose in a city without a map and panic

rises, as if I were a child who had lost the grip of a parent's hand

in a crowd."

And in life? "What frightens me more than the wrong turns I

have taken ... are the right turns, the ones I so nearly didn't

take...."

Written and read by Charlotte Higgins.

Charlotte is the chief culture writer of the Guardian and the

author of three previous books on the ancient world

Starring Juliet Stevenson and Philip Jackson.
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
Honey's Dad Robert Blythe
Portia Sarah Thom
Director: Helen Perry
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.
MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b00szhvg)
Series 4
Episode 8
In 'Around The World in Ten Minutes' Douglas Smith plays the world, while the ever tuneful Julian and Sandy are bursting into 'Bona Songs'.
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 (b007jv5j)
Series 2
Episode 6
Ad man Ken Handley faces his own emergency when he's coerced into a Samaritans campaign.
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
Deborah Rosalind Ayres
Ambrose Paul Jesson
Angus Michael Jenner
Tone Jeremy Clyde
Doregan Lesley Manneville
Elvira Moir Leslie
Kip Joseph Marcell
With:
Joss Ackland
Miriam Margolyes
James Griffiths
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 (b00fz84k)
Series 2
Episode 3
The topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.
Hosted by Clive Anderson.
Mark Steel and David Quantick battle it out against
John O'Farrell and Chris Addison
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
MON 09:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b008x3lt)
Series 3
Episode 1
Andy and Katy have a lovely new baby and Daniel has a brilliant new job.
But Lucy has a horrible new feeling. Is Daniel about to leave her for a woman called Katriona who's obsessed with cheese?
Starring David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling.
David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.
Daniel David Tennant
Lucy Liz Carling
Katie Tracy-Ann Oberman
Andy Tony Gardner
Katriona Kate Robbins
Producer: Liz Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.
MON 10:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jlky)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
MON 11:00 The Quarry (m0010y0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Raffles (m0001n5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bcg7hh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wxs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
MON 12:30 55 and Over (b01nrx1h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Round the Horne (b00szhvg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv5j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fz84k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 14:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b008x3lt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 15:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jlky)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 16:00 The Quarry (m0010y0v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 16:30 Raffles (m0001n5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 17:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bcg7hh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wxs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
MON 17:30 55 and Over (b01nrx1h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Round the Horne (b00szhvg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 18:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv5j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fz84k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 19:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b008x3lt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0016jcc)
Series 12
Skin Tight Genes
True stories told live in the USA: Catherine Burns introduces stories from the double helix – tales featuring DNA inheritance.
The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.
Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.
First heard on PRX in April 2020.
MON 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000p24w)
Dave Stewart
Musician and songwriter Dave Stewart chooses 'Only a Pawn in Their Game' by Bob Dylan and 'Liberation' by Stewart Lindsey.
MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b01p41h4)
Series 1
Corinne Bailey Rae (the A-Side)
Coraine Bailey Rae talks about the inspiration behind her 2010 album, 'The Sea'.
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 album.
In this one (The A side), John Wilson takes Grammy-award-winning Corinne Bailey Rae back to the release of her follow-up album in 2010 - four years after her number one debut album. An extremely personal music collection, it explored a range of human emotions from grief and loss to love and joy.
In a revealing interview, Corinne describes not just her musical upbringing and influences, but also talks movingly about the impact that the death of her husband had on the making of this album. Together with pianist Steve Brown, she performs an exclusive live version of the title track from the album.
In the B-side of the programme, it's the turn of the audience to ask the questions.
Producer: Paul Kobrak
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.
MON 21:30 Hold Back the Night by Adam Baron (b00syld4)
1. Runaways
The anxious mother of 17 year old Lucy Bonham contacts ex-

cop turned private-eye, Billy Rucker.
Her daughter has run away to the dangerous streets of London...
Adam Baron's second novel featuring the grizzled investigator, first published in 2000.
Starring David Morrissey
Dramatised in four parts by Doug Lucie.
Billy Rucker David Morrissey
DI Gold Danny Webb
Mrs Bonham Cheryl Campbell
Emma Bonham Rachael Stirling
Olly Harry Myers
Donna Alex Tregear
Sharon Adjoa Andoh
George Curtis Vincenzo Nicoli
Steve Martin Hyder
Lee Peter Darney
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001125t)
Series 91
3. King Kong, Harry Houdini and Snake Charming
Sue Perkins challenges Paul Merton, Jennifer Saunders, Julian Clary and Lucy Porter 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 Harry Houdini to Snake Charming.
Production co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow
Sound editor: Marc Willcox
Producer: Rajiv Karia
A BBC Studios Production
MON 22:30 iGod (b00xhjry)
Religion
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.
An unnamed, all-seeing narrator shows us that it is stupid to be worrying, as he looks back at some of the most entertaining apocalypses on parallel Earths.
Starring Simon Day and David Soul.
In this episode a parallel earth is obliterated when Ian inadvertently mucks up global religion.
Ian Simon Day
The Narrator David Soul
With:
Rosie Cavaliero
Alex MacQueen
Dan Tetsell
Written by Sean Gray.
Producer: Simon Nicholls
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.
MON 22:45 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k24f)
Series 2
Trapped
The elderly Scotsmen's first trip to London ends in chaos.
Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, Mrs Naughtie, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.
Hamish Barry Cryer
Dougal Graeme Garden
Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman
The Laird Jeremy Hardy
With:
John Garden
Karen Street
Ros Stephen
Kylie Davies
Scott Hammond
Brian Berkins
Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0011kx5)
Ria Lina 2/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks to Ria Lina.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m00112kg)
Series 62
Episode 6
Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches. They're joined by Andrew Doyle exploring the personalities of politicians today, Laura Smyth explaining how she is personally navigating all of the strikes & Jazz Emu who is auditioning to be the in-flight entertainment on Elon Musk's 'SpaceX'.
The show was written by the cast with additional material from Alex Garrick-Wright, Zoe Tomalin, Chris Douch & Cody Dahler.
Voice actors: Daniel Barker & Chiara Goldsmith
Sound: Marc Willcox & Gary Newman
Executive Producer: Pete Strauss
Producer: Sasha Bobak
Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls
A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Mark Thomas Presents (b0076w2p)

The Firesign Theatre

The Firesign Theatre make their first British appearance for many years at the London Comedy Store. Since the mid 1960s, the four-man comedy troupe has been one of the best kept secrets in American comedy. With shades of Monty Python and The Goon Show, they grew out of a free-form radio show in California. The Firesign Theatre went on to produce a series of comedy albums which became cult favourites, in which they combined satire with parodies of popular culture and classic drama. Expect political comment, a virtuoso range of comic voices, and plenty of verbal ingenuity. Series in which Mark Thomas introduces iconic American comedy performers. Producer: Paul Bajoria
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023

TUE 00:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007j1ky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 The Quarry (m0010y0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Raffles (m0001n5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bcgslq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wsx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 55 and Over (b01mxi1h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Round the Horne (b00szhvg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jv5j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fz84k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b008x3lt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007j1lc)

2. Revenge

Heathcliff and Cathy are torn apart, as he plots revenge on Hindley for his degradation. Stars John Duttine and Amanda Root.

In the second part of Bryony Lavery's dramatisation of Emily Bronte's novel, Heathcliff is already plotting his revenge on Hindley for his degradation but it now tears Cathy and he apart. Heathcliff John Duttine

Cathy Earnshaw Amanda Root

Nellie Dean Sharon Duce

Mr Lockwood David Collings

Edgar Paul Rhys

Isabella Emily Watson

Hindley Jonathan Keeble

Frances Jilly Bond

Joseph Steve Hodson

Zillah Becky Hindley

Dr Kenneth John Hartley

Mrs Linton Tessa Worsley

Produced by Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

TUE 06:00 The Quarry (m0010y1d)

2. Break-In

A large pile of cash gets offered to Douglas and Penelope for their old painting of a quarry by Isadore Meyer.

But why does it seem some people are determined to take if off them at any cost?

Stars Barry Foster and Penelope Lee.

Five-part thriller serial by Jon Rollason and Keith Williams.

CAST:

Douglas Shemley Barry Foster

Penelope Shemley Penelope Lee

Simon Shaft Roddy Maude-Roxby

Pinder John Hollis

Barnabus Hamlyn Benson

Simon Shaft Roddy Maude Roxby

Reinke Frederick Schrecker

Cunningham Hector Ross

Paul Andrew Sachs

American Peter Marinker

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1965.

TUE 06:30 Raffles (m0001mfpp)

Series 2

2. Criminologist's Club

Bunny is appalled to learn that the Criminologists' Club has invited Raffles and Bunny to dinner.

But Raffles sees the opportunity to have a little fun....

EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief' starring Jeremy Clyde.

Dramatised by David Buck.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Manders Michael Cochrane

Inspector Mackenzie Henry Stampfer

Lord Thornaby David March

Kingsmill Michael Tudor Barnes

Parrington Blain Fairman

Ernest Simon Hewitt

Leggett Norman Bird

William Paul Surr

Porter John Samson

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in June 1988.

TUE 07:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bcgslq)

2. Forbidden Library

Author and journalist Charlotte Higgins explores our ancient fascination with mazes and labyrinths, and reflects on their significance - in art and in mythology, in literature and in life. In this second reading from her book, Higgins discusses some literary labyrinths, including the mysterious, forbidden library in Umberto Eco's novel The Name of the Rose. And she describes the extraordinary mappa mundi at Hereford Cathedral, a medieval "cloth of the world" (with the island of Crete and its "eleven course labyrinth" - the lair of the Minotaur - particularly prominent). But as Higgins observes, Hereford's mappa mundi is "not just a diagram of space, it is a map of time and destiny..."

Written and read by Charlotte Higgins.

Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

TUE 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007vwd)

The Country Girls

7. Expulsion

Edna O'Brien's frank, funny and subversive story of growing up in rural Ireland in the 50s. through the eyes of two friends - Kate and Baba.

Baba comes up with a plan to get Kate and herself expelled from the convent.

Kate Charlie Murphy

Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity

Sister Margaret Catherine Cusack

Mr Gentleman Paul Chahidi

Dada David Ganly

Martha Deirdre Mullins

Mr Brennan Paul Hickey

Jack Holland Jonjo O'Neill

Sister Clare Helen Clapp

Written by Edna O'Brien

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan

Directed by Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on Radio 4 in August 2019.

TUE 07:30 North by Northamptonshire (b03m40zv)

Series 3

Episode 1

Relationships have come and gone but life continues in Wadenbrook and Ken and Keith have a birthday to celebrate.

Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

As is well-known: Yorkshiremen wear flat caps and Essex girls wear short skirts; Liverpudlians are scallies and Cockneys are wideboys. Northamptonians gaze wistfully at these stereotypes and wish for an identity of any kind and a label less ridiculous than Northamptonians. Northamptonshire, let us be clear, is neither north, nor south nor in the Midlands. It floats somewhere between the three eyeing up the distinctiveness of each enviously.

Katherine Jakeways gives Northamptonshire an identity. And she waits, eagerly, for her home-county to thank her. And possibly make her some kind of Mayor.

Narrator Sheila Hancock

Rod Tim Key

Frank Rufus Wright

Mary Penelope Wilton

Jonathan Kevin Eldon

Esther Katherine Jakeways

Keith John Higgins

Norman Geoffrey Palmer

Jan Felicity Montagu

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00db512)

Series 8

African Incident

Neddie Seagoon is dispatched to destroy a bridge built by British prisoners of war.

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: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1957.

TUE 08:30 For Better or for Worse (b00h9t2d)

Series 1

Episode 7

A day trip to France brings buried memories to the surface for Bernard.

Gorden Kaye and Su Pollard star in Vince Powell's sitcom about the turbulent relationship of an odd couple.

CAST:

Iris Su Pollard

Bernard Gorden Kaye

Wilf David Ross

Daisy Paula Tilbrook

Hiker/Waiter/Gendarme Peter Wheeler

Mandy Julie Higginson

Writer Vince Powell (1928–2009) scripted a number of popular TV sitcoms including Love Thy Neighbour. For the Love of Ada and Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width. Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1993.

TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (b0075wtm)

Series 2

Episode 3

This House hates to cook, would marry into royalty and believes your elders know best.

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

With:

Tony Hawks

Simon Fanshawe

Steve Punt

Arthur Smith

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

TUE 09:30 No Commitments (b007jp4g)

Series 8

All Roads Lead to Rome

Roger's jealousy leads him to an unexpected confrontation. Stars Celia Imrie, Angela Thorne and Bill Nighy. From February 2002.

TUE 10:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007j1lc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

TUE 11:00 The Quarry (m0010y1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:30 Raffles (m0001mfpp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 12:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bcgslq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007vwd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

TUE 12:30 North by Northamptonshire (b03m40zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Goon Show (b00db512)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 13:30 For Better or for Worse (b00h9t2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 14:00 The Motion Show (b0075wtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 14:30 No Commitments (b007jp4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 15:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007j1lc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

TUE 16:00 The Quarry (m0010y1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 16:30 Raffles (m0001mfpp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bcgslq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 17:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007vwd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

TUE 17:30 North by Northamptonshire (b03m40zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Goon Show (b00db512)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 18:30 For Better or for Worse (b00h9t2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 19:00 The Motion Show (b0075wtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 19:30 No Commitments (b007jp4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0011fw8)

Series 9

Mind, Body, Spirit: Part 3 - Spirit

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

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

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

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0009dd4)

Roisin Conaty

Comedian Roisin Conaty chooses 'Crazy' performed by Patsy Cline and 'My Foolish Heart' performed by Sam Cooke.

TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b01p70cv)

Series 1

Corinne Bailey Rae (the B-Side)

Coraine Bailey Rae talks about the inspiration behind her 2010 album, 'The Sea'.

John Wilson talks to leading performers and songwriters 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, with John initially quizzing the artist about the album in question, and then, in the B-side, the audience puts the questions. Both editions feature exclusive live performances.

The B-side. Having discussed the making of her second album, 'The Sea', Corinne Bailey Rae responds to questions from the audience and, together with pianist Steve Brown, performs acoustic live versions of some of the songs discussed.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in December 2012.

TUE 21:30 Hold Back the Night by Adam Baron (b00t108q)

2. Suspect

A fresh discovery in the London hunt for a runaway turns private-eye Billy Rucker into a murder suspect.

Adam Baron's second novel featuring grizzled investigator, Billy Rucker, published in 2000. Lucy Bonham's anxious mother hires Rucker to trace the seventeen year-old, who has run away to London from her Shoreham home.

CAST:

Billy Rucker David Morrissey

DI Gold Danny Webb

Inspector Clay ... Ioan Meredith

Mrs Bonham Cheryl Campbell

Mr Bonham Hugh Dickson

Olly Harry Myers

Kebab Shop Assistant Stephen Hogan

Juliet Chortney Alison Pettitt

Iris Chortney Susan Jameson

Dramatised by Doug Lucie.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

TUE 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m00112f0)

Series 1

Episode 4

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 work out what names of popular Radio 4 shows Chris is yelling underwater.

The competing comedians are Phil Wang and Nina Wadia, taking on Kerry Godliman and Stuart Mitchell.

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 (b01p2s1y)

Series 3

I Looked Like Gollum at School

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne lists the liabilities of looking good.

Stand up and sketches with Laurence Howarth and Daisy Haggard.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 2010.

TUE 23:00 The (Almost) Accidental Adventures of Bell and Todd (m0004xtd)

The Magic Compass

Todd and Bell's plan to revamp the royal croquet lawn upsets the Princess...

Mischievous narrator Diana has thrown Bell and Todd into a mad and a mysterious world of her own devising.

June Whitfield stars in John Eggleston's adventure series.

Diana June Whitfield

Bell Matthew Bell

Todd Toby Longworth

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

TUE 23:15 Fabulous (b00j2516)

Series 1

Episode 5

Things are looking up for Faye, with invites to management drinks and her boss's wedding.

Daisy Haggard stars as neurotic Faye in Lucy Clarke's sitcom about a woman who wants to be fabulous but can't cope.

With:

Olivia Colman

Daisy Haggard

Katy Brand

Adam Buxton

Matthew Holness

Joanna Scanlan

Joanna Neary

Eve Dallas

Music by Osymyso.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

TUE 23:30 Elvenquest (b00w22h6)

Series 2

Episode 2

Amis' over-eating has forced him to put on weight.

This would be fine, were it not for the fact that he is the "Chosen One" and everyone knows Chosen Ones cannot be seen to be too pudgy. He is a role model after all. So the Questers take him to see the sorcerer, Dietica, where he is put on a punishing new regime - along with the rest of our noble band of heroes.

But, as ever, danger lurks round every corner in Lower Earth and it is not long until Dietica reveals his true plans for the Questers. And it involves more than just staying away from carbs.

Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Sam Stephen Mangon

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Dietica Sanjeev Bhaskar

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Vidar Darren Boyd

Amis – The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023

WED 00:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jllc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Quarry (m0010y1d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Raffles (m0001mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bcgslq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wvd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 North by Northamptonshire (b03m40zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b00db5l2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:30 For Better or for Worse (b00h9t2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075wtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 No Commitments (b007jp4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jllp)

3. Death and Destruction

Bryony Lavery's dramatisation of Emily Bronte's novel.

Heathcliff has run off with Isabella, leaving Cathy seriously ill, after she has confessed she loves Heathcliff and doesn't love Edgar.

Heathcliff John Duttine

Cathy Earnshaw Amanda Root

Nellie Dean Sharon Duce

Mr Lockwood David Collings

Edgar Paul Rhys

Isabella Emily Watson

Hindley Jonathan Keeble

Catherine Heathcliff Emma Fielding

Hareton Gary Cady

Joseph Steve Hodson

Mary Jilly Bond

Zillah Becky Hindley

Dr Kenneth John Hartley

The children were played by Kirsty Adams, James Cohen and Ryan Tebbutt.

Produced by Janet Whitaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

WED 06:00 The Quarry (m0010xqr)

3. Stranger Revealed

Douglas and Penelope begin to unravel the secrets surrounding the painting.

And the identity of who exactly wants the picture - and why - is revealed...

Stars Barry Foster, Penelope Lee and Andrew Sachs.

Five-part thriller serial by Jon Rollason and Keith Williams.

CAST:

Douglas Shemley Barry Foster

Penelope Shemley Penelope Lee

Pinder John Hollis

Simon Shaft Roddy Maude-Roxby

Reinke Frederick Schrecker

Ruth Isabel Rennie

Bunnie Olga Lindo

Barnabus Hamlyn Benson

Paul Andrew Sachs

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1965.

WED 06:30 Raffles (m0001ngh)

Series 2

3. The Field of Philippi

Making a nostalgic return to their school, Raffles and Bunny meet old enemy, 'Soapy' Sudborough, who owns the local bank with his father.

Raffles, like Caesar at the field of Philippi, is not one to leave old scores unsettled...

EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief'

starring Jeremy Clyde

Dramatised by David Buck.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Manders Michael Cochrane

Sudborough Bernard Brown

Calthorpe Steve Hodson

Bodley Adrian Egan

Lapwing John Baddeley

McNab Michael Deacon

Young Bunny James Dykes

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in June 1988.

WED 07:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bch4g0)

3. Mental Mazes

Author and journalist Charlotte Higgins explores our ancient fascination with mazes and labyrinths, and reflects on their significance - in art and in mythology, in literature and in life. In this third reading from her book Higgins investigates some mental mazes, and Sigmund Freud's view that psychoanalysis "supplies the thread that leads a man out of the labyrinth of his own unconscious."

She also describes the neuroscience behind the human being's sense of direction, the enlarged hippocampi of London cabbies, and how, on some level, "finding our way through life, building up stories about ourselves and making meaningful memories out of our experiences, may be twined together with our ability to navigate..."

Written and read by Charlotte Higgins.

Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

WED 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wdg)

The Country Girls

8. Dublin

Edna O'Brien's frank, funny and subversive story of growing up in rural Ireland in the 50s, through the eyes of two friends. Baba and Kate leave village life behind them and move to Dublin.

Kate Charlie Murphy

Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity

Dada David Ganly

Joanna Susan Jameson

Gustav Sean Baker

Written by Edna O'Brien

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan

Directed by Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on Radio 4 in August 2019.

WED 07:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06mg2vb)

Series 1

Tell Me A Story

In ancient Persia, the new Queen cheats death by captivating the King with stories. For almost three years, she's kept the executioners waiting and now they're taking matters into their own hands by hatching a plot to kidnap her.

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

Cast:

Richard Richard Katz

The King Javier Marzan

John John Nicholson

Hayley Hayley Carmichael

Scheherazade Sirine Saba

Grand Vizier Sam Dale

Guards Richard Pepple & George Watkins

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)

Series 3

The Greyhound Track

Sid wants the lad evicted, so he reopens a public footpath through his country mansion.

Starring Tony Hancock.

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

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.

Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1956.

WED 08:30 21st Century Blues (m0011b10)

Venusian Sex Survey

It's 2099. Donald Pleasence plays 'Chaff' Chaffinch. He was born at 23.55 on December 31st 1999 and is now approaching his 100th birthday. Chaff is a stylite – a religious zealot who lives on top of a column overlooking the Ethiopian desert – where he reflects his family history, and on the horrors and absurdities of the new millennium.

'Chaff' Chaffinch' recalls how humanity was imperilled by the landing of Venusian octopus frogs.

Adapted by Steve Walker from his 1995 novel of the same name.

Chaff Chaffinch Donald Pleasance
Bug Chaffinch Gerard Logan
Theobald Tom Bevan
Zorro Neville Jason
Simeon Nicholas Boulton
MacNab Sean Scanlan
Mrs Robinson Frances Jeater
Janet Elaine Claxton
Mandy Rachel Atkins
Bishop Hare James Taylor
Tracey Cathy Sara
Mrs Pittipaldi Lala Lloyd
Music arranged and performed by Neil Brand.
The theme sung by Peter Kenny and Nicholas Boulton.
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1994.
WED 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b0383z2q)
Series 2
Episode 6
What is Joe Lycett's favourite book?
Which is Anneka Rice's filmmaker son's favourite film?
Who is Dave Gorman's all-time hero?
All these questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.
Producer: Sam Michell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.
WED 09:30 Hobby Bobbies (b04pshk4)
Series 2
Sinkhole
When an enormous sinkhole opens up, useless police officers Geoff and Nigel need to do a little more than just "look into it". Britain's longest serving PCSO (police community support officer) is paired with the laziest in Dave Lamb's sitcom.
Geoff Richie Webb
Nigel Nick Walker
The Guv Sinead Keenan
Nina Pooja Shah
Bernie Chris Emmett
Geoff's Dad Noddy Holder

Dave Lamb is the voice of Channel 4 TV's Come Dine With Me.

Producer: Steve Doherty
A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2014.
WED 10:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jllp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 11:00 The Quarry (m0010xqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 Raffles (m0001ngh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bch4g0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wdg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 12:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06mg2vb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 21st Century Blues (m0011bl0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 14:00 It's Not What You Know (b0383z2q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 14:30 Hobby Bobbies (b04pshk4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 15:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jllp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 16:00 The Quarry (m0010xqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 16:30 Raffles (m0001ngh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 17:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bch4g0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wdg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 17:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06mg2vb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 18:30 21st Century Blues (m0011bl0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 19:00 It's Not What You Know (b0383z2q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 19:30 Hobby Bobbies (b04pshk4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (b0b3vv2q)
Is That Machine On?
Stuart Maconie celebrates the golden age of the music press interview.
In the heyday of the printed music media between the mid-60s and early noughties, the music interview was many things - combative, intimate, confessional, unhinged, flirtatious,

sometimes violent - but it was rarely dull. Still, it seems that long-gilded age of rock journalism is now over.
The days of extraordinary access, when a reporter might spend a week with a band on its tour bus or private plane, hanging out in their dressing rooms and hotel suites, are at an end. The music papers are gone. In 2018, NME - the last inky survivor - went online only.
Stuart Maconie looks back at the lost world - those revealing encounters between journalist and musician.
Featuring classic recorded archive interviews with Jimi Hendrix, Kurt Cobain, Bob Marley and Michael Jackson - plus contributions from journalists Caitlin Moran, Barney Hoskyns, Allan Jones and Dawn Slough.
Producer: Jonathan Mayo
A TBI production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.
WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b042jhlf)
Series 5
Explorers
Josie Long goes on an adventure as she presents a sequence of mini documentaries about exploration.
With tales of riding cellos down the mountain side and romantic exploration on the U Bahn.
Great Bear Rainforest
Produced by Elizabeth Arnold
Die Fremde
Produced by Phil Smith
Out of the Blocks (Extract)
Produced by Aaron Henkin and electronic musician Wendel Patrick
Everest Glissando
Feat. Stephen Venables
Produced by Hana Walker-Brown

Produced by Eleanor McDowall.
A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2014.
WED 21:30 Hold Back the Night by Adam Baron (b00t30cn)
3. Suspicions
Private investigator Billy Rucker begins to suspect that murder victim Lucy and her friend Donna were mixed up in something nasty.
Adam Baron's second novel featuring grizzled investigator, Billy Rucker, published in 2000. Lucy Bonham's anxious mother hires Rucker to trace the seventeen year-old, who has run away to London from her Shoreham home.
CAST:
Billy Rucker David Morrissey
DI Gold Danny Webb
Inspector Clay ... Ioan Meredith
Mrs Bonham Cheryl Campbell
Emma Bonham Rachael Stirling
Sharon Adjoa Andoh
Sal Elizabeth Bell
Nicky Nicholas Boulton
George Curtis Vincenzo Nicoli
Albanian Prostitute Alex Tregear
Steve Chortney Martin Hyder
Doctor Fursten Stephen Hogan
Janet Willoughby Susan Jameson
Dramatised by Doug Lucie.
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.
WED 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m00112bw)
Series 3
4: Billionaires
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. In the final episode of this series, she tries to convince her audience that billionaires are actually a good thing. They're high achievers and set us an example of something to aim for, plus without billionaire Jeff Bezos we wouldn't be able to order Amazon Prime next day delivery.
Joining Ellie to prove her point is regular sidekick Robin Morgan.
With special guest: Journalist and curator of The Sunday Times Rich List, Robert Warts. He chats to Ellie about how people actually become billionaires, why there are more male billionaires in the world and if he thinks they can be useful for society.
Written by and starring Ellie Taylor and Robin Morgan.
Producer: Georgia Keating
Executive Producer: Richard Morris
Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries
Sound editor: Marc Willcox
A BBC Studios production for Radio 4
WED 22:30 Pick Ups (b008mdd0)
Series 1
Episode 1
Dave's first job is to take Ivy to Blackpool.
Comedy set in a run down taxi office in Manchester.
Written by Ian Kershaw.
Lind ... Sally Lindsay
Mike ... John Thomson
Dave ... Philip Rowson
Alan/Rebel ... Ash Tandon

Drunk ... Mark Smith
With Claire Coleman
Producer: Paul Hardy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.
WED 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dsy7d)
Series 1
Isy Suttie
Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band for music and comedy.
This time they make music on the subject of 'hard water'; shine a spotlight on the troubled life of the double bassist and reveal the haunting sound of the 'ocarina'.
With guest comedian Isy Suttie who persuades Alex to sing in a duet.
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 performer Isy Suttie.
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.
WED 23:30 Kieran Hodgson's Earworms (b0910mk6)
Series 1
Glazunov
Can self-described 'music educator and inspiration' Ralph Lewis (the man behind 'Swim with Sibelius' and 'Debussy Decodes Dementia') persuade self-confessed 'enemy of culture' Paul, that Glazunov's worth a listen?
Critically-acclaimed comedian Kieran Hodgson - as Ralph Lewis - presents comedy intros to the great composers.
Written and starring Kieran Hodgson.
With Colin Hault and Tessa Coates.
Produced by Sam Ward.
A BBC Studios Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
WED 23:45 Jelly Mountain (b00fr1z3)
Episode 4
Musing on old cuppas and paying with Fool's Gold.
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 27 APRIL 2023

THU 00:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jllp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 The Quarry (m0010xqr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Raffles (m0001ngh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bch4g0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007wdg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b06mg2vb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]
THU 03:30 21st Century Blues (m0011bl0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b0383z2q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 Hobby Bobbies (b04pshk4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (m0011bl4)
4. The Next Generation
16 years have passed since Cathy's death and her daughter Catherine is now 16 and Heathcliff's revenge is taking effect in the next generation.
Bryony Lavery's dramatisation of Emily Bronte's novel.
Heathcliff John Duttine
Catherine Heathcliff Emma Fielding
Edgar Paul Rhys
Nellie Dean Sharon Duce
Mr Lockwood David Collings
Linton Daniel Evans
Hareton Gary Cady
Joseph Steve Hodson
Mary Jilly Bond
Mr Green John Turner
Producer: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.
THU 06:00 The Quarry (m0010xyw)
4. Framed?
Worthless or valuable?
Douglas and Penny still don't fully understand the crazy scramble for their painting. But more shocks are in store...
Stars Barry Foster, Penelope Lee and Andrew Sachs
Five-part thriller series by Jon Rollason and Keith Williams.
CAST:
Penelope Shemley Penelope Lee

Douglas Shemley Barry Foster
Ruth Isabel Rennie
Paul Andrew Sachs
Barnabus Hamlyn Benson
Reinke Frederick Schrecker
Simon Shaft Roddy Maude-Roxby
Pinder John Hollis
Producer: John Tydeman
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1965.
THU 06:30 Raffles (m0001p33)
Series 2
4. A Bad Night
Raffles' plans to avenge a friend by robbing a private house in Hampton Court are thwarted by a prior engagement at Old Trafford, to play in the second test cricket match against Australia.
Bunny, however, nobly steps into the breach...
EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief' starring Jeremy Clyde
Dramatised by David Buck.
AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde
Bunny Manders Michael Cochrane
Medicott Anton Lesser
Police Officer John Baddeley
Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.
Director: Gordon House
A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in June 1988.
THU 07:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bclvxl)
4. Underground
Author and journalist Charlotte Higgins explores our ancient fascination with mazes and labyrinths, and reflects on their significance - in art and in mythology, in literature and in life. In this fourth reading from her book Higgins describes a meeting with maze-maker Adrian Fisher, who over a thirty-year career has designed forty-two hedge mazes and fifty-one mirror mazes - where glass is "set into the walls of tunnels to cast infinite reflections and to bewilder the eye completely." Solving mazes is a shared experience that binds families together, says Fisher - although Higgins notes that his wife Marie "is not a great one for mazes; or rather, she just likes to know she can get out of them..."
Charlotte Higgins also tells how artist Mark Wallinger chose to mark the 150th birthday of one of Britain's greatest and most famous subterranean mazes - the London Underground.
Written and read by Charlotte Higgins.
Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.
THU 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007x4v)
The Country Girls
9. Double Date
Edna O'Brien's frank, funny and subversive story of growing up in rural Ireland in the 50s. through the eyes of two friends - Kate and Baba.
Kate longs for romance, but it is in short supply when she and Baba go on a double date.
Kate Charlie Murphy
Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity
Reg Ciarán McMenamain
Mrs Burns Siobhan McSweeney
Mr Gentlemen Paul Chahidi
Harry Shaun Mason
Written by Edna O'Brien
Dramatised by Lin Coghlan
Directed by Sally Avens & Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on Radio 4 in August 2019.
THU 07:30 All Those Women (b069jjml)
Series 1
Episode 1
As relationships wobble, members of the family descend upon Maggie to provide support, plumbing advice and tea. Rent-free, naturally.
Katherine Jakeways' comedy about four generations of women living under one roof. An exploration of familial relationships, ageing, marriages - it's about life and love and things not turning out quite the way that you'd expected them to.
Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily struggle to resolve their own problems, and support one another.
Hetty Sheila Hancock
Maggie Lesley Manville
Jen Sinead Matthews
Emily Lucy Hutchinson
David Denis Lill
Customer Rebecca Hamilton
Announcement George Watkins
Producer: Alexandra Smith
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2015.
THU 08:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jrdl)
Series 3
Complain About the Burkiss Way
Desert Island Wobblies and a somewhat startling history of a history of things through the ages, through the ages...
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 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0868wsf)
'Alice Foster, This Is Your Life!'
There's a surprise in store for chairman, Alice at the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Evening Guild, in the northern English town of Cloughbottom.
Keith Parry's sitcom about the comic mishaps of the Cloughbottom Ladies' Evening Guild.
Alice Foster.....Sheila Hancock
Phyllis Middleton.....Pat Coombs
Mrs Fothergill.....Avis Bunnage
Ethel and Peggy.....Clovissa Newcombe
Produced in Manchester by Bob Oliver Rogers.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1978.
THU 09:00 Booked (b00759mv)
Series 6
Episode 2
More original writing and outrageous parody gleefully corrupting the world's revered literary works.
Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game with Mark Steel, David Stafford, Miles Kington and Sophie Hannah.
Producer: Marc Jobst
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1999.
THU 09:30 The Right Time (b00fvpdt)
Series 1
Episode 4
A sketch show about modern life, written and performed by Baby Boomers who have lived a bit of it.
With Roger Blake, Eleanor Bron, Graeme Garden, Paula Wilcox, Neil Innes and Clive Swift.
Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, John Pidgeon, Bob Sinfield, Bob Yule, Jeremy Pascall, Peter Rolls and Graeme Garden
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.
THU 10:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (m0011b14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
THU 11:00 The Quarry (m0010xyw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:30 Raffles (m0001p33)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 12:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bclvxl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007x4v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
THU 12:30 All Those Women (b069jjml)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 13:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jrdl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 13:30 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0868wsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 14:00 Booked (b00759mv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 14:30 The Right Time (b00fvpdt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 15:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (m0011b14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
THU 16:00 The Quarry (m0010xyw)
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THU 16:30 Raffles (m0001p33)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
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THU 17:30 All Those Women (b069jjml)
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THU 18:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jrdl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 18:30 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0868wsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 19:00 Booked (b00759mv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 19:30 The Right Time (b00fvpdt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 20:00 The Mastertapes Guide to Writing the Perfect Song (m000zfbk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
THU 21:00 Great Lives (b06d2j24)
Toyah Willcox on Katharine Hepburn
Singer Toyah Willcox chooses the actress and Hollywood legend, Katharine Hepburn.
Dubbed an 'odddity' and 'box office poison', she liked to goad the press and public with her eccentric behaviour and unconventional love life. Her career in Hollywood spanned six decades, during which she starred alongside other Hollywood greats, including James Stewart, Cary Grant, Humphrey Bogart and Spencer Tracy.
The four time Oscar award winning actress Katharine Hepburn is this week's Great Life. She is championed by singer and actress Toyah Willcox - who met and worked with her. The expert is Dr Mark Glancy - Reader in Film History, at Queen Mary, University of London. The presenter is Matthew Parris.
Producer: Perminder Khatkar.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

THU 21:30 Hold Back the Night by Adam Baron (b00t5jwq)
4. Horror
Private-eye Billy Rucker uncovers the full horror that's wrecked the lives of Lucy and Donna.
Adam Baron's second novel featuring grizzled investigator, Billy Rucker, published in 2000. Lucy Bonham's anxious mother hires Rucker to trace the seventeen year-old, who has run away to London from her Shoreham home.
CAST:
Billy Rucker David Morrissy
DI Gold Danny Webb
Inspector Clay Ioan Meredith
Mrs Bonham Cheryl Campbell
Mr Bonham Hugh Dickson
Lucy Bonham Rachael Stirling
Olly Harry Myers
Lee Peter Darney
George Curtis Vincenzo Nicoli
Juliet Chortney Alison Pettitt
Steve Chortney Martin Hyder
Iris Chortney Susan Jameson
Other parts played by Alex Tregear and Nicholas Boulton.
Dramatised by Doug Lucie.
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.
THU 22:00 Susan Calman Makes Me Happy (m000bxjz)
Episode 3
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 her wife Lee, Susan investigates food and drink, looking at its emotional importance above and beyond mere sustenance and pondering why a bad meal can ruin an entire day.
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 (b07cynn6)
Series 2
Exploration and Death
Paul looks at the some of the heroic pioneers in the field in exploration, and recounts how they met implausibly stupid deaths.
From the mighty warrior who was killed by a dead man, to the botanist killed by cattle and the man famous for something he didn't do (having been dismembered before he could do it) - this is a show best listened to as you sit safely in a comfy chair, not on the move.
Paul Sinha's second series of the show that uncovers the fascinating stories that we've forgotten in our onward march of progress.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Producer: Ed Morrish
A BBC Radio Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0011kxj)
Ria Lina 3/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks to Ria Lina.
THU 23:00 Felicity Ward - Appisodes (b0bf67ly)
Series 1
IBS
Australian stand up Felicity Ward stars in her first BBC Radio 4 series where she tries to solve her mental health issues, one app at a time.
In this episode, Felicity tries to treat her IBS with the help of app 'What a Relief' (as voiced by Jess Fosketeu).
Throughout the series, Felicity downloads a new app each week to help her distress, 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 for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2018.
THU 23:15 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (b099yqss)
Series 4
The Visit
A woman returns to her old home to see the changes made by her husband and his new wife.
She can't believe what she finds, but she has a unique way of dealing with her disappointment.
Doon Mackichan stars in Jenny Eclair's comic monologue. Series in which four women reach a crisis in their lives.
Producer: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.
THU 23:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqvx)
1998
The Queen makes a decision, England's shocker, and The Archers go on strike.
Recorded in 1993 - the comedy team "look back" at 1998 - a year that was yet to happen.
Starring:

Brian Perkins

Kate Robbins

Special guest: Jack Dee

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 00:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (m0011b14)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 The Quarry (m0010xyw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Raffles (m0001p33)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bclvxl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007x4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 All Those Women (b069jjml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 The Burkiss Way (b007jrdl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0868wsf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Booked (b00759mv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 The Right Time (b00fvpdt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jlm7)

5. Catherine's Plight

Catherine has been forced by Heathcliff to marry his ailing son

Linton, so that he will be master of Thrushcross Grange and

Wuthering Heights.

Bryony Lavery's dramatisation of Emily Bronte's novel.

Heathcliff John Dutine

Catherine Linton Emma Fielding

Nellie Dean Sharon Duce

Mr Lockwood David Collings

Hareton Gary Cady

Joseph Steve Hodson

Dr Kenneth John Hartley

Zillah Becky Hindley

Ghost of Cathy Amanda Root

Produced by Janet Whitaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

FRI 06:00 The Quarry (m0010y1j)

5. Truth Revealed

Why did Reinke shout "let it burn?"

The chilling secret behind Douglas and Penelope's painting is

finally revealed...

Stars Barry Foster, Penelope Lee, Frederick Schrecker and

Andrew Sachs.

Conclusion of the thriller serial by Jon Rollason and Keith

Williams.

CAST:

Douglas Shemley Barry Foster

Penelope Shemley Penelope Lee

Simon Shaft Roddy Maude-Roxby

Reinke Frederick Schrecker

Paul Andrew Sachs

Ruth Isabel Rennie

American Peter Marinker

Hotel Receptionist Glyn Dearman

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1965.

FRI 06:30 Raffles (m0001p31)

Series 2

5. A Trap To Catch A Cracksman

When an American pugilist boasts of inventing a trap to catch

the cleverest cracksman alive, it's a challenge Raffles is quite

unable to resist - with disastrous consequences...

EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief'

starring Jeremy Clyde

Dramatised by David Buck.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

Bunny Manders Michael Cochrane

Inspector Mackenzie Henry Stamper

Maguire Alan Tilvern

Hambone Peter Banks

Cruncher Michael Deacon

Ruby Frances Jeater

Cabbie Alan Dudley.

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast

in June 1988.

FRI 07:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bclw3j)

5. Nature

Author and journalist Charlotte Higgins explores our ancient

fascination with mazes and labyrinths, and reflects on their

significance - in art and in mythology, in literature and in life.

In this final reading from her book Higgins turns her attention

from man-made mazes and discusses the magical properties of

some mazes made by nature (but featured in art) - from the

dark, impenetrable forests of the Grimms' fairy tales, to the

snow-bowed pines of C.S. Lewis's Narnia, to the haunting and

mysterious moonlit woods of Paolo Uccello's fifteenth-century

painting The Hunt in the Forest* at the Ashmolean Museum in

Oxford, "the first picture I dared to try to write about."

There are also some powerfully evocative childhood memories

of a farm near her family home in Staffordshire, and the woods

beside it which stretched down to the motorway that cut

through the valley: "I loved those woods, but they frightened

me. Whenever I went into them I could feel them closing in.

The freedom of the fields and the low, rolling hills would be

lost. The sky would disappear..."

Written and read by Charlotte Higgins.

Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

FRI 07:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007y1s)

The Country Girls

10. Shattered Dreams

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

in rural Ireland in the 50s, through the eyes of two friends.

Kate and Baba's Dublin dreams fall prey to sex and sickness.

Kate Charlie Murphy

Baba Aoibhinn McGinnity

Mr Gentlemen Paul Chahidi

Reg Ciarán McMenamim

Joanna Susan Jameson

Minnie Ell Potter

Written by Edna O'Brien

Dramatised by Lin Coghlan

Directed by Sally Avens and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on Radio 4 in August 2019.

FRI 07:30 Bridget Christie's Utopia (b09qfv98)

Series 1

Disengage

As Bridget Christie struggles to come to terms with current

world events - Kim Jong-un, the melting polar ice caps, the

Brexit negotiations and Nick Knowles singing a cover of The

Beatles "Here Comes The Sun", she embarks on a comic quest

for her Utopia - a way of living that will make her less anxious

and enable her to have her first happy wee since the Brexit vote

in 2016.

In this first episode of the series, Bridget explores politically

disengaging for a week - to see if that will make her happier.

Will not reading the papers, abstaining from all social media

and not watching rolling news reports bring a smile to Bridget's

face and be the answer to all her problems? Or will life still be

completely rubbish? In her quest to disengage from the turmoil

that is world news, Bridget goes to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's

Cats, has an aqua massage and stands in her garden. Will she

switch off?

Stand-up show recorded in front of a studio audience at the

BBC Radio Theatre. With special guests Mike Christie and

Leyla Hussein.

Produced by Simon Nicholls and Alison Vernon-Smith.

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

February 2018.

FRI 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rzkyb)

Series 1

Wallah, Wallah, Catsmeat

The rag and bone business falters when Hercules the horse

needs a vet.

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

The Vet Eric Woodburn

Lionel Leslie Dwyer

Charlie Peter Hawkins.

Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by

Gale Pedrick.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1966.

FRI 08:30 Flying the Flag (b00dhkzf)

Series 4

In Custody

'We are representatives of Democracy in this benighted place,

William. We enshrine the values of liberty, tolerance and free

speech. By the way, why is that woman chained to the embassy

railings..?'

Ambassador Mackenzie must tackle the delicate issue of a

Briton being held hostage.

Series 4 of Alex Shearer's Eastern bloc embassy sitcom.

CAST:

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

Spiro Stephen Greif

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.

FRI 09:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0011ch7)

Series 16

Episode 4

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Holly Walsh

welcome:

* Comedian, actor and presenter Griff Rhys Jones

* Bestselling author Mary Roach

* Award-winning poet Lemn Sissay

Mary Roach talks about her latest book Animal, Vegetable,

Criminal which is about animals who break the law. Lemn

Sissay explores the role of a poet and his Christmas Day Project

to provide Christmas dinners for care leavers. Griff Rhys Jones

discusses his time on Not The Nine O'Clock News and his love

for the River Lea.

Researchers: Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner and Jack Chambers

of QL

Produced by Anne Miller

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

November 2021.

FRI 09:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00nsnhv)

Series 3

Episode 6

Andy Hamilton's comedy series about Trevor the sports agent

and his brave attempts to swim safely through the shark tank of

life.

Trevor wakes up next to a beautiful young woman. And Ralph

wakes up with a new face.

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.

FRI 10:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jlm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

FRI 11:00 The Quarry (m0010y1j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Raffles (m0001p31)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bclw3j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007y1s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 12:30 Bridget Christie's Utopia (b09qfv98)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b00rzkyb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Flying the Flag (b00dhkzf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0011ch7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00nsnhv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Emily Bronte - Wuthering Heights (b007jlm7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

FRI 16:00 The Quarry (m0010y1j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Raffles (m0001p31)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Red Thread: On Mazes and Labyrinths by Charlotte Higgins (b0bclw3j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:15 Edna O'Brien - The Country Girls Trilogy (m0007y1s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 17:30 Bridget Christie's Utopia (b09qfv98)

villain; a guitarist who still hopes to make it big; and a singer who did make it big, and id still selling records 30 years later.

Producer: Ian Bent

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 20:30 A Good Read (b0608h7q)

Jon Richardson & Emma Kennedy

Comedian Jon Richardson and actress Emma Kennedy discuss their good reads with Harriet Gilbert.

Everett Ruess's 'A Vagabond for Beauty' edited by WL Rusho.

The Ascent of Rum Doodle' by WE Bowman

Bad Blood' by Lorna Sage

Producer: Beth O'Dea.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2015.

FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry

(m000kv7j)

Series 16

The Space Burrito

Is there a point in space where the Sun could heat a burrito perfectly? asks Will. The doctors tackle this and a plethora of other conundrums from the Curious Cases inbox.

Featuring expert answers from astrophysicist Samaya Nissanke, cosmologist Andrew Pontzen, and cognitive neuroscientist Sophie Scott.

Presenters: Hannah Fry & Adam Rutherford

Producer: Jen Whyntie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

FRI 21:30 Over an Absinthe Bottle by WC Morrow

(b007jq4)

A grim tale of two strangers drinking and gambling their lives away in a San Francisco bar. Read by Doug Cockle.

Written by W Morrow.

Read by Doug Cockle.

Producer: Katherine Beacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio Extra in 2003.

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

(m000254p)

Series 2

Morals

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 (b08g7mjt)

Series 2

Dates

Sketches and stand-up from the wonderful mind of Jocelyn Jee Esien.

This week Jocelyn talks about a dating, we follow a day in the life of Britain's worst bus driver and Kingston's take away caters for a vegan customer.

This series Jocelyn is joined by Paul Whitehouse as a cockney funeral director, as well as the vocal talents of Ninia Benjamin, Curtis Walker, Dee Kaate, Gavi Chera and Karen Bartke.

The producer is Suzy Grant for BBC Studios.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2017.

FRI 23:00 Ashley Blaker's Goyish Guide To Judaism

(b0b4zg8c)

Episode 1

Ashley Blaker, Britain's only ultra-Orthodox stand up comedian, presents an insider's view of his religion, specially created for BBC Radio 4. It's a whistle-stop tour of Jewish life and, in particular, a very rare glimpse into the normally inaccessible world of strict Orthodox Judaism.

Ashley is already a well-known name in the Jewish community, having undertaken two critically acclaimed UK tours as well as performing sell-out shows in Israel, South Africa, Canada and Off-Broadway in New York. The Jewish press has described him as "the haredi Michael McIntyre".

As well as being a popular and experienced live performer, Ashley is also a comedy writer and producer for radio and TV. He was responsible for first unleashing Little Britain on an unsuspecting nation on Radio 4. But, being a strict orthodox Jew, he is surely the only person who works in TV without actually owning one.

Written and Presented by Ashley Blaker

Produced by Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

FRI 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b010mztl)

Series 3

Episode 4

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

With Billy Jenkins, Kevin Eldon, Imran Yusef plus poetry from Kate Fox

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.