

SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023

SAT 00:00 Michael Butt - Death Duty (b02x98fc)

In a desperate bid for water, a city-state plagued by drought has instituted a system of so-called Gifts, a weekly lottery that leads to the sacrifice of its young men.

But the Gifts aren't working, and when the man in charge of the system sees his son's number called up, his faith is sorely tested.

Written by Michael Butt.

Edmund Nicholas Jones

Kenny Will Howard

Marianne Christine Absalom

Shelley Tracy Wiles

Lucy Amaka Okafor

Minister Sean Murray

Mr Greene Paul Stonehouse

Mrs Greene Philippa Stanton

Producer: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.

SAT 00:45 The Humming by Michele Roberts (m0002zxx)

Picture the scene.

An old house and two young women new to the area - and then a noise in the night...

Gillian Bevan reads Michele Roberts' dark tale.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1994.

SAT 01:00 Inspector Resnick (b09qjhd)

Wasted Years

2. Painful Memories

Nottingham, 1992: DI Resnick has been forced to relive memories of 10 years ago when his marriage collapsed - and he arrested an armed criminal.

Will be finally be able to crack the case of two violent robberies?

Tom Wilkinson stars as jazz-loving Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick.

Conclusion of John Harvey's dramatisation of his own 1993 crime novel.

DI Resnick Tom Wilkinson

Millington Sean Baker

Elaine Jennie Stoller

Ruth Gillian Bevan

Kevin Daniel Ryan

Lynn Kate Eaton

Rains Stephen Critchlow

Rylands John Turner

Lorna Melanie Hudson

Keith Tom Bevan

Darren Gavin Abbott

Prior John Hartley

Pam Sandra James-Young

Mary Becky Hindley

Marjorie Zulema Dene

Barrister Andrew Branch

Christine Jilly Bond

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1995.

SAT 02:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsrj)

4. The Doomed Oasis

A celebration and a shattered dream, as English lawyer George Grant continues his hunt for a missing client.

Starring Tim Munro.

Arabian adventure based on Hammond Innes' 1960 novel.

Dramatised by Rene Basilico.

George Grant Tim Munro

Colonel Whittaker Bernard Horsfall

Prince Khalid Raad Rawi

Alexander Erkhart John Malcolm

Sir Philip Gorde Garard Green

Sheikh Makhmud Farouk El-Demerdash

Yousif Ali Refaie

Sheikh Abdullah Adam Hussein

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1984.

SAT 02:30 Destination - Fire! (m000xmrh)

Series 3

8. Deadly Spark

Fire Investigator 'Q' Barnaby probes an explosion at a car body repair shop.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Philip Levine's adventures of fire investigating sleuth, Quentin 'Q' Barnaby.

Selection of surviving episodes rescued from the BBC archive.

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Valerie Chrane Gudrun Ure

Eric Bishop Nigel Graham

George Newton Wilfrid Carter

Frank Cole Bruce Beeby

Saunders Arthur Lawrence

Mrs Newton Joan Matheson

Inspector Hackett Duncan McIntyre

Director: Martyn C Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.

SAT 03:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yb61d)

5. Visitors

As Anna battles to recover from her dangerous illness, Papa travels from Switzerland to Paris...

Classic novel set in 1933, during Adolf Hitler's election campaign.

Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story is read by Rosemary Leach.

This is the story of nine-year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's attempt to escape from the Nazis.

Abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury.

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in February 1991.

SAT 03:15 The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon (b03phydw)

5. Contemplation

As summer comes to the city, Moses's friend Harris organises a dance.

Meanwhile, Moses contemplates his life after ten years in London.

Sam Selvon's rich and touching 1956 novel about the lives of a group of Caribbean immigrants in London.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.

Read by Don Warrington.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

*** THE LONELY LONDONERS will be followed on 4 Extra by Colin MacInnes's vibrant novel about London, ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS, set just a couple of years later as racial tensions rise.

Together, the two books offer an unforgettable portrait of a city and a society undergoing convulsive change.

SAT 03:30 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000zcc2)

Dr Phil Hammond visits the Royal United Hospital in Bath

An innovative mix of comedy performance and documentary in a series presented by Dr Phil Hammond.

As a doctor and a comedian, Phil knows that humour and laughter are vital coping mechanisms in the NHS, as he travels the UK on a mission to listen to the beating heart of a national institution.

The programmes are an adventurous, hilarious, thought-provoking mix of humour and happiness, tragedy and reflection as the personal thoughts, opinions, experiences and hopes of people who work for and use the NHS are revealed.

This time Dr Phil visits the Royal United Hospital in Bath, where he hears stories from staff and patients - as he reveals how humour and laughter are vital coping mechanisms in the NHS.

Producer: David Morley

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2021.

SAT 04:00 Steptoe and Son (b00s1f1m)

Series 1

The Musical Evening

War erupts in the rag and bone yard, when Albert takes action over music-loving Harold's gramophone.

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

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 September 1966.

SAT 04:30 Flying the Flag (b00f6p4z)

Series 4

End of Term

Ambassador Mackenzie packs his diplomatic bags, and faces a bleak future back in Britain with no servants - and no knighthood.

Before he heads for the Cotswolds, he faces one final crisis in the People's Democracy. But what are the skills of diplomacy for, if not to salvage some personal profit from another's disaster?

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Conclusion of the Eastern bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

US Ambassador Spiro Weinberg Stephen Greif

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

SAT 05:00 Act Your Age (b0106rvc)

Series 3

Episode 4

Three-way battle between the comedy generations to find out which is the funniest.

Hosted by Simon Mayo.

Will it be the Up-and-Comers, the Current Crop or the Old Guard who will be crowned, for one week at least, as the Golden Age of Comedy?

With Team Captains:

Holly Walsh

Rufus Hound

Ted Robbins

Guest Comics:

Tom Deacon

Henning Wehn

Billy Pearce.

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

SAT 05:30 Bleak Expectations (b00wlgmn)

Series 4

A Life Destroyed Then Repaired and Rehappied

Pip in the company of Pippa, the Reverend Fecund and Harry

Biscuit, now just a brain in a jar, have tracked Mister

Benevolent to the heart of the vast Russian Empire.

But when they find him, he is at the head of a mighty army.

Who will triumph in the final battle between good and evil?

Will Harry get a new body? Will Mister Benevolent detonate his infamous cheese bomb? And what is the correct way to spell Czar?

As fate decides these crucial questions it seems there are a few surprises in store for Pip.

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

Sir Philip Richard Johnson

Young Pip Bin Tom Allen

Gently Benevolent Anthony Head

Harry Biscuit James Bachman

Grimpunch Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

Reverend Godly Fecund David Mitchell

Producer: Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

SAT 06:00 The Other Side of the Hill (b010t4pb)

It's a Long Way From Talavera

The first of two linked plays following the Duke of Wellington and the men and women of his peninsular campaign between 1808 and 1813.

It's a Long Way From Talavera.

Starring Michael Pennington.

Based on Peter Luke's novel, first published in 1978.

Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington Michael Pennington

Major William Napier John Moffatt

Captain Harry Smith Dominic Rickhards

Juanita Sirlol Jenkins

Don Julian Sanchez Philip Sully

Madre Soledad June Tobin

Fitzroy Somerset Christopher Good

Captain Gordon David Bannerman

Corporal Prickett Ronald Herdman

Rifleman Doubleday Clarence Smith

Rifleman Jackman/Captain Freer Mark Straker

Rifleman Palmer/Miguelin Neil Roberts

Rifleman West Eric Allan

Captain Kincaid Terence Edmond

Captain Soula/Lt Cardo Alan Barker

General Craufurd/Menacho Brett Usher

Lt O'Malley/Corporal Costello Andrew Wincott

Gen Packenham/Ono Colin McFarlane

Victoria ... Emma Fielding

Lady Wellesley Melanie Hudson

Sister Rosario Theresa Streafteild

Music by Tom Eastwood.

Performed by:

Paul Archibald

Richard Benjafield

Adrian Brett

Charles Dickie

Bill Worrell

Simon Wynberg

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

SAT 07:30 Becoming by Michelle Obama (Omnibus) (m00019gg)

Michelle Obama chronicles the experiences that have shaped her.

From the South Side of Chicago to Princeton, to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. The White House of course.

We first join her on the way to Princeton, driven there by her father, with boyfriend David as company too.

A whole new world will be opening up, from the South Side in Chicago to these hallowed halls of learning.

Michelle Obama reads from her memoir

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Katrin Williams,

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrqp)

5. The Clouds of War

Newly knighted Sir Josiah Fosdyke's family life and tripe empire, are shattered by the outbreak of war.

A classic tale of struggle, power, personalities and tripe.

Bill Tidy and John Junkin's saga - based on Tidy's Daily Mirror cartoon strip (1971-1985) parodying John Galsworthy's 'The Forsyte Saga' novels.

Josiah Fosdyke Philip Lowrie

Rebecca Fosdyke Stephanie Turner

Tom Fosdyke David Threlfall

Roger Ditchley Christian Rodska

Albert Fosdyke Enn Reitel

Von Richtofen Larry Lamb

Other parts played by
Trevor Cooper
Nick Maloney
Nick Revell
Arthur Smith
David Timson
Producer: Alan Nixon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.
SAT 09:00 Benny Hill (b08rbw5t)
Benny Hill Time
From 28/03/1965
Benny Hill seeks romance in a rowing boat and tries to get a handle on bank robbery.
Written by and starring Benny Hill.
With:
Peter Vernon
Jan Waters
Patricia Hayes.
Music by:
Pearl Carr & Teddy Johnson
The Hill Time Band conducted by Malcolm Lockyer.
Producer: John Browle
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1965.
SAT 09:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m001mtmg)
From 22/10/1962
Can Vicar Parsons' charity survive a dubious visitor?
Arthur Haynes stars in the sketch show series written by Johnny Speight.
With:
Nicholas Parsons
Music by The Temperance Seven, featuring 'Whispering' Paul McDowell
Part of a selection of surviving episodes.
Producer: Richard Dingley
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1962.
SAT 10:00 Laura Barton's American Road Trip (m000c54q)
2. The Southern States
Using BBC Archives, writer Laura Barton takes to the road to continue her audio adventure across the USA - from New York to California.
The second of three episodes features:
* 'World Roots: An Appalachian Road Trip' [2009]
* 'Conversations with the Blues' [1961]
* 'French Men Desire Good Children' [1992]
* 'South and West' [2017]
Producer: Luke Doran.
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in October 2018.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m001mtmg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Laura Barton's American Road Trip (m000c54q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Jail Diaries of Sir Ralph Stanza (m0010tsb)
Doing Rhyme
Sir Ralph Stanza romanticises a burglar called Conor, claiming to understand and appreciate his role as an Irish freedom fighter.
Another of Sir Ralph's audio diaries from his recent stint as poet-in-residence at Longmore Grange maximum security prison.
Written by and starring James Quinn.
Sir Ralph Stanza.....James Quinn
Conor.....James Seales
Kerrie.....Lorraine Cheshire
Gina.....Joan Kempson
Officer Marple.....Chris Jack
Produced at BBC Manchester by Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.
SAT 22:15 The Shuttleworths (b007k1wl)
Series 1
Mini-Break in Giggleswick
Sheffield singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth and his family are on a visit to North Yorkshire - with his agent Ken.

So what does the village of Giggleswick have to offer for the holidaymakers?
Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.
SAT 22:30 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m00070jt)
Series 2
Episode 2
Andrew Maxwell hosts a truly global stand-up show, in which comedians perform from wherever on the planet they happen to be, to an audience in the BBC Radio Theatre, London.
With:
Nikola Silic
Carl Joshua Neube
Maysoon Zayid
Nikola Silic from Belgrade is a big name on the comedy scene in the Balkans.
Carl Joshua Neube performs whilst metres from the Victoria Falls.
Maysoon Zayid is one of America's first Muslim women comedians and widely believed to be the first person to perform stand-up in Palestine and Jordan.
Producer: Richard Morris.
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2019.
SAT 23:00 Vent (b00v8qdv)
Series 2
Arrival
Comatose Ben takes a final trip around the safe fantasy world of his subconscious.
Starring Neil Pearson.
Dark sitcom following the thoughts of comatose patient Ben
Written by Nigel Smith.
Ben Smith Neil Pearson
Mary Fiona Allen
Mum Josie Lawrence
Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash
With:
Nicholas Hutchison
Jo Martin
Mark Perry
Laura Aikman
Tim Whittall
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.
SAT 23:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b01qmxfy)
Series 2
Health and Medicine
Stephen K Amos is joined by three stand-up comedians to compile an Idiot's Guide to Health and Medicine.
With:
Paul Sinha
Andre Vincent
John Hegley
Additional material written by Christine Rose, Tom Neenan, Jack Bernardt and Hugh Sington.
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

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SUN 00:00 Fear on 4 (b007jqjm)
Series 5
The Chimes of Midnight
The consuming passion of a theoretical physicist leads him into a great deal of gruesome trouble.
A series of nerve-tinglers from Fear on 4
Written by Nick Fisher.
Professor Richard Hargreaves.....David Suchet
Jonathan Tempray.....John Rowe
Mary.....Jenny Lee
Moir.....Alison Pettit
Woman at lecture.....Jillie Meers
Toby.....Christopher Wright
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1997
SUN 00:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k0tb)
2. Tomb
Earth's last living man, Robert Neville, discovers that his wife's tomb is a lair for vampires.
1954 cult classic set in the United States of America in 1976.
Read by Angus McInnes.
One of the 20th century's most significant vampire novels,
Richard Matheson's 'I Am Legend' combines the worlds of sci-fi and horror.
Abridged by Scott Stainton Miller.
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in January 2006.
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SUN 02:30 Becoming by Michelle Obama (Omnibus) (m00019gg)
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SUN 03:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrqp)
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SUN 04:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m001mtmg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]
SUN 05:00 Laura Barton's American Road Trip (m000c54q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001mtqn)
Imtiaz Dharker
Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects A Portrait Of...Imtiaz Dharker.
Follow artist Fiona Graham-Mackay as she paints a portrait of the poet, artist and documentary film-maker.
Born in Pakistan and raised in Glasgow, Imtiaz was awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2014. She writes about freedom, cultural intolerance, gender politics, love and loss.
Fellow poet Carol Ann Duffy has said, "If there were to be a World Laureate, then for me the role could only be filled by Imtiaz Dharker."
Fiona Graham-Mackay has painted hundreds of portraits, including Seamus Heaney and Sir Andrew Motion. Drawing is, she says, "the flow of life, the soul of life," and "you have to fall a little in love with your subject".
It's a revealing, intimate experience, peeling away the layers to capture the essence of the sitter as seen through the artist's eye. And in this, conversations meander in unexpected places. Features readings of 'The Conversation' and 'Invisible' from Over the Moon; 'This room' from I Speak For the Devil, both published by Bloodaxe Books.
Producer: Eve Streeter
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2016.
SUN 06:30 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (Omnibus) (m001mtqy)
Episode 1
Classic novel set in Berlin in 1933, as Adolf Hitler's election campaign is underway.
Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story, first published in 1971.
Read by Rosemary Leach.
This is the story of nine year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's attempt to escape from the Nazis.
Judith wrote it for her son to explain her own story of her family fleeing Nazi Germany.
Her father was a drama critic and a distinguished writer whose books were burned by the Nazis.
Kerr found herself a fairly willing refugee, seeing her long travels as a great adventure. A view her parents went to great pains to confirm, often hiding their own personal and professional privations and struggles from their young children. Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury.
Producer: Peter Hutchings.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in February 1991.
SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001mtr3)
Elizabeth Day
The writer, broadcaster and 'How to Fail' podcaster Elizabeth Day, chooses 'Fernando' by Abba and 'Rise Up' by Andra Day.
SUN 07:50 The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon (Omnibus) (m001mtr8)
Sam Selvon's rich and touching 1956 novel about the lives of a group of Caribbean immigrants in London.
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.
Read by Don Warrington.
Moses Aloetta, an old hand who has lived in London for ten years, goes to Waterloo station to meet another boat train of hopeful new arrivals from the West Indies.
They've come to find work and wealth in the capital of the mother country, but they meet with a cold welcome and bitter weather.
Despite this, Moses and his friends of the Windrush generation go about making new lives for themselves with vigour and panache, navigating the rules and regulations of their new home, lending support to each other when needed, learning to survive; it's not long before, as Moses puts it "the boys coming and going, working, eating, sleeping, going about the vast metropolis like veteran Londoners."
Producer: Sara Davies
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
SUN 09:00 The Clitheroe Kid (m001mtrd)
Series 5
Waiting At The Church
Cheeky schoolboy Jimmy is keen to avoid dressing as a page boy in frilly blouse and velvet trousers for his Auntie's wedding. Starring the diminutive Jimmy Clitheroe.
Legendary sitcom about Lancashire's eternal cheeky schoolboy who lives with his Mother, sister and Grandad.
At its peak, ten million fans tuned in each week to hear Jimmy's latest scheme sparking havoc.
Written by James Casey and Frank Roscoe
The Kid Himself Jimmy Clitheroe
Mother Patricia Burke
Grandad Peter Sinclair
Susan Diana Day
Alfie Danny Ross
Theodore Craythorpe/Harry Whittle Leonard Williams
Other parts played by Brian Trueman
Theme music by Alan Roper and played by the BBC Northern Dance Orchestra directed by Alan Ainsworth.
Producer: James Casey
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1962.
SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (m001mtrj)

Series 9

The Police Drop In

Can the crew of HMS Troutbridge fulfil a request to assist with a police matter?

Stars 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 Caldicot

Heather Heather Chasen

Chief Detective Inspector Sharpe Ronnie Barker

The Padre Michael Bates

Taffy Goldstein Tenniel Evans

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

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1967.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09483jp)

Glastonbury Music Makers 2023

Debbie Harry

Singer and punk icon Debbie Harry shares her castaway choices with Kirsty Young.

Her group Blondie started out in seedy New York bars and went on to achieve international success - selling tens of millions of albums along the way. She was ultra cool - a striking beauty with platinum hair and a sneer.

Her trademark look continues to serve her well. Debbie says:

"As far as ageing goes it's rough - I try my best - I'm healthy and I exercise like a fiend. I'm glad that I've had all the radical experiences in my life - it suits me."

DISC ONE: Heavy Cross - Gossip

DISC TWO: Strange Fruit - Nina Simone

DISC THREE: Merry-making at My Place - Calvin Harris

DISC FOUR: White Light/White Heat - The Velvet

Underground

DISC FIVE: When I Grow Up - Fever Ray

DISC SIX: La Passarella - Nino Rota

DISC SEVEN: Talk to Me - Peaches

DISC EIGHT: Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 5 in C sharp

minor - 4th movement (Adagietto) - Berlin Philharmonic

Orchestra conducted by Sir Simon Rattle

BOOK CHOICE: War and Peace - Leo Tolstoy

LUXURY CHOICE: Paints and paper

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Gustav Mahler's Symphony No.

5 in C sharp minor - 4th movement (Adagietto) - Berlin

Philharmonic Orchestra

Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0012h9p)

Series 1

Platypus

Along the soft, muddy river banks of New South Wales, the female duck-billed platypus makes a burrow to raise her family. Not only is this the strangest of creatures, it is also one of the most tricky to film.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

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SUN 22:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b095rs01)

Series 2

Birmingham

Tim Vine travels the length and breadth of this fair land to uncover the best stories of the Great British public.

And of course he takes every possible opportunity to tell a ridiculous joke and sing a preposterous song along the way.

Tim takes his Chat Show wagon to Birmingham to play Shreddy Steady Go, Next of Kim and Counting Sheep.

Producer Richard Morris

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

SUN 22:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01s8cp3)

Series 2

George and Louise

Isy Suttie recounts the tale of George and Louise, set against the backdrop of the Matlock Ceilidh over Christmas and New Year 2014.

Another love story, told partly through song.

Sometimes Isy has merely observed the lives of others; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse.

Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from her own, often disastrous, love life.

With her award-winning multi-character and vocal skills, and accompanied by her guitar, Isy creates a hilarious and deeply moving world, sharing with us her lessons in life and love.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

SUN 23:00 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nsqw)

Series 1

Episode 2

John Humphrys gives 28 performers 60 seconds to entertain an audience:

Justin Edwards

Alfie Joey

The Trap

Jo Enright

Dave Johns

Jim Jeffries

Joanna Neary

Danny Robins

Scott Capurro

Roger McGough

Toby Hadoke & John Warburton

Martin Hutton

Gary Le Strange

Debra-Jane Appleby

James Bachman

Steve Hughes.

Dan Antopolski

Sarah Millican

Patrick Monahan

Michael Redmond

Alan Cochrane.

Derek upon Tweed

Jayne Tunnicliffe

Glenn Wool

Kevin Day

Adam Bloom

Richard Herring

Slaughterhouse Live

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

SUN 23:30 Brian Appletton's History of Rock 'n' Roll (b00fw5m7)

A Lot of Knowledge

The forgotten Thompson Twin reveals why rock 'n' roll can be a cruel mistress.

Set in a fictitious college of further education in the 'Newcastle-under-Lyme area'.

Series of comic lectures, written and performed by Graham

Fellows

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

SUN 23:45 Self-Storage (b00ft621)

Series 2

Episode 6

Dave has finally found a new place to stay - but can he go through with it?

Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.

Sitcom written by Tom Collinson about a man living in a storage unit.

Dave Reece Shearsmith

Geoff Mark Heap

Ron Tom Goodman-Hill

Judy Rosie Cavaliero

Sarah Susan Earl

Dad Philip Jackson

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

MONDAY 12 JUNE 2023

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001mtqn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (Omnibus) (m001mtqv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001mtr3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon (Omnibus) (m001mtr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 The Clitheroe Kid (m001mtrd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (m001mtrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b09483jp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0012h9p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076pv1)

1. Changes

A beautiful and wealthy Australian girl marries into the English Aristocracy, but the traditional order is changing.

Lucinda Brayford faces many challenges ahead...

Starring Juliet Aubrey.

Australian author Martin Boyd's novel was first published in 1946.

Dramatised in three parts by Elspeth Sandys.

Lucinda Juliet Aubrey

Hugo Jonathan Firth

Julie Angela Pleasence

Fred James Laurence

Lydia Abigail McKern

Lady Wendale Eleanor Bron

Marian Penelope Wilton

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

MON 06:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007jsrw)

5. The Empty Quarter

As his quest continues, lawyer George Grant is led into an inhospitable desert - and into the heart of a long-standing conflict.

Starring Tim Munro.

Arabian adventure based on Hammond Innes' 1960 novel.

Dramatised by Rene Basilio.

George Grant Tim Munro

Colonel Whittaker Bernard Horsfall

Prince Khalid Raad Rawi

Salim George Masri

David Whittaker Christopher Guard

Hamid Mamdouh Ashour

Ali Ali Refaie

Boy Yasmin Abdul Rahman

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1984.

MON 06:30 Destination - Fire! (m000xxx1)

Series 3

9. Fire Proof

Fire Investigator 'Q' Barnaby finds a link between a cottage fire and a suspicious death elsewhere.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Philip Levine's adventures of fire investigating sleuth, Quentin 'Q' Barnaby.

Selection of surviving episodes rescued from the BBC archive.

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Valerie Chrane Gudrun Ure

Inspector Hackett Duncan McIntyre

Mrs Craig Beatrice Kane

Mrs Reed Vera Lennox

Alan Craig Tim Seely

Fire-Officer Thomas Nigel Graham

Sgt Collins Hamlyn Benson

Pearson Henry Stampfer

Police Operator Gordon Gardner

Director: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.

MON 07:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yb61g)

6. Paris!

In order to be published, Anna's father transfers to Paris.

Classic novel set in 1933, following Adolf Hitler's election campaign.

Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story is read by Rosemary Leach.

This is the story of nine-year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's attempt to escape from the Nazis.

Abridged in ten parts by Elizabeth Bradbury.

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in February 1991.

MON 07:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03nt7cz)

1. Restless

London, 1958. 'I swore by Elvis and all the saints that this last teenage year of mine was going to be a real rave.'

The 18-year-old narrator of Colin MacInnes's cult classic is determined to declare his independence from earlier generations as he roams London with his camera and a sharp eye for the stylish and the subversive.

In the smoky jazz clubs of Soho, the coffee bars of Notting Hill and the cheap rooms of Pimlico, the young and the restless - the

absolute beginners - are revolutionising youth culture and forging a new carefree lifestyle of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Meanwhile the Teddy Boy gangs are staging interecine battles and a generation of Black immigrants is struggling to make a life in a hostile city.

The definitive account of London life in the 1950s and what it means to be a teenager, this account of a young man's coming of age captures the spirit of a generation and the changing face of the city in the era of the first race riots and the lead-up to the Swinging Sixties.

Read by Joel MacCormack.

Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

MON 07:30 Man at the Helm (b07wt9e4)

Episode 1

Nina Stibbe's comic novel set in 1970s Leicestershire about the madcap schemes of three kids to cheer up their recently divorced mum Elizabeth.

Struggling to cope, she's taken to drinking and compulsive playwrighting – neither of which impresses villagers already deeply suspicious of an attractive divorcee.

Top of the kids' list is to find her a new man in the hope that it will appease the hostile locals.

Adapted in four-parts by Amanda Whittington.

Lizzie Eloise Webb

Amy Fern Deacon

Little Jack Ben Barker

Elizabeth Amanda Hale

Mr Lomax Jason Barnett

Dad James Lailey

Mrs Longlady Elizabeth Bennett

Mrs Worth Adie Allen

Director: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

MON 08:00 Round the Horne (b007jpsm)

Series 4

Episode 15

Crofter Kenneth Horne meets Bona Prince Charlie, Rambling Syd Rumpo sings of artefacts - and bona advertising Julian and Sandy-style.

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 June 1968.

MON 08:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jw0s)

Series 3

Episode 3

An American TV evangelist creates waves, and ad man Ken causes a surprise.

Starring Martin Jarvis.

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

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

Sandy Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

Ambrose Paul Jesson

April Shelley Thompson

Mr Cheater James Griffiths

Larry Childs William Hootkins

Loretta-Jane Duff Toni Coyne

With:

Miriam Margolyes

John Shrapne

David Tate

Sally Grace

Enn Reitel

Anton Rogers

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b01c7wx4)

Series 15

HG Wells

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

Team captains John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks, are joined by journalist and critic, Alex Clark and comedy writer, John O'Farrell.

Author of the week is one of the father's of science-fiction and creator of such famous works as "The Time Machine" and "War of the Worlds", HG Wells.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

MON 09:30 Snap (b00tr82j)

Series 1

Episode 2

After their split, Molly and Doug are determined to prove they can have a life without each other.

And maybe they would, if it wasn't for Doug's elderly mum misbehaving...

Starring Rebecca Lacey and Paul Venables.

Paul Mendelson's sitcom about life for a couple after they've split.

Molly Rebecca Lacey

Doug Paul Venables

Kaz Soumaya Keynes

Ryan Jessie Sullivan

Scarlet Rebecca Front

Annie Marlene Sidaway

Raymond Jonathan Tafler

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

MON 10:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076pv1)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 12:30 Man at the Helm (b07wt9e4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Round the Horne (b007jpsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jw0s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 The Write Stuff (b01c7wx4)

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MON 14:30 Snap (b00tr82j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

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MON 17:30 Man at the Helm (b07wt9e4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Round the Horne (b007jpsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007jw0s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 The Write Stuff (b01c7wx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Snap (b00tr82j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 Radiolab (m0010pfv)

Series 8

Staph and Gamma

Radiolab explores the incredible stories of two seemingly simple scientific discoveries.

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity.

Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

Jad Abumrad, Robert Krulwich and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.

From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2021.

MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (b06wf71c)

Bob Harris

Broadcaster Bob Harris chooses 'Land of My Fathers', and 'Stand By Me', in two versions, by Ben E King and Playing for Change.

MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b03gvsxn)

Series 3

Robbie Williams (A-Side)

Robbie Williams discusses the 1997 hit 'Life Thru a Lens', his first post-Take That album.

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.

This is the A-side.

Robbie Williams is the UK's best-selling solo artist of all time. But when he released his debut solo album, "Life Thru A Lens", after leaving the all-conquering boyband, Take That, it was initially met with negative reviews and was slow to take off.

However, with songs like Ego A Go Go, Lazy Days, Let Me Entertain You and, of course, Angels, the album not only went on to spend more than 4 years in the charts and become the 58th best-selling album of all time, it also laid down the solid foundations for all that was to follow: nine further solo albums, seven number one singles and more BRIT awards than any other artist.

Here Robbie Williams talks candidly with John Wilson about the album that started it all and they are joined in the studio by the album's co-writer and producer, Guy Chambers as well as guitarist Gary Nuttall and a string quartet.

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 November 2013.

MON 21:30 Nightmare Town by Dashiell Hammett (b00sqf68)

1. Arizona

From the pen of one of America's best known crime writers, Dashiell Hammett, comes the sharp-edged Steve Threefall.

Arriving in desert boomtown, Izzard - Threefall discovers that all is not what it seems

Read by Stuart Milligan.

Abridged in four parts by Neville Teller.

Producer: Liz Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

MON 21:45 Faust (b00k2d8r)

1. A Meeting

The story of Faust has been at the heart of European literature and music for centuries.

Martin Jenkins' fable adaptation of a man selling his soul to the Devil, draws on old stories and new fears.

"Please allow me to introduce myself..."

The devil comes to town and meets Dr Faustus.

Mephistopheles Mark Gatiss

Faustus Julian Rhind-Tutt

Wagner Thom Tuck

A Devil Paul Mundell

Dramatised in five parts by Jonathan Holloway.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m001mlkc)

Series 29

Episode 2

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Lou Sanders, Phil Wang, Neil Delamere, and Kerry Godliman are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as beauty, tea, giraffes and dancing.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007jmql)

Series 1

Back to the Studio

The sketch show team take their audience on a trip to the cinema – but where are the all-star special guests?

Precision comedy written and performed by:

Tim Firth

Tim de Jongh

Michael Rutger

William Vandyck

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001mm13)

Series 111

Episode 7

Andy Zaltzman quizzes the week's news. Providing the answers, hopefully, are Ria Lina, Camilla Long, Ian Smith and Rosie Holt. On this series finale expect a prickly prince, some puzzling priorities, and a few prophetic pronouncements.

Written by Andy Zaltzman

With additional material by

Alice Fraser

Kate Dehnert

Mark Granger

and

Caroline Mabey

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 The Skivers (b0080rd1)

Series 2

Spike Milligan

Nick and Tim de Jongh welcome Spike Milligan to the last ever BBC Radio 4 show to be recorded at the famous BBC Paris Studios.

Located in Lower Regent Street, London, this was home to countless BBC shows from Round The Horne to Just A Minute - from 1946 to 1995.

Skilful sketch show written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.
With:
Peter Bradshaw
Mel Giedroyc
Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023

TUE 00:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076pv1)

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TUE 04:30 Snap (b00f82j)

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TUE 05:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076py9)

2. Arrival

After her society marriage, Lucinda arrives in England from Australia, but all is not as she expected.

Martin Boyd's novel about the challenges for wealthy Australian Lucinda Brayford who marries into English aristocracy.

Starring Juliet Aubrey.

Dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.

Lucinda Juliet Aubrey

Hugo Jonathan Firth

Julie Angela Pleasence

Marian Penelope Wilton

Paul Brayford Paul Rhys

Susannah Brayford Pamela Wise

Arthur Michael Cochrane

Pat Lanfranc Mark Straker

Tony Duff Matt Day

Watteau Miranda Barber

Bill Vane Nick Boulton

Mrs. Greene-James Joanna McCallum

Mrs. Galway Ndiidi Del Fatti

Driver Jason Chan

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

TUE 06:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007k372)

6. Jebel Al-Akhhbar

Politics and practicalities as the water supply is cut to force the Emir to negotiate - and a final confrontation.

Starring Tim Munro.

Conclusion of the Arabian adventure based on Hammond Innes' novel.

Dramatised by Rene Basilio.

George Grant Tim Munro

Colonel Whittaker Bernard Horsfall

David Whittaker Christopher Guard

Ruffin Robert Rietty

Colonel Goode Nicholas Courtney

Captain Chuck Berry David McAlister

Sergeant Rashid Adam Hussein

Yousif Ali Refaie

Trucial Oman Scout Mohammad Sultan

Abdul Zaid Emir of Hadd Renu Setna

Henry Grant Robert James

Betty Jill Lidstone

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1984.

TUE 06:30 Destination - Fire! (m000xrm6)

Series 3

11. The Sound of Fire

Fire Investigator 'Q' Barnaby probes an incident at a recording studio involving a pop singer.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Philip Levine's adventures of fire investigating sleuth, Quentin 'Q' Barnaby.

Selection of surviving episodes rescued from the BBC archive.

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Johnny Seton Nigel Graham

Dennis Mitchell Wilfred Babbage

Sue Weston Jane Wenham

Valerie Chrane Gudrun Ure

Mr Morgan James Thomason

Fire Officer Gilby Wilfrid Carter

Inspector Hackett Duncan McIntyre

Alec Groves Anthony Hall

Director: Martyn C Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.

TUE 07:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yc1rb)

7. Christmas Gingerbread

Having fled Germany, Anna and her family settle in Paris.

Classic novel set in 1933, following Adolf Hitler's election campaign.

Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical story is read by Rosemary Leach.

This is the story of nine-year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's attempt to escape from the Nazis.

Abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury.

Producer: Peter Hutchings

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in February 1991.

TUE 07:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q05ql)

2. Brewing

Mr Cool reports trouble brewing on the streets.

The Fabulous Hoptite brings news of a party at Dido Lament's and Suzette won't be persuaded out of her impending marriage.

London, 1958, and Colin MacInnes' teenage narrator and his young friends are making the city their own, from down-at-heel Notting Hill to the smoky jazz clubs of Soho and the fashion boutiques of Mayfair.

Read by Joel MacCormack.

Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

TUE 07:30 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

Series 1

Mount Kilimanjaro

After treatment for Ovarian and breast cancer Chippy, is mad Jill is sad and Terri is definitely dangerous to know! The road back after cancer treatment can be tricky and full of obstacles.

Two middle aged women and their younger friend seek to regain their zest for life and love by learning to dance at Bad Salsa, the club where everyone knows your name but no-one knows your prognosis!

Depictions of people with cancer on TV and radio too often follow a standard format; there is the diagnosis, the depression the chemo, then the false recovery followed by the tragic death.

Written by Kay Stonham, Bad Salsa tries to paint a picture at once more hopeful and more in line with survival rates which have improved immensely over the past 20 years.

For many, 'living with cancer' is now their day to day challenge. Our characters have finished their treatment and are in the process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." Everyday challenges must go on like boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents. But their brush with mortality gives them a new perspective.

So do they preserve their pre-cancer status quo or in Terri's words, to say "sod it all" and "go for it!"

Follow the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.

Chippy Sharon Rooney

Jill Natasha Little

Terri Camille Coduri

Marco Derek Elroy

Gordon Andrew Obeney

Elaine Ayesha Antoine

Georgie Emily Chase

Joel Joe Johnsey

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00f6gsn)

World War One

England and France are at war.

Eccles is at lunch.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1958.

TUE 08:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008zhz9)

Series 3

Episode 6

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel is collecting for 'charity' in a seasonal scam.

Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli.

Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Groucho Marx as Waldorf T. Flywheel Michael Roberts

Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli Frank Lazarus

With:

Lorelei King

Graham Hoadly

Vincent Marzello

Written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman.

Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

TUE 09:00 Who Goes There? (b0075z6w)

Series 4

Episode 5

Martin Young chairs the quiz which looks at the noteworthy and the notorious from history.

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego.

With guests:

Gyles Brandreth

Sheridan Morley

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

TUE 09:30 No Commitments (b016vn8c)

Series 9

Imaginary Friends

Victoria is keen to meet her daughter's new boyfriend.

But is he all that he seems?

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

Anna.....Rosemary Leach

Victoria.....Angela Thorne

Charlotte.....Felicity Montagu

Emily.....Lisa Coleman

Richard.....Jason Done

Paula.....Natalie Casey

Music by Elizabeth Parker.

Written and produced by Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in January 2003.

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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0013hq9)

Series 8

It Takes Time

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores alternatives to our era of instant gratification.

What can we learn when things can't be rushed?

First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b097m0y3)

Miranda Richardson

Actress Miranda Richardson chooses 'The Ying Tong' song by the Goons and 'A Meeting by the River' by Ry Cooder and Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.

TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b03h35tp)

Series 3

Robbie Williams (B-Side)

Following on from the A-side of this two-part programme, the audience questions Robbie Williams about his 1997 album, 'Life Thru a Lens', made after he left Take That.

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

Robbie Williams candidly responds to questions from the audience and performs live versions of some of the tracks from that debut solo album, as well as "Swings Both Ways"

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.

TUE 21:30 Nightmare Town by Dashiell Hammett (b00sqf6b)

2. Fear

An unsavoury reception committee drives Steve Threefall into the arms of the enigmatic Nova Vallance.

Why is she so afraid of the townspeople of Izzard?

From the pen of one of America's best known crime writers, Dashiell Hammett, comes the sharp-edged Steve Threefall.

Read by Stuart Milligan.

Abridged by Neville Teller.

Producer: Liz Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

TUE 21:45 Faust (b00k2lzm)

2. Wants and Needs

Faust wants sex.

Mephistopheles wants his signature.

Martin Jenkins' fable adaptation of a man selling his soul to the Devil, drawing on old stories and new fears.

Mephistopheles Mark Gatiss

Faustus Julian Rhind-Tutt

Wagner Thom Tuck

Dramatised by Jonathan Holloway.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

TUE 22:00 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m001mls4)

Series 2

3. Friendship

Comedian and computer scientist Olga Koch returns for a second series of her comedy and STEM stand up show, joined by her trusty digital assistant ALGO (voiced by Tia Kofi). This week, friendships are put to the test as the pair try to understand what friendship actually means.

Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin

Featuring Tia Kofi

Additional Material From Rajiv Karia, Cody Dahler and Kate Dehnert

Production Co-ordinator Katie Baum

Produced by Benjamin Sutton

A BBC Studios Production

TUE 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b03m7zn1)

Series 2

The Future

A trip to Wonderland, a poundland of magical realms.

This time, the Wunderlanders' thoughts turn to the future and all that it could bring.

Sketch show written by and starring Alice Lowe.

With:

Richard Glover

Simon Greenall

Rachel Stubbings

Clare Thompson

Marcia Warren

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

TUE 23:00 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b00zt22n)

Series 1

Episode 4

Funny, off-beat but true account of the history of space flight.

* Will humanity ever make it to the stars?

* Time travel, parallel universes and faster than light travel.

* Have aliens ever made it here? If so, were they tempted to use their vastly superior intelligence to really clean up in pub quizzes?

Starring:

Helen Keen

Peter Serafinowicz

Susy Kane

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

TUE 23:15 Paperback Hell (m000p7cb)

Series 3

Deadline: News

Six chapters, by six different authors.

All of them imaginary. All of them straight out of the bestseller charts.

None of them very good.

This time: the exciting world of the BBC foreign correspondent, as John Thomas reads from his autobiography: Deadline: News.

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Starring:

Michael Fenton Stevens

Rebecca Front

Mel Hudson

Alex Lowe

Dan Tetsell

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007jm3k)

Series 1

Moore and Burmans

Ailing high street retailer Moore and Burman desperately needs help.

They must be desperate to enlist the services of Unthinkable Solutions!

Ryan persuades them to go for a radical publicity campaign, Daisy facilitates his nervous breakdown and Sophie decides to take charge of her love life with some decisive action.

James Cary's award-winning sitcom about management consultants.

Ryan Packer Marcus Brigstocke

Sophie Stott Emma Kennedy

Daisy Catherine Shepherd

Timandra Olivia Colman

Clive Mark Heap

Brian Simon Godley

Boris Simon Greenall

Script associates: Paul Mayhew-Archer and Ed Drew.

Music by John Whitehall.

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2023

WED 00:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076py9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Doomed Oasis, by Hammond Innes (b007k372)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 Destination - Fire! (m000xrm6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yc1rb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q05ql)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b00f6gsn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:30 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008zh9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0075z6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 No Commitments (b016vn8c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076q1g)

3. Expectations

Badly injured Hugo has refused to divorce Lucinda, leaving her torn between what society expects of her and what her heart desires.

Conclusion of Martin Boyd's novel about the battles between wealthy Australian Lucinda and the English aristocracy.

Starring Juliet Aubrey.

Dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.

Lucinda Juliet Aubrey

Hugo Jonathan Firth

Paul Paul Rhys

Pat Mark Straker

Marian Penelope Wilton

Arthur Michael Cochrane

Lydia Abigail McKern

Fred James Laurensen

Julie Angela Pleasence

Bill Nick Boulton

Tony Matt Day

Watteau Miranda Barber

Mrs. Greene-James Joanna McCallum

Lord Fitzauccell Stephen Hogan

Stephen Robert Hastie

Muriel Helen Longworth

Heather Alex Tregear

Mrs. Galway Nididi Del Fatti

Stephen Pax Baldwin

Commanding Officer Hugh Dickson

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

WED 06:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b012y9b)

Series 1

1. London Pride

Police Constable George Dixon is showing new boy in blue,

Andy Crawford, the ropes on the beat of Dock Green in

London's East End.

Much to PC Crawford's surprise, Dixon is prepared to bend the

rules in order to arrest one of a gang of safebreakers.

Radio revival of BBC TV's famous copper created by Ted

Willis.

Dramatised from her TV screenplay by Sue Rodwell.

Starring David Calder and David Tennant.

Dixon of Dock Green's roots go back to 1950 film drama 'The

Blue Lamp' which ended with Dixon being shot dead. However,

Warner's role was resurrected for the BBC TV series running

from 1955 to 1976.

PC George Dixon David Calder

PC Andy Crawford David Tennant

Jack Judd Chris MacDonnell

Emmy Judd Avril Elgar

Lenny Judd Jacob Dylan

Agar Jonathan Tafler

Fred Jenkins Eddie Martin

Produced in Bristol by Jeremy Howe and Viv Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

WED 06:30 Destination - Fire! (m000xtpc)

Series 3

13. A Fire in Time

Fire investigator 'Q' Barnaby looks into a fire at a clothing

factory, when stock is water damaged. Stars Robert Beatty.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Philip Levine's adventures of fire investigating sleuth, Quentin

'Q' Barnaby.

Selection of surviving episodes rescued from the BBC archive.

'Q' Barnaby Robert Beatty

Valerie Chrane Gudrun Ure

Vickers Hector Ross

Chesney Noel Howlett

Diana James Jane Wenham

Pollard Henry Stamper

Osborne Bruce Beeby

Constable Taylor Anthony Jackson

Director: Martyn C. Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1966.

WED 07:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yc1rf)

8. Waiting

First published in 1971, Judith's semi-autobiographical story

tells the story of nine year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's

attempt to escape from the Nazis - passing through Switzerland

and France - before arriving in England in 1936.

Judith wrote it for her son to explain her own story of her

family fleeing Nazi Germany. Her father was a drama critic and

a distinguished writer whose books were burned by the Nazis.

The children settle in Paris, but begin to miss Berlin.

Read by Rosemary Leach

Abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury and produced by Peter

Hutchings.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

WED 07:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08hb)

3. Shocks

London, 1958: The teenage narrator of Colin MacInnes cult

classic sets about making some serious money in an attempt to

win back the love of his life, only to get a nasty shock.

There are more shocks to come when he has a warning visit

from Ed the Ted, and a worrying visit from Mr Cool.

Read by Joel MacCormack.

Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

WED 07:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b08jdz0k)

Series 2

The Prophecy

In medieval Scotland, a pair of soldiers fleeing their own

regiment, come face-to-face with a trio of witches on a desolate

moor.

One of them receives a prophecy that he will become King of

Scotland. It's a classic case of mistaken identity.

Comedy troupe Peepolus assume the roles of minor

characters in great works of fiction and derail the plot through

their hapless buffoonery.

Written by Richard Katz and John Nicholson.

Javier Javier Marzan

Macbeth John Dougall

Lady Macbeth Emma Fielding

Banquo John Nicholson

Duncan David Sterne

Witch Sanchia McCormack

Witch Chetna Pandya

Witch Nicola Ferguson

Messenger Nicholas Murchie

Soldier Finlay Robertson

Soldier David Sturzaker

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)

Series 4

Michelangelo 'Ancock

The lad takes up sculpting. But when he runs out of rocks, it's

Sid to the rescue.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Hattie

Jacques.

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 November

1956.

WED 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075p4w)

Series 3

Episode 5

Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue tackle stress and

honesty - plus an everyday problem for Miriam Stoops.

Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.

With Ronnie Ancona, Alistair McGowan, Roger Blake and Toby Longworth.

Written by Tim De Jongh from a format by Bill Dare.

Music by Mark Burton.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

WED 09:00 Nature Table (m000w146)

Series 2

Episode 5

Sue Perkins' 'Show & Tell' series celebrating the natural world and all its funny eccentricities.

Taking the simple format of a 'Show & Tell', each episode Sue is joined by celebrity guests from the worlds of comedy and natural history.

Each of the natural history guests brings an item linked to the wild world to share with the audience, be it an amazing fact or funny personal anecdote. Each item is a springboard for an enlightening and funny discussion, alongside fun games and challenges revealing more astonishing facts.

We also hear from some of the London Zoo audience, a mix of London Zoo staff and members of the public, as they bring us their own natural history 'show and tells' for Sue and the guests to discuss.

Nature Table has a simple clear brief: to positively celebrate and promote the importance of all our planet's wonderfully wild flora and fauna in a fun and easily grasped way... whilst at the same time having a giggle.

In this episode, Sue welcomes:

* Zoologist & wildlife presenter Martin Hughes-Games

* Deputy Director of Oxford Botanic Garden Dr. Chris Thorogood

* Comedian Felicity Ward

Written by Catherine Brinkworth, Kat Sadler and Jon Hunter

Producer Simon Nicholls.

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

WED 09:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076t5h)

Series 4

Ground Control to Major Derek

Wendy and Robin's new arrival and Derek's disturbing

experience - is there a connection?

Sitcom about the mundane lives of Robin and Wendy and their friends and neighbours.

Written by Kay Stonham.

Robin Brian Capron

Wendy Kay Stonham

Derek Martin Trenaman

Maureen Amelia Bullmore.

With Lucy Montgomery

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

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WED 12:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08hb)

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WED 12:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b08jdz0k)

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WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 13:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075p4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 14:00 Nature Table (m000w146)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 14:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076t5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 15:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076q1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

WED 16:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b012yv9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 16:30 Destination - Fire! (m000xtcp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 17:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yc1rf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08hb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

WED 17:30 A Trespasser's Guide to the Classics (b08jdz0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007m9f5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 18:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075p4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 19:00 Nature Table (m000w146)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 19:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076t5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m000nkz)

Play for Today

Alison Steadman celebrates Play for Today on BBC television.

The series ran from 1970 until 1984 and offered the audience hundreds of plays, many of which tackled the thorny issues of the day - industrial relations, the rise of the far right, poverty and consumerism. The series also included classics such as Abigail's Party and Nuts in May - which starred Alison Steadman and shone a perceptive light on suburban pretensions and preoccupations.

This archive-rich programme includes contributions from Mike Leigh and Ken Loach. We also talk to Margaret Matheson who produced Scum, the play about life in a borstal which was banned by the BBC; Paula Milne, one of the few women writers on the series; and Maureen Lipman, who was given an early acting role in Play for Today and whose late husband Jack

Rosenthal was responsible for Bar Mitzvah Boy and Spend, Spend, Spend, the tragic story of pools winner Vivien Nicholson.

The landscape of drama on the small screen has now expanded enormously with vast choice and an imperative to run any drama over several episodes. So is there still a place for the single-episode 'play'? Was there a beauty and a discipline in that which we have lost? We talk to today's very successful television dramatist Jack Thorne.

Presented by Alison Steadman

Produced by Michael Umney and Susan Marling

A Just Radio production in collaboration with the BFI, first broadcast in 2020.

WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b05pn672)

Series 7

Here Be Dragons

Josie Long hears stories of seeing double.

A baby monitor which opens up a terrifying world, an explorer who ventures into the unknown and a woman who longs to disappear into space.

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2015.

WED 21:30 Nightmare Town by Dashiell Hammett (b00ssnqz)

3. Threat

As Steve Threefall deliberates the piling up of crime and intrigue gripping the desert boomtown of Izzard, events take another sinister turn...

From the pen of one of America's best known crime writers, Dashiell Hammett, comes the sharp-edged Steve Threefall.

Read by Stuart Milligan.

Abridged in four parts by Neville Teller.

Producer: Liz Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 21:45 Faust (b00k2nk7)

3. Ruination

Faust gets a girl, Mephistopheles closes in and Gretchen's ruination is charted.

Martin Jenkins' fable adaptation of a man selling his soul to the Devil, drawing on old stories and new fears.

Mephistopheles Mark Gatiss

Faustus Julian Rhind-Tutt

Martha Pippa Haywood

Gretchen Jasmine Hyde

Valentin Paul Mundell

Adapted by Martin Jenkins and dramatised by Jonathan Holloway.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 22:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m001mlp)

Steph McGovern

Returning in its original one-to-one incarnation, Paul Merton interviews a variety of guests from the world of comedy and entertainment to find out what they would send to Room 101.

In this episode, Steph McGovern tells Paul her pet hates include political vox pops and confusing toilet signs.

Additional material John Irwin and Suki Webster

Produced by Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4

WED 22:30 Tim FitzHigham: The Gambler (b03zwx0q)

Series 1

Episode 1

Tim recreates Sir John Throckmorton's 1811 attempt to have a coat made from scratch - going from the sheep's back to his own back in a single day.

Award-winning comedian-author-adventurer Tim FitzHigham recreates a series of bizarre bets from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Written by and starring Tim FitzHigham.

Additional material by Jon Hunter & Paul Byrne, and literal material from the Derbyshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers.

Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001mtvh)

Thanyia Moore 1/2

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Jon Holmes speaks to excellent stand-up Thanyia Moore.

WED 23:00 The Sofa of Time (b00hy949)

Night of the Sexicle

Things hot up as Raamen Bod calls upon the services of

Morpheea, the sexiest assassin in Gravyr.

Tragedy befalls the village of Klausbergen, while Milford and Parker discover that cab drivers are the same wherever you go.

Continuing the epic and timeless tale of two men and their quest to find "The Sofa of Time", the most magical and powerful item of furniture in the entire universe.

It is said that those who sit on the sofa can be transported to anywhere and anytime.

Fantasy sitcom written by Nick Frost and Matt King.

Milford Matt King

Parker Nick Frost

Marmite Mark Heap

Raamen Bod Peter Serafinowicz

With Kevin Eldon, Julia Deakin, Janei Anderson, Daisy Jones,

Andrew Maxwell and Simon Pegg.

Producer: Mario Stylianides

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

WED 23:30 The Mel and Sue Thing (b0076b3z)

Episode 5

Virginia Wade and Tim Henman talk politics, Sweet Fanny Adams talks, well, sweetly, and Lovejoy and Bergerac talk nonsense.

Plus the penultimate episode of Jane Austen's lost novella, Sweet Fanny Adams, still cruelly ignored by the critics as a work of minor importance

More mayhem from Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins.

With Paul Chahidi

Written by Mel Giedroyc and Sue Perkins.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

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THU 04:00 Nature Table (m000w146)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076t5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Laurie Lee - Cider with Rosie (b0075qkb)

1. A Village Life

Tim McNerny plays Laurie Lee and Niamh Cusack his mother, Annie, in this production recorded on location in and around the Slad valley.

In the first of two episodes dramatised by Nick Darke, the Lee family arrive in their new home.

Laurie.....Tim McNerny

Mother.....Niamh Cusack

Young Loll.....Sunny Leworthy

Phyllis.....Jennifer Compton

Harold.....Paul Currier

Marge.....Lisa Kay

Doth.....Briony Florde

Jack.....Daniel Clifford

Tony.....Jed Blacklock

Crabby.....June Barrie

Granny Trill.....Constance Chapman

Granny Wallon.....Val Lorraine

Fred Bates.....Chris Grimes

Uncle Ray/Deserter.....David Goodland

Miss Flynn.....Laura Strachan

Spadge Hopkins.....James Lawton

Lol's school friends were played by the pupils of Rodborough Primary and Archway schools in Stroud

Music arranged and played by Paul Burgess

Directed by Viv Beby and Jeremy Howe

A BBC Bristol production first broadcast on Radio 4 in April 1998.

THU 06:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b013216n)

Series 1

2. Needle in a Haystack

A baby's life is in danger when some pep pills go missing and George Dixon causes a stir at home when he offers PC Crawford the spare room...

Radio revival of BBC TV's famous copper starring David Calder as PC George Dixon and David Tennant as Andy Crawford.

Dixon of Dock Green's roots go back to 1950 film drama 'The Blue Lamp' which ended with Dixon being shot dead. However, Warner's role was resurrected for the BBC TV series running from 1955 to 1976.

PC George Dixon David Calder

PC Andy Crawford David Tennant
 Archie Jonah Cook
 Billy Monks Michael Carolan
 Mary Dixon Charlie Brooks
 Nancy Harris Carol MacReady
 Mrs Monks Kate Byers
 Written by Ted Willis. Dramatised from his TV screenplay by Sue Rodwell.
 Produced in Bristol by Viv Beeby and Jeremy Howe.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.
THU 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007vh5j)
 Dead Man's Folly
 1. The Call
 Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot gets an urgent telephone call from his old friend, the distinguished crime writer Ariadne Oliver.
 She's asking for his help - so he knows she means business...
 Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot
 Dramatised in four parts by Michael Bakewell.
 Poirot John Moffatt
 Ariadne Julia McKenzie
 Sir George Michael Cochrane
 Lady Stubbs Amanda Waring
 Mrs Folliat Rosalind Knight
 Miss Brewis Liza Sadovy
 Marlene Nicola Holmes
 Merdell Trevor Cuthbertson
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.
THU 07:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yjobs)
 9. Depression
 First published in 1971, Judith's semi-autobiographical story tells the story of nine year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's attempt to escape from the Nazis - passing through Switzerland and France - before arriving in England in 1936.
 Judith wrote it for her son to explain her own story of her family fleeing Nazi Germany. Her father was a drama critic and a distinguished writer whose books were burned by the Nazis.
 In Paris, Anna's family is affected by the Depression.
 Read by Rosemary Leach
 Abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury and produced by Peter Hutchings.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.
THU 07:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08z6)
 4. Wooing
 London, 1958: The teenage narrator of Colin MacInnes' cult classic is still shocked by Suzette's marriage to Henley. Determined to try and woo her back, he takes the opportunity of a boat trip up the Thames with his dad to pay her a visit.
 Read by Joel MacCormack.
 Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
THU 07:30 On the Rocks (b05wq1bl)
 Series 2
 Swimming
 War is looming and Ben still isn't getting anywhere with Morwenna-May.
 Christopher William Hill's comedy set on a remote island of the Isles of Scilly, just before the Second World War.
 Frank Gunwallow Joseph Kloska
 Tommy Trenear Stuart Fox
 Father Tregarthan Peter Marinker
 Ben Trenear Alex Palmer
 Len Oliver Ed Gaughan
 Morwenna-May Alex Tregear
 Pender Christopher William Hill
 Director: Mary Peate
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2015.
THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)
 Series 1
 Museum Piece
 The determination of Captain Mainwaring and his Home Guard platoon to fight to the last man is marred only by one small detail - a total lack of weapons.
 The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
 Captain Mainwaring Alex Lowe
 Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
 Private Fraser John Laurie
 Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
 Private Walker James Beck
 Private Pike Ian Lavender
 George Jones Eric Woodburn
 Announcer John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.
THU 08:30 Kalangadog Junction (b09ckrh5)
 Episode 3
 1956: It's a big week in the junction as everyone prepares to go to the movies, and the Australian town witnesses a version of On the Waterfront unlike any other...
 Six-part comedy drama series by Moya O'Shea.
 Jane Caroline Quentin
 Thomas John Duttine

Jimmy Niall Ashdown
 Pete Toby Longworth
 Len Brian Bowles
 Madge Joanna Monro
 Milly Julie Gibbs
 Phoebe June Whitfield
 Gaylene Moya O'Shea
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.
THU 09:00 Jest a Minute (b012rys1)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Rhod Gilbert hosts the panel game about the serious business of comedy.
 From the Comedy Store.
 With:
 Justin Moorhouse
 Roger Monkhouse
 Chris Corcoran
 Kirsten O'Brien
 Producer: Paul Forde
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in September 2006.
THU 09:30 Clare in the Community (b00sx2ql)
 Series 6
 The Crush
 Clare decides to focus on her son, sparking a chance meeting at Toddler Tunes that could change the course of her life.
 Meanwhile, Brian's admiration for Nali grows when she visits his school and tames Year 9. All this plus Clare and Libby both interview for the Team Leader post.
 Clare Barker is the self-absorbed social worker who has the right jargon for every problem she comes across, though never a practical solution. But there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
 Clare Sally Phillips
 Brian Alex Lowe
 Ray Richard Lumsden
 Helen Liza Tarbuck
 Megan Nina Conti
 Libby Jess Robinson
 Clerk Alex Tregear
 Howard Paterson Joseph
 Other parts played by the cast.
 Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2010.
THU 10:00 Laurie Lee - Cider with Rosie (b0075qkb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
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THU 17:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08z6)
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THU 17:30 On the Rocks (b05wq1bl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 18:30 Kalangadog Junction (b09ckrh5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 19:00 Jest a Minute (b012rys1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 19:30 Clare in the Community (b00sx2ql)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 20:00 Laura Barton's American Road Trip (m000c54q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
THU 21:00 Great Lives (b008fwlc)
 Thora Hird
 Impressionist Jan Ravens chooses the award-winning actress, Dame Thora Hird.
 Biographer Morris Bright and Thora's daughter Janette Scott provide expert advice on an actress once described as the Queen

Mum of British stage and screen.
 Presenter: Matthew Parris
 Producer: Miles Warde
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
THU 21:30 Nightmare Town by Dashiell Hammett (b00svcgx)
 4. Danger
 Facing more danger and intrigue, can Steve Threefall finally unravel the town's dark mystery?
 From the pen of one of America's best known crime writers, Dashiell Hammett, comes the sharp-edged Steve Threefall. Concluded by Stuart Milligan.
 Abridged in four parts by Neville Teller.
 Producer: Liz Allard
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
THU 21:45 Faust (b00k2qmd)
 4. A Pregnancy
 Gretchen is pregnant with Faust's child, but the worst is yet to come.
 Martin Jenkins' fable adaptation of a man selling his soul to the Devil, drawing on old stories and new fears.
 Mephistopheles Mark Gatiss
 Faustus Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Martha Pippa Haywood
 Gretchen / Demon Jasmine Hyde
 Adapted by Martin Jenkins and dramatised by Jonathan Holloway.
 Producer: Tim Dee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
THU 22:00 Unite (m001mlvc)
 Series 2
 2. You Can Tin Can
 Rebecca is concerned that Gideon's lack of employment will scupper their chances of securing a mortgage, so when his first ever trip to a football match leads to him being befriended by a hooligan mortgage advisor called Spud, Gideon leaps upon his offer to forge some payslips - after they've had a "tear up" with the Wycombe Wanderers lot.
 Imogen is keen to do her bit in this cost of living crisis by launching her "You Can Tin Can" workshop at the local community centre, but the three attendees need some convincing about the benefits of cooking using only tinned food.
 Tony dreams of becoming a published author with his biography of a pioneering distant relative but should he be so smug that he wrote it without consulting the internet?
 A welcome return for the hugely popular and critically-acclaimed sitcom starring Radio 4 favourite Mark Steel (Mark Steel's in Town, The News Quiz), Claire Skinner (Outnumbered), Elliot Steel and Ivo Graham.
 When Tony (Mark Steel), a working class, left wing South Londoner, falls in love and marries Imogen (Claire Skinner), an upper middle class property developer, their sons - Croydon chancer Ashley (Elliot Steel) and supercilious Eton and Oxford-educated Gideon (Ivo Graham) - are forced to live under the same roof and behave like the brothers neither of them ever wanted.
 Cast:
 Tony - Mark Steel
 Imogen - Claire Skinner
 Ashley - Elliot Steel
 Gideon - Ivo Graham
 Rebecca - Ayesha Antoine
 Don - Curtis Walker
 Joyce - Llewella Gideon
 Spud - Andy Linden
 Nancy - Lily Hardy
 Steve - Dave Litchfield
 Written by Barry Castagnola, Ian Pearce and Elliot Steel (additional material from the cast)
 Executive Producer- Mario Stylianides
 Producer/Director- Barry Castagnola
 Sound recordist and Editor- Jerry Peal
 Broadcast Assistant - Sarah Tombling
 Assistant Producer - George O'Regan
 Production Assistant - David Litchfield
 A Golden Path and Rustle Up production for BBC Radio 4
THU 22:30 Colin Hout's Carnival of Monsters (b036mykr)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.
 Master character comedian Colin Hout's debut comedy series. Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as: Thwor - the mighty (but Leeds-based) god of Thwunder; Len Parker - Nottingham-born martial arts and transformers enthusiast; Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom'; and many more.
 Writers Guild Award-winner Colin Hout is best known for his highly acclaimed starring roles in 'Being Human', 'Life's Too Short', and 'Russell Howard's Good News', as well as his many hit shows at the Edinburgh Festival. He has also appeared and written for a number of Radio 4 series.
 Producer: Sam Bryant.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001mtz3)
 Thanya Moore 2/2

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Jon Holmes speaks to excellent stand-up Thanya Moore.

THU 23:00 Life on Egg (b087p3sm)

Series 1

Inspection

Harry Hill runs Britain's remotest prison, The Egg, along with his two assistants, Peter and Anne.

But escape rates have gotten out of control and so the government has decided to send two inspectors to look things over.

Will Harry and his team survive their strenuous checks? Find out in "Life on Egg".

Harry Harry Hill

Anne Karen Bartke

Peter Marek Larwood

Minister Alison Belbin

Tim Jason Forbes

Skulk Jason Forbes

Jones Dan Maier

Written by Dan Maier

Producer: Sam Michell

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

THU 23:15 Political Animals (b03mhw5D)

Series 2

Rex and Ron

President Ronald Reagan's dog, Rex, reveals that he shared his master's passion for acting.

Starring Michael Bertenshaw.

Series of talks giving an unreliable dog's eye view of Washington life in the White House.

Tony Bagley assists each canine to relate their trials and tribulations under four different Presidents.

Rex Michael Bertenshaw

West Wing Guy David Seddon

Director: Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

THU 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b007rq8g)

Series 2

Episode 6

A department store drama means the pathology team must work on Christmas Day.

Starring Peter Davison.

Laurence Howarth's black comedy set in the world of the pathology lab.

Dr Webster Peter Davison

Dr Anderson Matilda Ziegler

Professor Donaldson: Geoffrey Whitehead

Gordon Tom Price

Chloe Marianne Levy

Simon Gus Brown

Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

FRI 00:00 Laurie Lee - Cider with Rosie (b0075qkb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b013216n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Hercule Poirot (b007vh5j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yj0bs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08z6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 On the Rocks (b05wq1b1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 Kalangadog Junction (b09ckrh5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Jest a Minute (b012rys1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Clare in the Community (b00sx2ql)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Laurie Lee - Cider with Rosie (b00757rv)

2. Growing Up

Laurie Lee's autobiographical account of growing up in a Gloucestershire village just after the First World War.

Young Loll experiences his first taste of the adult world. Dramatised by Nick Darke

Laurie.....Tim McInnerny

Mother.....Niannah Cusack

Young Loll.....Sunny Leworthy

Rosie.....Emily Parrish

Phyllis.....Jennifer Compton

Harold.....Paul Currier

Marge.....Lisa Kay

Doth.....Briony Fforde

Jack.....Daniel Clifford

Tony.....Jed Blacklock

Vincent.....David Goodland

Major Doveton.....Bill Wallis

Vicar.....Paul Dodgson

Baroness Von Hohenburg.....June Barrie

Maurice.....Chris Grimes

Rosie.....Emily Parish

Jo.....Megan Melish

Lizzie Berkeley.....Laura Beckett

Waltz Carry.....Luke Glastonbury-Cole

Sixpence.....Buster Reece

Bony.....Alex Smith

Maid.....Leanne French

Extras played by the villagers of Slad and Rodborough

Music arranged and performed by Paul Burgess

Directed by Viv Beeby and Jeremy Howe

A BBC Bristol production first broadcast on Radio 4 in April 1998.

FRI 06:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b0133p12)

Series 1

3. Crawford's First Pinch

Some unsavoury postcards turn up on the Dock Green beat and the link to a recent spate of bicycle thefts makes PC Andy Crawford desperate to notch up his first arrest.

Radio revival of BBC TV's famous copper starring David Calder as PC George Dixon and David Tennant as Andy Crawford.

Dixon of Dock Green's roots go back to 1950 film drama 'The Blue Lamp' which ended with Dixon being shot dead. However, Warner's role was resurrected for the BBC TV series running from 1955 to 1976.

PC George Dixon David Calder

PC Andy Crawford David Tennant

Mary Dixon Charlie Brooks

Joe Cooney Tom McClane

Ned Cooney Michael Fenton Stevens

Hilda Cooney Rebecca Smart

Paul De Witt Christian Rodska

Written by Ted Willis. Dramatised from his TV screenplay by Sue Rodwell.

Produced in Bristol by Viv Beeby and Jeremy Howe.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

FRI 06:30 Hercule Poirot (b007vydf)

Dead Man's Folly

2. Murder Reality

Ariadne Oliver's worst fears have been realised and her murder game has become a reality.

The Belgian sleuth is deeply shocked by such a mindless act of cruelty and enthusiastically joins the local police with their investigations.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Poirot John Moffatt

Ariadne Julia McKenzie

Inspector Bland Simon Treves

Sir George Michael Cochrane

Miss Brewis Liza Sadovy

Etienne de Sousa Sam Dale

PC Hoskins Joseph Kloska

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

FRI 07:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yzj5s)

10. Hope

First published in 1971, Judith's semi-autobiographical story tells the story of nine year-old Jewish girl Anna and her family's attempt to escape from the Nazis - passing through Switzerland and France - before arriving in England in 1936.

Judith wrote it for her son to explain her own story of her family fleeing Nazi Germany. Her father was a drama critic and a distinguished writer whose books were burned by the Nazis.

The family have sad news from Berlin but hope from England. Read by Rosemary Leach

Abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury and produced by Peter Hutchings.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1991.

FRI 07:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08zt)

5. Violence

September, 1958: Racial tension is rising in parts of London. The teenage narrator of Colin MacInnes' cult classic finds himself caught up along with his friends in the violence that erupts on the streets of his home patch in Notting Hill.

As the fighting spreads, Suzette turns up at the Santa Lucia club, but then his brother Vernon arrives with bad news.

Read by Joel MacCormack.

Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

FRI 07:30 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000zmjl)

Worcestershire Royal Hospital

An innovative mix of comedy performance and documentary in a series presented by Dr Phil Hammond.

As a doctor and a comedian, Phil knows that humour and laughter are vital coping mechanisms in the NHS, as he travels the UK on a mission to listen to the beating heart of a national institution.

In each programme, Phil visits one NHS hospital somewhere in the UK and speaks to porters and patients, cleaners and cardiologists, visitors and volunteers, the managers and the medics. This time it's the Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

And at each location Dr Phil performs a free stand-up comedy show for the staff based on his listening experiences at that

location and the stories of the people he has met.

Producer: David Morley.

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2021.

FRI 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00shdzy)

Series 1

The Bonds That Bind Us

After a win on the premium bonds, Albert starts splashing the cash and brings home a young gold digger.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell as Albert, Harry H Corbett as Harold and Yootha Joyce as Madge.

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 was set in a house with a yard full of junk, featuring the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold and it was the spark for a run of 8 series for TV.

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

Produced by Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1966.

FRI 08:30 Charles Dickens (b00r66xt)

Sketches by Boz - Series 1

The Tuggses at Ramsgate

The Tuggs family live near London Bridge and run a grocers. But then they hear news of an inheritance and start to get grand ideas.

From a collection of comic tales by Charles Dickens.

Dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

Voice of Boz Nicholas Farrell

Mr Joseph Tuggs Christopher Hancock

Mrs Tuggs Frances Jester

Charlotte Tuggs Colleen Prendergast

Simon Tuggs Julian Rhind-Tutt

Captain Waters Sean Baker

Belinda Waters Tracy-Ann Oberman

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

FRI 09:00 Act Your Age (b010dqgb)

Series 3

Episode 5

Simon Mayo hosts the three-way battle between the comedy generations to find out which is the funniest.

Will it be the Up-and-Comers, the Current Crop or the Old Guard who will be crowned, for one week at least, as the Golden Age of Comedy?

Jon Richardson is joined by Carl Donnelly, Lucy Porter is paired with Justin Edwards and Tom O'Connor teams up with Norman Lovett.

Devised and produced by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

FRI 09:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)

Series 1

Episode 1

A couple of years ago brothers Nigel and Michael gave up respectable careers to set up a website-design company. That was their first mistake...

Starring Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard.

First of three comedy series by Caroline and David Stafford.

Nigel Adam Godley

Michael Raymond Coulthard

Oona Pauline McLynn

Zorro Pearce Quigley

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

FRI 10:00 Laurie Lee - Cider with Rosie (b00757rv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

FRI 11:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b0133p12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Hercule Poirot (b007vydf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yzj5s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 12:30 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000zmjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b00shdzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Charles Dickens (b00r66xt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Act Your Age (b010dqgb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Laurie Lee - Cider with Rosie (b00757rv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

FRI 16:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b0133p12)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Hercule Poirot (b007vydf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 17:00 When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr (b00yzj5s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:15 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes

(b03q08zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 17:30 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000zmj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b00shdzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Charles Dickens (b00r66xt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Act Your Age (b010dggb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Brothers (b007k4nx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Serendipity (b065sx6w)

Lacrimosa

26-year-old, Proinsias O'Coinn, has spent most of his life thinking that something is wrong with him.

Ever since he was a teenager, he's been trying to find a song, a film, a poem *any* piece of art which has the power to make him cry.

When friends would be moved to tears by a weepy film or a sad song, Proinsias would look on in envy, wishing it could happen to him. You see in his head, being able to cry at a piece of art would let him engage with it and appreciate it like everyone else.

He's come close on a few occasions. Like when Jean Grey kills Professor X in X-Men 3 - or when listening to the Adele song 'One and Only'. But it's the sheer joy at these moments - that this could be it, this could be the time he's finally able to cry - that actually stops the tears from coming. It's like the sneeze that comes tantalisingly close but just never happens.

So Proinsias is on a mission to finally find a piece of art that can make him cry. But as he embarks on this very personal challenge, he finds himself facing up to much bigger questions about himself and who he is.

Producer: Conor Garrett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015

FRI 20:30 A Good Read (b06kcbw6)

Philip Pullman and Caroline Criado-Perez

Author Philip Pullman, journalist Caroline Criado-Perez and Harriett Gilbert discuss their favourite books by Graham Greene, Tove Jansson and Alice Munro.

Sculptor's Daughter: A Childhood Memoir by Tove Jansson
 Publisher: Sort of Books

The Beggar Maid: Stories of Flo and Rose by Alice Munro
 Publisher: Vintage

The Quiet American by Graham Greene.
 Publisher: Vintage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000rcpf)

Series 17

The Mosquito Conundrum

The doctors put mosquitoes on trial, as listener Cathy in the UK asks, 'What is the point of mosquitoes?' in response to our show about wasps.

Mosquitoes have undeniably played a role in killing millions of people. Malaria is the single biggest cause of death in human history. But Erica McAlister, senior curator of flies and fleas at the UK's Natural History Museum, reveals that not all mosquitoes are interested in biting us for a blood meal, or are involved in transmitting disease. Only the females of about 10 species are the most problematic for humanity, from around 3600 true species of mosquito. Limited research indicates that many play important roles in ecosystems, for example as pollinators on land and as food sources during their larval stage in aquatic environments.

Nonetheless, those roughly 10 species cause devastating disease. Kate Jones' research at University College London examines the interface of ecology and human health. Malaria and dengue fever alone cause over 300 million infections annually. And there are many more diseases transmitted by mosquitoes: Zika, West Nile fever, Yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis – the list goes on, and with urbanisation and climate change, the picture is constantly changing.

So what can be done? Should we try to annihilate the disease-carrying species? Insecticide use has historic and ongoing controversy, as the difficulties of needing to stop deaths in the short term risks longer term environmental damage, with unforeseen and possibly greater consequences for humanity. So Adam turns to new, genetic technology with zoologist Matthew Cobb. Can and should we modify mosquitoes to wipe themselves out, by wrecking local populations with sterile males, or use a technique called a gene drive to perpetuate debilitation through generations? Or could life find a way to evolve past our attempts at control, and cause greater problems? The doctors deliberate and try to decide a verdict on mosquitoes' fate.

Presenters: Hannah Fry & Adam Rutherford

Producer: Jen Whyntie

A BBC Audio Science Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2021.

FRI 21:30 Colin Dexter Short Stories (b007lr7f)

The Double Crossing

A good first day for a certain detective named Lewis.

The creator of the inimitable Inspector Morse brings a fresh detective tale to the airwaves.

Colin Dexter reads his own story.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

FRI 21:45 Faust (m001mty3)

5. Wishes and Boredom

Faust becomes bored by years of wish fulfilment.

Martin Jenkins' fable adaptation of a man selling his soul to the Devil, drawing on old stories and new fears.

Mephistopheles Mark Gatiss

Faustus Julian Rhind-Tutt

Wagner Thom Tuck

Adapted by Martin Jenkins and dramatised by Jonathan

Holloway.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

FRI 22:00 Ashley Blaker: 6.5 Children (m000xv7s)

Opt to Adopt

New comedy from stand-up comedian Ashley Blaker about his unusual home life. In episode two, Ashley tells the story of how the Blakers came to add to their already hectic home by adopting a two-year-old girl with Down Syndrome.

Ashley Blaker: 6.5 Children is a mix of stand-up and observational documentary, all recorded in the Blakers' unusual home with the voices of his real family, and tackling parenting, adoption and raising children with special needs.

The series brings a whole new perspective to the subject of parenting. That is because as parents of six children, Ashley and his wife Gemma are trying to raise a family in a world that is only really set up for having two. What's more, the Blakers' children are not just any kids. Three have special needs – two autistic boys and an adopted girl with Down Syndrome – and Ashley Blaker: 6.5 Children sensitively finds the funny in both raising children with disabilities and adoption.

The series is written and performed by Ashley Blaker - a comedian who has performed on five continents including tours of the UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Israel and Australia. His 2018 Off-Broadway run was called 'a slickly funny stand-up show' by the New York Times and, in 2020, he returned with Goy Friendly which ran at the prestigious SoHo Playhouse.

Ashley is joined by Shelley Blond (Peep Show, Cold Feet and the voice of Lara Croft in Tomb Raider), Kieran Hodgson (three-time Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee), Rosie Holt (online lockdown star with countless viral videos) and Judith Jacob (EastEnders, The Real McCoy, Still Open All Hours). Also appearing as themselves are Ashley's own children: Ami (17), Ophie (15), Simi (13), Soro (12), Sruly (11) and Bina (7).

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 DMs Are Open (m001mty5)

Series 2

5. Putting The Work In

Hosts Ali Official and Athena Kugblenu are joined by Steffan Alun, Eleri Morgan and Mali Ann Rees, for an episode of the sketch show written by public submissions, this week recorded at the BBC Comedy Festival in Cardiff. Expect sketches, voicenotes and one-liners all written on the topic PUTTING THE WORK IN. We'll hear from the Novak Djokovic's real secret to tennis, a maverick cop with no fear of RSI, and when Old MacDonald gets a visit from the Inland Revenue.

Script Editors: Dan Kiss and Cameron Loxdale

Producer: Rajiv Karia

Assistant Producer: Caroline Barlow

Production Co-ordinators: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Joshan Chana

A BBC Studio Production for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

FRI 23:00 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b05n17yz)

Series 3

Horror

This week Tim gets to the bottom of the concept of horror, by attempting to scare the wits out of his long-suffering musician, Tom Basden. And by reading poems. Last in the series.

Written and presented by Tim Key

With Tom Basden and Katy Wix

Produced by James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2015.

FRI 23:15 Knocker (b008j006)

Profitch

Market researcher Ian Dunn suffers a shocking epiphany.

Ian is hot. It's not a good day for a meat survey.

Six-part comedy series written by Neil Edmond

Stars Neil Edmond and Paula Wilcox.

Ian Dunn Neil Edmond

Mary Paula Wilcox

with Simon Greenall, Ben Onwukwe and Rosie Wilkinson.

Produced by Tilusha Ghelani

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2007.

FRI 23:30 Listen Against (b00f10gk)

Series 2

Episode 2

Time runs away in preparations for the switch-on of the BBC Collider - and the Greenwich time signal pips are still running rogue.

The show that prises the back off your radio, fiddles around with the programmes inside and then puts it all back together the wrong way round.

Starring:

Jon Holmes

Alice Arnold

Written by Jon Holmes, Sam Bryant, Bill Dare, Jason Hazeley,

Joel Morris and Luke Roberts

Producers: Sam Bryant and Jon Holmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.