

SATURDAY 15 JULY 2023

SAT 00:00 OK Computer (b01n6sk7)

Originally written to mark the 10th anniversary of the release of Radiohead's ground-breaking 1997 album.

An unidentified man wakes up in a Berlin hospital. He has no memory of who he is, or where he comes from. Once the details of his life are recovered he is repatriated to Britain and to his former life.

But he is haunted by the suspicion that this is not his real life at all.

Starring Tom Brooke.

Written by Joel Horwood, Chris Perkins, Al Smith and Chris Thorpe.

Paul Tom Brooke

Sarah Liz White

Helen Federay Holmes

Owen Pieter Lawman

Boss Chris Thorpe

Sound design by Gareth Fry.

Producer: Lu Kemp

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

SAT 01:00 Caroline Gawn - Fraud (b0076cpm)

A daring, amoral female crook pits her wits against a top policeman stuck in an unhappy marriage. Romantic intrigue is inevitable.

Starring Philip Glenister and Angela Wynter.

Caroline Gawn's entertaining, stylish detective story, with a definite twist.

Faulkes.....Philip Glenister

Jean Mallory.....Angela Wynter

Williams.....Ken Bradshaw

Rodriguez/Ken Restal.....Russell Dixon

Stephens/Diane.....Christine Brennan

Jack Cooper.....Toby Hadoke

Producer: Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003

SAT 02:00 Paul Temple (b007k0cx)

Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery

5. The House of Bahri

The suave sleuth acts on wife Steve's hunch - and ends up meeting a ghost

Recreation of the 1947 vintage crime serial.

Starring Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Miss Fraser Eliza Langland

Victor Armstrong Michael MacKenzie

Harold Darwin Richard Greenwood

Colonel Marquand/Zoltan Bahri Angus MacInnes

Olaf Schreider Nick Underwood

Signor Rossette Greg Powrie

Patrick Quinn/Monsieur Flambert Gareth Thomas

Sidney Jeans Wendy Seager

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

SAT 02:30 The Waiting Game (m001nn81)

6. The Last Run

Will Tom finally discover who is the mastermind behind the smuggling gang?

Starring Keith Buckley and Tom Harrison.

Conclusion of Margaret Potter's serial set in the early 19th century on the Lancashire coast.

Tom Naismith Keith Buckley

William Fell Robert Wallace

Captain Fielding Ronald Harvi

Mr Hammond Geoffrey Banks

Lanty Bert Parnaby

Brack Henry Livings

Jem' Roy Minton

Sir Geoffrey Banner Norman Shelley

Sophia, his ward Judith Bradshaw

John Raby Tom Harrison

Mrs Stephens Ella Atkinson

Metcalf Jim Wiggins

Manservant / A Rider.... John Daglish

Producer: Trevor Hill

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1965.

SAT 03:00 The Golden Thread (m0000scz)

5. Space and Swimming Suits

Discover the surprising expertise behind Neil Armstrong's space suit and the technological developments that have allowed records to be smashed in swimming events.

Kassia St Clair concludes her survey of the fabrics that have shaped our world.

Abridged by Laurence Wareing.

Read by Francesca Dymond.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018

SAT 03:15 Blood and Milk by Gregory Evans (b07qc3g7)

Series 1

10. The Offer

Things come to a head as Meg makes an offer to wealthy Iolo Jones and Annie confronts creepy Madog Prys.

Conclusion of the first thrilling series set in 1890s Whitechapel, London.

Megan Evans Bettrys Jones

Luc Evans Trystan Gravelle

Samuel Singer David Horovitch

Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe

Annie Riley Alice Haig

Written by Gregory Evans.

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.

SAT 03:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000014z)

Series 3

4. Because She's Worth It

Work at Hardacre's advertising agency is brought to a standstill when Teddy becomes obsessed with a series of literary thrillers – the continuing adventures of John Soldier in titles such as Kill And Let Die and The Deathman Cometh.

Soon he has Joe and Amanda hooked on them as well, and all work is put on hold as the team obsess over the most exciting books they've ever read.

Meanwhile, Hardacre receives a visit from old flame Laurie, and finds himself caught in a battle for her affections with a wholly unexpected opponent.

Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom.

Hardacre Nigel Havers

Joe Mathew Baynton

Amanda Josie Lawrence

Teddy Rasmus Hardiker

Laura Olivia Nixon

Laurie Patterson Frances Barber

Book Launch Host Edward Rowett

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.

SAT 04:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jz94)

Series 3

The Flat

Author Gerald and his wife Diana's holiday abroad is far from relaxing.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author who's married to a more successful writer.

Starring Ian Carmichael and Charlotte Mitchell.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Gerald C Potter Ian Carmichael

Diana Potter Charlotte Mitchell

Other parts played by:

Michael McClain

Fiona Mathieson

Garard Green.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

SAT 04:30 Charles Dickens (b00rv56t)

Sketches by Boz - Series 1

Mr Watkins Tottle

When a shy, middle-aged bachelor meets the woman of his dreams, can there really be a happy ending?

From a collection of comic tales by Charles Dickens.

Dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

The Voice of Boz Nicholas Farrell

Mr Watkins Tottle David Collings

Mr Gabriel Parsons John Hartley

Mrs Fanny Parsons Jenny Howe

Miss Lillerton Patience Tomlinson

The Reverend Mr Timson Christopher Scott

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

SAT 05:00 Genius (b00brvcm)

Series 1

Neil Innes

From bunk chairs to helium-filled bubble wrap.

Dave Gorman asks musical comedian Neil Innes to select the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

SAT 05:30 Bleak Expectations (b01nxt2d)

Series 5

A Pleasant Yet Dull Life Re-Evilled

Pip Bin is beginning to miss the conflict with his absent evil nemesis Mr Gently Benevolent.

Then he receives an intriguing invitation to a house party with Britain's poshest man, the Baron-Viscount-Marqu-earl-et-the Lord-DukeY Clampvulture of Too-Many Titles.

But one of the other guests may not be all he seems....

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

Clampvulture Geoffrey Whitehead

Ripely Sarah Hadland

Pippa Susy Kane

General Kartoffel-Kopf Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

SAT 06:00 O'Rourke's First Case (m001ns6v)

John O'Rourke is made redundant at 40.

So he applies to the Enterprise Allowance Board in Liverpool for a £40-a-week grant to set up in business as a Private Detective.

In no time at all he is caught up in the world of modern art, drug dealing and shoot outs on container ships.

Starring Ken Cumberlandidge.

Crime thriller written by Vincent McInerney.

John Ken Cumberlandidge

Mr O'Rourke Richard Tate

Chris Maureen O'Brien

Inspector Crust James Ellis

Curly Dominic Rickhards

Mrs Rate June Barrie

Ronnie Rate Eric Allen

Bogger David Goudge

Minty Bill Monks

Charlie Jonathan Nibbs

The Captain Christian Rodska

Bar Person Ian Targett

Scratcher David Learner

Operator Maryon Ellor

Director: Shaun McLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

SAT 07:30 Adrian Mole and The Weapons of Mass Destruction (Omnibus) (m0004ijt)

Episode 2

New Year's Day, 2003: A hangover is the least of Adrian's

problems on a day out with his new love.

The fifth book in our series of readings from Adrian's diaries, written by Sue Townsend.

It started in 2002 and covers the controversial period of the Iraq War.

Adrian is 34, working in a bookshop in Leicester and about to become the proud owner of a trendy loft apartment. His single status is about to change too, putting further strain on his already stretched finances. As war looms, Adrian is unwavering in his support for Prime Minister Tony Blair and military action, even though his eldest son Glenn is facing deployment to the Gulf.

Sue Townsend was born in Leicester in 1946. She left school at 15 and was a single parent with three young children by the age of 23. Like Adrian, she wrote in secret for many years, and acknowledged that they often shared the same views - Adrian "C'est moi," she once said.

First published in 1989, Adrian Mole's diaries were instant bestsellers and Adrian, the remarkably resilient underdog, quickly became a national treasure. While recording the experiences of one individual and showcasing Sue's fearless and razor sharp wit, the diaries also illustrate how socio-political matters of the time affected the lives of ordinary people.

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Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Sara Davies.

Read by Harry McEntire

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April

2019.

SAT 08:35 Inheritance Tracks (b0721811)

Jeff Lynne

ELO's Jeff Lynne chooses 'If I Loved You' from Carousel by Rodgers and Hammerstein and 'Only the Lonely' by Roy

Orbison.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx9)

10. Wicked Villain

"Are these or are these not my underpants?"

Will Roger Ditchley survive his court martial?

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

Bill Tidy and John Junkin's family saga - based on Tidy's Daily Mirror cartoon strip [1971-1985] parodying John Galsworthy's

'The Forsyte Saga' novels.

Rebecca Fosdyke Stephanie Turner

Josiah Fosdyke Philip Lowrie

Victoria Fosdyke Miriam Margolyes

Tom Fosdyke David Threlfall

Albert Fosdyke Enn Reitel

Roger Ditchley Christian Rodska

The Sergeant Trevor Cooper

Schmidt David Timson

The Judge David Ross

Other parts played by:

Christopher Barr

Sally Grace

Douglas Blackwell

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1983.

SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b0552w74)

Series 1

A Drop of the Soft Stuff

The facts-of-life conversation is enough to drive Henry to drink.

Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.

The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.

Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970. Richard Waring adapted his own TV scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes.

Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig
Henry Corner Francis Matthews
Mary Charlotte Mitchell
Mr Barratt Felix Felton
Trudi Roberta Tovey
Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston
Amanda: Jill Riddick
Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst.
Producer: Trafford Whitelock.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1969.
SAT 09:30 Something to Shout About (b07k0tdl)
Series 1
Episode 1
Mr Podmore, a Readjustment Officer, arrives to check up on team efficiency.
'A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world'
Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'.
Series three written by Myles Rudge with Ronnie Wolf.
Michael Lightfoot Michael Medwin
Maggie Eleanor Summerfield
Janet Fenella Fielding
Mavis Joan Sims
Adrian Beales Nicholas Phipps
Mr Podmore Warren Mitchell
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1961
SAT 10:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m00147qf)
Origins
1. It's That Man Again
Instead of celebrity Comedy Controllers choosing their favourites, it's the turn of those who, in their own ways, must take the blame for many of the shows heard on BBC Radio 4 Extra.
Between them, Paul Jackson, Beryl Vertue, John Lloyd and Jimmy Mulville have well over a 150 years of gut-busting, side-aching woofers, gags and - let's be honest - the occasional horrific mistimed silence.
In front of an audience in London's iconic BBC Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House - the home of British Radio comedy - they reveal what they do, why they do it and what makes them laugh.
In the first of three programmes, they look back to the wartime stars of Variety and the entertainers, the men and women (though largely men) who entertained us through the dark days of conflict and the drab times of austerity and rationing.
Featuring:
'TTMA' - It's That Man Again (Victory Edition).
Tommy Handley's gang celebrate victory in Europe, as broadcast on 10th May 1945.
With an extract from 'Hi Gang' and Peter Sellers' performance of 'Balham, Gateway to the South'.
Series Producers: Paul Kobrak and Dixi Stewart
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2017.
SAT 11:00 O'Rourke's First Case (m001ns6v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:30 Adrian Mole and The Weapons of Mass Destruction (Omnibus) (m0004ljt)
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SAT 21:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m00147qf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007s5g7)
Series 1
1. Boothby Graffoe
From the Bonzo Dog Band to Spike Jones and the City Slickers. Musical comedian Mitch Benn presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs by other performers.

With his guest Boothby Graffoe.
Producer: Ed Morrish
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in July 2005.
SAT 22:30 Talking to Strangers (b070hrqj)
Episode 3
Comic monologues in which a range of characters find themselves engaging in that most un-British of activities: talking to a stranger.
Each piece is a character study: funny, frank, absurd, moving... Characters include a sex councillor who loves to draw, a spy who loves to share, a woman who likes to help too much ('I'm a serial helpist...'), a frustrated falconer, and a cheater who has to call her cheater the morning after. And in this show, the listener themselves 'plays' the silent stranger in the piece...
Written and performed by Sally Phillips and Lily Bevan.
Guest stars include:
Emma Thompson
Olivia Colman
Jessica Hynes
Steve Evets
Sinead Matthews
Joel Fry
Producer: Sam Bryant
A BBC Comedy Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001p1h8)
Dane Baptiste 1/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Dane Baptiste.
SAT 23:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvt7)
Series 1
Ireland
Ross Noble continues his comedy travelogues.
Travelling from rainy Sligo to busy Dublin, the comedian performs for the locals.
He also learns to play the penny whistle - badly.
Producer: Danny Wallace
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.
SAT 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00whwzs)
Series 6
Psychiatry
Edith quizzes Satan about "The Fall", but Satan sees it more as "The Push" and feels God has anger-management issues.
Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.
Satan Andy Hamilton
Edith Annette Crosbie
Scumspawn Robert Duncan
Thomas Jimmy Mulville
With:
Michael Fenton Stevens
Felicity Montagu
Philip Pope
Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

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SUN 00:00 Nightfall (m000tvtf)
Series 4
3. The Old Post Road
Late for a dinner engagement, Steven and Wendy take a shortcut down a deserted road.
As they drive along, they encounter a series of increasingly bizarre paranormal events.
Written by William Lane.
Wendy Jayne Eastwood
Steven Geoff Bowes
Ned Archer Sandy Ramer
Other parts played by:
Michael Wincott
Jon Granick
Alan Fawcett
David Calderisi
Host ... Henry Ramer
'Nightfall' is a series of supernatural and horror dramas - one of Canada's CBC Radio's most popular shows in the network's history.
Running to over 100 episodes between 1980 and 1983, it features a mix of original stories and adaptations of classic tales.
Producer: Bill Howell
First broadcast on the CBC in March 1982.
SUN 00:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k125)
7. Suspicion
Earth's last living man's shock discovery leaves him feeling deeply suspicious.
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 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001ns6y)
The Cultural Frontline - A Poet's Guide to Lagos
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Cultural Frontline - A Poet's Guide to Lagos.
Poet Efe Paul Azino introduces us to the thriving spoken word scene in Lagos and - through their poems and stage performances - the priorities of its young people.
From the political to the personal, by listening to them we get a picture of what's happening today and how they feel about it, whether it's disillusionment about the upcoming elections, or their thoughts on navigating the challenges of life in the megacity.
Lagos' spoken word scene - from new monthly 'Poetry Cafes' set up by Efe, to the Lagos International Poetry Festival - affords a platform for a vibrant movement in which women in particular are creating important work. Young people are seeking to make their voices heard where they're otherwise marginalised. The current crop of spoken word poets is conscious of the city's historical contributions to the creative and artistic life of the continent, and the ghosts of Nigeria's heroes of dissent, from Chinua Achebe to Fela Kuti, set the tone of some of the work being performed.
But spoken word in Lagos isn't just a vent, and the new generation are carving out their own path: there's room for joy and the deeply personal, and a craft and beauty to the best work being created. The pulsating city makes its presence felt throughout the programme as Efe takes us around Lagos gearing up for festival season in autumn 2018, and we meet the people the poetry scene draws in.
Producer - Megan Jones
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2018.
SUN 06:30 The Golden Thread by Kassia St Clair (Omnibus) (b0bntlkr)
All cloth begins with a twist.
Kassia St Clair uncovers the fascinating stories of how fabrics have shaped the world we live in.
From the secret power of the linens covering the bodies of Egyptian pharaohs to the lab-blended materials that allow us to travel further and faster than ever before.
Abridged in five parts by Laurence Wareing.
Read by Francesca Dymond
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001ns70)
Douglas Stuart
Booker Prize winning author Douglas Stuart chooses 'Pink Moon' by Nick Drake and 'Sunny' by Bobby Hebb.
SUN 07:50 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (Omnibus) (b07s3hmb)
Series 1 Omnibus, Part 2/2
Megan thinks she's saved the family business from London gangster Moses Lipski, but her problems are far from over. Thrilling series set in 1890s Whitechapel.
Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes written by Gregory Evans
In 1900 over half London's milk came from Welsh dairies. One of those dairies, on the Commercial Road, was owned and run by the writer's family.
Megan Evans Bettrys Jones
Luc Evans Trystan Gravelle
Samuel Singer David Horovitch
Moses Lipski Brian Protheroe
Annie Riley Alice Haig
Director: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
SUN 09:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nvyzd)
Clean Linen
A mix-up at the launderette sparks a whole pile of embarrassment for Joe and Ethel Huggett.
Starring Jack Warner and Kathleen Harrison.
The popular working-class Huggett family first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949.
This subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.
Selection of surviving episodes in the BBC Archive.
Written by Eddie Maguire.
Joe Jack Warner
Ethel Kathleen Harrison
Jane Alanna Boyce
Bobby James Langley
Fred Stebbings Charles Leno
Detective Alan Keith
Producer: Jacques Brown
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1959.
SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (b007k188)

Series 9

Seeing Red

Can the inept crew of HMS Troutbridge manage to carry Sir Willoughby Todhunter-Brown to a secret rendezvous?
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

Russian Minister Heather Chasen

Dorps Ronnie Barker

Sir Willoughby Todhunter Brown Tenniel Evans

Russian Frigate Captain Michael Bates

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

This was the last episode broadcast on the Light - as by the following episode the network had been renamed BBC Radio 2.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001ns73)

Pride

Nicola Adams

Kirsty Young's castaway is Nicola Adams.

She made history when she won the first ever Olympic gold medal in women's boxing at London 2012, retaining it in Rio 2016. She is the first woman fighter to hold European, World, Commonwealth and Olympic titles.

Having watched classic Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard fights on TV as she was growing up, she entered the ring for the first time at a working men's club when she was only 13. When she was 14, her mother contracted meningitis and for several months Nicola looked after herself and her younger brother. She turned to acting in order to help fund her boxing training, appearing as an extra in Coronation Street and Emmerdale. She first represented her country when she was 18. In 2009 it was announced that women's boxing would feature for the first time at the London Olympics, although before her selection for Team GB she fell down stairs and had to recover from a fracture in one of her vertebra.

In 2012 she topped The Independent newspaper's Pink List of the most powerful LGBT people in public life, was made an MBE for services to boxing in 2013 and received a 'Paving The Way' award at the 2016 Mobo awards.

DISC ONE: Summer Sixteen - Drake

DISC TWO: Moment 4 Life - Nicki Minaj

DISC THREE: New York, New York - Frank Sinatra, Jules

Munshin & Gene Kelly

DISC FOUR: Jamming - Bob Marley & The Wailers

DISC FIVE: In the End - Linkin Park

DISC SIX: Roses - The Chainsmokers featuring Rozes

DISC SEVEN: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Dance of the Sugar

Plum Fairy - Performer: New York City Ballet Orchestra,

conductor: David Zinman

DISC EIGHT: Set You Free - N-Trance

BOOK CHOICE: A Short History of Almost Everything by Bill Bryson

LUXURY CHOICE: A games console

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Roses - The Chainsmokers

featuring Rozes

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lq99f)

Series 1

Archaeopteryx

Sir David recounts the remarkable story of a feather, like any other feather from a bird.

Only this one was 150 million years old, and the animal that lost it lived when birds had not yet evolved.

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 July 2009.

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SUN 22:00 Start/Stop (b04p7xlv)

Series 2

Funeral

The prospect of the funeral of a neighbour - Big Phil from No. 36 - shows that even someone's death provides opportunities for flirting, competitiveness and generally reprehensible behaviour. Jack Docherty's sitcom about love, marriage and despair found in three couples.

Alice and Cathy are making food for Phil's widow; Barney and David are both keen to do the eulogy and meanwhile Fiona and Evan are trying to cope with the most irritating rescue dog who ever lived.

Starring:

Couple 1:

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman

Couple 2:

Evan John Thomson

Fiona Fiona Allen

Couple 3:

David Charlie Higson

Alice Sally Bretton

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

SUN 22:30 Chain Reaction (b01m19nz)

Series 8

Tim Minchin talks to Caitlin Moran

The musical comedian and the journalist in the talk tag show where the guest is the next interviewer.

Tim Minchin is not well but still has a great time putting the world to rights in his attempt to interview journalist and author, Caitlin Moran, despite having no questions and no voice.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee, but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

SUN 23:00 Date With Fate (b0092wr7)

Love Bites

We've all been visited by the doubt that perhaps we've chosen a less than perfect soul-mate

Martin's proposal to his girlfriend does not go according to plan.

Harold Wing Pintero is your host.

Another comic close encounter with fate.

Written by Gary Parker and Phil Whelans.

Harold Wing Pintero Charles Gray

Martin Paul Raffield

Wendy Gillian Bevan

Journalist/Sheila Tracy Wiles

Liam James Nesbitt

Others Stephen Critchlow

Guitar played by Tim Hope.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.

SUN 23:15 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076n58)

Series 2

How to Get Out More

From popping out to stay in, to the delights of camping.

Comedian Guy Browning continues to provide practical life-coaching in the big small challenges of life.

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

SUN 23:30 Radio 9 (b04dykmz)

Series 2

Episode 1

Urban fox hunting, reckless parenting and faking surgery for real.

In a world where presentation is at the wheel, and content is firmly bound and gagged in the back, Radio 9 finds itself with so much to say - but no idea how to say it.

Written and performed by Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker.

With:

Jonathan Kydd

Katherine Jakeways

Max Digby

Sarah Daukes

Matt Wilkinson

Robert Johnston

Jon Stevenson

Carine Harris

Esther Phillips

Producers: Johnny Daukes and Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

MONDAY 17 JULY 2023

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001ns6y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Golden Thread by Kassia St Clair

(Omnibus) (b0bntlkr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001ns70)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 Gregory Evans - Blood and Milk (Omnibus)

(b07s3hmb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nvzyd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (b007k188)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001ns73)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lq99f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Ben Hur (b007jr51)

1. A Friendship Betrayed
Two men's lives run almost in parallel. One is a prince of Jerusalem, Judah Ben Hur.
The other is known as "He that was born to be King of the Jews."

Starring Jamie Glover.

Lew Wallace's epic tale, first published in 1880.

Dramatised in four parts by Catherine Czerkawska.

Ben Hur Jamie Glover

Messala Samuel West

Angel Deborah Berlin

Amrah Phyllis Calvert

Mother Margaret John

Arrius Derek Waring

Tirzah Natasha Pyne

Chief of Rowers Don McCorkindale

Man 1 Joshua Towb

Man 2 Michael Tudor Barnes

Man in Boat Gavin Muir

Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b007k0cy)

Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery

6. A Message from Sir Graham

The suave sleuth and wife Steve face a dangerous houseboat rendezvous on the Nile.

Recreation of the 1947 vintage crime serial.

Starring Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Miss Fraser Eliza Langland

Sidney Jeans Wendy Seager

Colonel Marquand/Zoltan Bahri Angus MacInnes

Patrick Quinn/Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas

Harold Darwin Richard Greenwood

Olaf Schneider Nick Underwood

Tom Durrant/Zilla the Head Waiter John Paul Hurley

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jwb9)

Poirot - Taken at the Flood

Episode 1

In the London Blitz of 1944, Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot hears an intriguing story about a man's disappearance.

He little realises that two years later, he'll become involved with the event itself...

Starring John Moffat as Hercule Poirot.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit was first published in 1948.

Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Major Porter Derek Waring

Adela Marchmont Virginia McKenna

Lynn Marchmont Susannah Corbett

Frances Cloade Caroline Wildi

Jeremy Cloade Andrew Sachs

Rowley Cloade/Jan Ifan Meredith

Kathie Cloade Elizabeth Proud

Rosaleen Cloade Fritha Goodey

David Hunter Tom George

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

MON 07:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000xws)

1. Dublin

Award-winning writer Colm Tóibín explores the complex relationships between three of Ireland's literary giants and their fathers:

Oscar Wilde

WB Yeats

James Joyce

From Oscar Wilde's polymath father who was a doctor specialising in diseases of the eye and ear, an amateur architect, as well as a statistician who was knighted for his work; to WB Yeats' father a brilliant correspondent and impoverished artist who struggled to complete a painting; to John Stanislaus Joyce, a drinker and story-teller who was unwilling to provide for his family.

He starts by taking a literary walk around Dublin, stopping off at a variety of landmarks immortalised in the works of some of Ireland's most famous writers.

At the same time he reflects on his own writing life.

Abridged in five parts by Richard Hamilton

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

MON 07:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001xpf)

All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes

Episode 1

After her son's road accident, Maya's helped by the kindness of Ghana's famous poet and playwright Efuia Sutherland. She's also helped by ex-pat's living close by, whom she names as the 'revolutionary returnees'.

As a group of Black Americans they are all hoping to assimilate into Ghanaian life, but it's not quite as they expected.

The fifth volume of Maya Angelou's extraordinary memoirs.

Dramatised in five parts by Patricia Cumper.

Narrator - Maya Adjoa Andoh

Maya Pippa Bennett Warner

Guy Tristan Slowley

Julian Mayfield Cyril Nri

Efuia Sutherland Gbemisola Ikumelo

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

MON 07:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004f4n)

Series 5

Adam Smith

BBC Radio 4's premier comedy-economics hybrid is five series old.

So the time is right to take a step back, and perhaps two steps up, and tackle the big, competing theories of Macro Economics. These are little short of religions to their proponents, and the figures who devised them dominate the intellectual landscape in a way that mere politicians can only dream of. These are the Big Beards, the Glinting Eyes, the Bristling Moustaches and Eyebrows of "Worldly Philosophy" and their insights, calculations and hallucinations remain as contentious today as they were when first inked into place.

Simon Evans, with the help of Undercover Economist, Tim Harford will advance through the modern industrial era using three great beacons as their guide - Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes - and reflect on how they continue to shape our world today.

In this opening episode, Adam Smith is under Simon and Tim's jokenomics microscope. Smith, the author of The Wealth of Nations, the first modern work of economics, is still incomparably influential in Western political and economic thought. His faith and trust in the Invisible Hand remains one of the most misunderstood of all economic paradigms, and in his name to this day are committed all too visibly ham-fisted atrocities, that would make even his pale Presbyterian skin blanche.

A £20 note serves as a handy multimedia accompaniment to this episode.

Presenters: Simon Evans and Tim Harford

Written by Simon Evans, Tim Harford, Dan Evans and Robert Ledger.

Producer: Richard Morris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

MON 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b007jx1g)

Series 1

Episode 4

Movie spoof '2002 A Space Oddity' and the tale of Florence & The Plumber in 'Crackerjackanory'.

Starring:

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Joan Sims

Announcer: Douglas Smith

After the unexpected death of Kenneth Horne in 1969, plans for the next series of Round The Horne were axed. Instead - using an old catchphrase of Kenneth Williams as a series title - Kenneth joined Hugh Paddick to continue the comedy tradition and was also reunited with his "Carry On" film co-star Joan Sims.

Written by Johnnie Mortimer, Brian Cooke and Myles Rudge With the Max Harris Group.

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1969.

MON 08:30 Taking It Up the Octave (b0869g9z)

Episode 2

Blackmail and throat nodules plague the cast of Opera Sunderland's production of Carmen.

Comedy drama series written by Fintan Coyle and Tom Miles

Derek Andrew Branch

Keyboard Ken Tom Miles

Cilla Carolyn Bonnyman

Gareth Godfrey James

James Simon Butteriss

Natasha Caz Weller

Dwight Jonathan Kydd

Singers:

Alison Porter

Susan Jelley

Henrik Wager

Benjamin Davies

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1997.

MON 09:00 It's Your Round (b00zf4nz)

Series 1

Episode 5

Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format.

Battling it out to see who can beat each other at their own games:

Tim Key

Micky Flanagan

Bridget Christie

Nick Hancock

What is Micky's 'Cockney Rhyming Slang Charades' all about and is it any fun to play? Can anyone understand the rules to Tim's 'No More Women'? And what is Bridget's idea of her 'Fantasy Funeral'? Find out the answers to these questions, and more, in this show.

Angus valiantly tries to make sure everyone comes out of it with their reputations intact.

Reader: Christine Kavanagh

Writers: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell

Devised by Benjamin Partridge

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

MON 09:30 The Change (b00nmtwl)

Series 1

Birth of the Blues

Sonia has her baby and, of course, George is over the moon at being a grandfather - until, that is, a bombshell drops...

Comedy about troubled hormonal Carol whose husband George has revealed that he's a transvestite.

Srarring Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison.

Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Chris Ellison

Violet Sylvia Syms

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Dave Mark Powley

Ken James Vaughan

Jerry Richard Standing

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

MON 10:00 Ben Hur (b007jr51)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 11:00 Paul Temple (b007k0cy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jwb9)

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MON 12:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000xws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001xpf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 12:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004f4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Stop Messing About! (b007jx1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Taking It Up the Octave (b0869g9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 It's Your Round (b00zf4nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 The Change (b00nmtwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 Ben Hur (b007jr51)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 16:00 Paul Temple (b007k0cy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jwb9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 17:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000xws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001xpf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 17:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004f4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Stop Messing About! (b007jx1g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 Taking It Up the Octave (b0869g9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 It's Your Round (b00zf4nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Change (b00nmtwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0018x7c)

Series 13

Regrets, I've Had A Few

True stories told live in the USA: Sarah Austin Jenness

introduces stories dealing with regret, where hindsight is always 20/20.

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

to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

First heard on PRX in the USA in 2020.

MON 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000p7yl)

Fay Ripley

Actress Fay Ripley chooses Streisand/Garland Happy days are Here Again/Get Happy and Nicky Mulvey Fever to the Form.

MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b04nrqt)

Series 4

Rufus Wainwright (the A-Side)

Rufus Wainwright talks about his breakthrough 2003 album, 'Want One'. With John Wilson. From 2014.

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.

A-Side: 'Want One' with singer-songwriter-composer Rufus Wainwright.

The son of folk singers Kate McGarrigle and Loudon

Wainwright III, Rufus began playing the piano at the age of 6 and touring at 13. Before he had even reached voting age, he had been nominated for Best Original Song and Most Promising Male Vocalist awards. But it would be another 14 years before he released the album that has been variously described as "obscenely lush"... a "gorgeous meditation on emotional displacement" and "a three-hankie weepie". The first part of what was intended to be a double album, Want One is full of songs about love, loss, family, addiction and popular culture, including 'I Don't Know What It Is', 'Go Or Go Ahead' and 'Dinner at Eight'.

Not only does he play exclusive versions of some of these songs, in a frank and no-punches-pulled interview, Rufus also reveals what part drugs, sex, near-death experiences and extended arguments with his father played in the making of this remarkable album.

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

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

MON 21:30 Run Man Run (m001ns76)

1. False Accuser

An embittered white New York undercover cop callously kills two black restaurant employees and when he suspects they stole his car. He then pursues a third man who witnessed the atrocity. First published in 1966, 'Run Man Run' was African-American author Chester Himes's seventh novel.

Adapted for radio by Guy Meredith.

CAST:

Det Matt Walker Bill Nighy

Luke Steve Toussaint

Lt Baker John Guerriasso

Sgt Brock Peter Marinker

Fat Sam Clive Rowe

Assistant DA Julian Rhind-Tutt

Jimmy Johnson Eamonn Walker

Janitor Peter Penry-Jones

Patrolman Jonathan Tafler

Producer: Chris Wallis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1992.

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001npbz)

Series 79

Episode 1

Radio 4's multi award-winning 'antidote to panel games' promises yet more quality, desk-based entertainment for all the family.

The series begins at the Forum in Bath where Tony Hawks and Pippa Evans are pitched against Marcus Brigstocke and Rory Bremner, with Jack Dee in the role of reluctant chairman. Regular listeners will know to expect inspired nonsense, pointless revelry and Colin Sell at the piano.

Producer - Jon Naismith

It is a BBC Studios production

MON 22:30 Buy Me Up TV (b009p9f3)

Series 1

Episode 4

Every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted to buy.

Special guests: Brian Blessed, Aled Jones and Sir Terry Wogan.

Starring:

Justin Edwards

Colin Houlst

Katherine Jakeways

Ewen Macintosh
Alex MacQueen
Greg Proops
Written by Justin Edwards and James Eldred.
Producer: Lucy Armitage.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2008.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001p2kz)
Dane Baptiste / 2/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Dane Baptiste.
MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m001npg1)
Series 23
Episode 5
A look back at the week in which the BBC began eating its own tail.
In a week in which the BBC began to eat its own tail, the Dead Ringers team provides the gravy to go with it. Plus an interview with the man no one is talking about, Lib Dem Leader Ed Davey, and an episode of The Archers fashioned for Gen Z. This week's impressionists are Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis MacLeod, Jess Robinson and Duncan Wisbey.
This episode was written by: Nev Fountain & Tom Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, Edward Tew, Robert Darke, Joe Topping, Sophie Dickson, Sarah Campbell and Peter Tellouche.
Produced and created by Bill Dare
Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini
MON 23:30 Concrete Cow (b00768y0)
Series 1
Episode 1
Two kids from Peckham enter Narnia, Dr Jekyll get a telling off, and Radio 4's new panel show - full of excessive pedantry and nit-picking - I Think You'll Find...
Six-part sketch show series in which anything is possible.
Starring
Olivia Colman
Robert Webb
Sally Hawkins
Steven Kynman
Chris Pavlo
Written by James Cary, Sally Hawkins, Catherine Shepherd, Ashley Blake, Jon Holmes, Adam Bromley, Stuart Barker, Robin Ince and Tim Key.
Producer: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002

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TUE 05:00 Ben Hur (b007jr5g)
2. Son of Arrius
Judah Ben Hur has been falsely accused of attempted murder, sent to the galleys and rescued by Arrius of Rome. He now returns in search of his mother and sister.
Starring Jamie Glover.
Lew Wallace's epic tale, first published in 1880.
Dramatised in by Catherine Czerkawska.
Ben Hur Jamie Glover
Messala Samuel West
Simonides Bernard Hepton
Ilderim Freddie Jones
Balthasar Michael Hordern
Drusus Ian Masters
Esther Deborah Berlin
Iras Natasha Pyne
Servant Joshua Towb
Passenger Michael Tudor Barnes
Malluch Gavin Muir
Iras Becky Hindley
Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.
Music by Wilfredo Acosta.
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.
TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b00vsv7w)
Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery
7. Mr Darwin Entertains
Danger lurks in Egypt for the suave sleuth and wife Steve at the

Hotel Karamet.
In this 2006 recreation of the 1947 vintage crime serial, Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.
Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.
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Olaf Schreider Nick Underwood
Colonel Marquand Angus MacInnes
Harold Darwin Richard Greenwood
Miss Fraser Eliza Langland
Sir Graham Forbes/Gustav Valkerie Gareth Thomas
Victor Armstrong Michael MacKenzie
Producer: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.
TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jwbk)
Poitrot - Taken at the Flood
Episode 2
The Cloade family are trying to get money from Gordon's young widow. It also looks like they would like her out of the way - permanently.
Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.
Major Porter Derek Waring
Adela Marchmont Virginia McKenna
Lynn Marchmont Susannah Corbett
Frances Cloade Caroline Wildi
Jeremy Cloade Andrew Sachs
Rowley Cloudfan Ifan Meredith
Kathie Cloade Elizabeth Proud
Rosaleen Cloade Fritha Goodey
David Hunter Tom George
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Producer: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.
TUE 07:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000yb5)
2. Gaol
Colm Tóibín reads from his illuminating book on literary fathers.
He is in Oscar Wilde's cell at Reading Gaol, where he is reflecting on the life and influence of William Wilde, the great writer's father.
Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
Produced by Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
TUE 07:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001xsh)
All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes
Episode 2
After a run-in with European professors at the university where Maya works, she's humbled by an older local servant who offers wise advice. Maya also befriends a local hairdresser, who believes she's been cursed.
Narrator, Maya Adjoa Andoh
Maya Pippa Bennett-Warner
Steward Ben Onwukwe
Comfort Gbemisola Ikumelo
Mamali/TD Cyril Nri
Dramatised by Patricia Cumper
Directed by Pauline Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.
TUE 07:30 Gloombsbury (m0000v8w)
Series 5
Nightmare Cottage
Vera is still very angry with Ginny and Lionel for creating havoc at Sizzlinghurst while she and Henry were in the USA. Henry notices that some of the silver is missing and suspects the Goslings.
Nutwood Cottage, a pretty cottage on the estate, has become vacant and everyone wants it - the Goslings especially and, in a surprise reappearance, Venus whose excuse is that it would be the perfect location for her to nurse her husband in his "last weeks of life".
Meanwhile Ginny is desperate to get back into Vera's good books and she and Lionel visit Scratchey and Barrington to house hunt for a weekend cottage. The hunt proves fruitless but inspires a fabulous idea.
Vera Sackcloth-Vest Miriam Margolyes
Henry Mickleton Jonathan Coy
Mrs Gosling/Ginny Fox Alison Steadman
Lionel Fox/Gosling/Lyton Scratchey Nigel Planer
Venus Traduces/Barrington/Raymond Morwenna Banks
A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jq5n)
I Was Monty's Treble
The British hatch a cunning plan to confuse the Germans. But who (or what) is Eccles?
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 Greenstlade
Producer: John Brownell
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1958.
TUE 08:30 In the End (b007jr63)
Episode 5
Maverick BBC Reporter, George Cragge, and Superintendent Frank Jefferson investigate a series of murders of journalists. A fresh death and a singing Prime Minister make George Cragge ponder.
Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.
The fourth of Mark Taverner's black comedies set in the worlds of the BBC and politics.
Dramatised in six parts by from his novel by Mark Taverner, and Peter Baynham.
George Cragge Michael Williams
Superintendent Frank Jefferson Barry Foster
Charles Prentiss...Stephen Fry
Martin Griffiths.....John Bird
Prime Minister Jonathan Coy
Crichton-Potter Anton Rogers
Marcia Mallon Rebecca Front
Chancellor Simon Greenall
Maria Jessica Oyelowo
Rupert Thresher.....Michael Fenton Stevens
Radio 4 Newsreader Harriet Cass
With:
Peter Woodthorpe
Hugh Parker
Neil McCaul
Chris Pavlo
Beth Chalmers
David Holt
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (b070wg2g)
Series 3
Episode 4
Debates galore over medicine and bringing back national service.
Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.
With Hugh Dennis, Gyles Brandreth, Arthur Smith and Antony Worrall Thompson.
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000
TUE 09:30 Trapped (m001ns7g)
Series 2
2. Hole Lot of Love
Debs, forty year-old, north London nanny is stuck in a rut. On her quest to find love, she agrees to go on a Jewish activity weekend in the Lake District. There, amongst an intriguing mix of like and not so like-minded singletons, Debs finds what she least expected. One hundred and sixty feet below ground.
The second series of one-off comedy dramas written by, and sometimes featuring, Daniel and Mark Maier
CAST:
Debs Daniela Denby-Ashe
Helen Tracy-Ann Oberman
Mrs Levine Rebecca Front
Mrs Levine Davis de Keyser
Janet Tilly Vosburgh
Graham Steve Furst
Michael David Gillespie
Rebecca Debra Tammer
Herb Steve Jameson
Producer: Claire Bartlett
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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m001p2r2)

Series 9

Why is it so hard for our brains to plan for the future?

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

Manoush Zomorodi talks to experts about how we can better plan for the future, while allowing for the unexpected.

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

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000d7fg)

Dan Snow

Historian Dan Snow chooses Slide Away by Oasis and Mr

Brightside by The Killers.

TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b04p85ct)

Series 4

Rufus Wainwright (the B-Side)

Rufus Wainwright answers audience questions about his breakthrough 2003 album, 'Want One'.

John Wilson talks to leading performers and songwriters about the album that made them or changed them.

Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios, each edition includes two episodes, with John initially quizzing the artist about the album in question, and then, in the B-side, the audience puts the questions. Both editions feature exclusive live performances

Programme 2 (B-side): 'Want One'

Having discussed the making of 'Want One' (in the A-side of the programme), Rufus Wainwright responds to questions from the audience and performs acoustic live versions of some of the tracks from the album.

The son of folk singers Kate McGarrigle and Loudon

Wainwright III, Rufus began playing the piano at the age of six and touring at 13. Before he had even reached voting age, he had been nominated for Best Original Song and Most Promising Male Vocalist awards. But it would be another 14 years before he released the album that has been variously described as "obscenely lush"... a "gorgeous meditation on emotional displacement" and "a three-hankie weepie".

The first part of what was intended to be a double album, 'Want One' is full of songs about love, loss, family, addiction and popular culture, including 'I Don't Know What It Is', 'Go Or Go Ahead' and 'Dinner at Eight'.

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

TUE 21:30 Run Man Run (m001ns7j)

2. Fearful Survivor

Detective Matt Walker, a white New York undercover cop callously kills two black restaurant employees and when he suspects they stole his car. He then pursues a third man he also shot, Jimmy, who witnessed the atrocity. Fabricating an increasingly elaborate scenario, Walker tries to deflect attention from himself onto Jimmy.

First published in 1966, 'Run Man Run' was African-American author Chester Himes' seventh novel.

Adapted for radio by Guy Meredith.

CAST:

Det Matt Walker Bill Nighy

Jimmy Johnson Eamonn Walker

Linda Alphonso Emmanuel

Sgt Brock Peter Marinker

Mr Hanson/Bartender Clive Rowe

Newsvendor/Mr Desilus Malcolm Fredericks

Secretary Sara Powell

Producer: Chris Wallis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1992.

TUE 22:00 Janey Godley: The C Bomb (m001np9k)

4. I Don't Know How Long I've Got Left

Janey Godley doesn't know how long she's got left, so she's telling ALL the jokes! This is her extraordinary story. Fearless and unflinching, yet life affirming stand-up at its very best.

In this last episode of the series, Janey confronts her terminal diagnosis of ovarian cancer, and jokes about how she copes, how the people around her cope, and what she thinks her legacy might be. She tells a fascinating story about her mother and friends around the kitchen table singing, and there's a bolt of comedy lightning that's very fitting.

Since Janey's comedy career began, she's exposed, on stage, many painful traumas from her life - from childhood neglect and sexual abuse, to marrying into a gangster family who eventually turned on her, and even the murder of her mother - with a seeming lack of sentimentality and the blackest of humour.

Relentlessly authentic, she's also had to face up to her own mistakes - taking responsibility and apologising both publicly and onstage, as well as sharing the shame of being 'cancelled' and the very dark place that took her to.

Then, just months later... the hand grenade of a cancer diagnosis forced her to start fighting for her life.

Now, after finally admitting that after everything she's been through in life, maybe she's not "fine", and with a terminal diagnosis, she's submitted to the ultimate 'C bomb' for many men and women of her generation - counselling.

And as a result of this insight, she's more hilarious and compelling onstage than ever.

Recorded live in front of an audience in her hometown, Glasgow.

A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 The Lee Mack Show (b00bvwz3)

Sophie Ellis-Bextor

Lee Mack presents stand-up comedy, sketches and music.

With:

Sophie Ellis-Bextor

Rhod Gilbert

Angela McHale

Music by Steve Brown, Mark Allis, David Catlin-Birch and Martin Waugh.

Written by Lee Mack and Neil Webster.

Additional material by Paul Kerensa, Greg Bint and Rhod Gilbert.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2005.

TUE 23:00 Father Figure (b01c3dlh)

Series 1

The Wake

House-husband Tom is forced to confront his deepest fears at his uncle's laying out.

Much to the consternation of his overbearing mother, Tom Whyte decides to cook his dad a birthday lunch for a family get-together.

What he intends to put on the table undergoes a transformation by serving time, whilst best friend Roddy brings an especially unappetising contribution to the meal.

A family sitcom written by and starring Irish comedian, Jason Byrne.

Tom Whyte Jason Byrne

Elaine Whyte Lucy Montgomery

Dylan Whyte Dominic Applewhite

Mary Whyte Pauline McLynn

Pat Whyte Dermot Crowley

Roddy Michael Smiley

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 2012.

TUE 23:30 Elvenquest (b016pynv)

Series 3

Episode 3

The Questers continue their search for the Sword of Asnagar, the only weapon capable of ridding their land from the tyranny of the evil Lord Darkness.

Now they must take a short cut through the mysterious mines of Grazak-Dun. But the only man who can help them enter the mines is the Master Stonemason of Grazak-Dun. Luckily, he also happens to be Dean's dad.

Problem is, Dean's dad hates Dean. So the Questers must hatch a plan that'll help Dean win back the respect of his father...

Meanwhile, Lord Darkness is given the honour of writing the "Big Book of Evil", a task which he takes on with relish. But he soon finds that, as everyone knows, it's one thing to say you'll write a book, and quite another to actually sit down and write one...

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

Vidar Darren Boyd

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon

Amis, aka The Chosen One Dave Lamb

Sam Stephen Mangan

Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan

Little Dick John Sessions

Penthiasea Sophie Winkleman

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

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3. The Chariot Race

The biggest day of Ben Hur's life dawns -the chariot race with Messala.

Each has staked his fortune on the outcome. Each has everything to lose.

Starring Jamie Glover.

Lew Wallace's epic tale, first published in 1880.

Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.

Ben Hur Jamie Glover

Messala Samuel West

Simonides Bernard Hepton

Ilderim Freddie Jones

Drusus Ian Masters

Amrah Phyllis Calvert

Mother Margaret John

Esther Deborah Berlin

Tirzah Natasha Pyne

Malluch Gavin Muir

Iras Becky Hindley

Gesius Peter Yapp

Pilate Neville Jason

Assassin Olivier Senton

Roman 1 Joshua Towb

Servant Michael Tudor Barnes

Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b007k0d0)

Paul Temple and the Sullivan Mystery

8. Still Having a Wonderful Time

With the villains' desperate final move - the suave sleuth battles to reveal the secret of the spectacles.

Conclusion of the 2006 recreation of the 1947 vintage crime serial, starring Crawford Logan as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Miss Fraser Eliza Langland

Miss Fraser Eliza Langland

Victor Armstrong Michael MacKenzie

Olaf Schreider Nick Underwood

Colonel Marquand Angus MacInnes

Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas

Harold Darwin Richard Greenwood

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jwbr)

Poirot - Taken at the Flood

Episode 3

The mysterious visitor has been found dead in his hotel room. But who had the motive to murder him - and why?

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Major Porter Derek Waring

Adela Marchmont Virginia McKenna

Lynn Marchmont Susannah Corbett

Frances Cloade Caroline Wildi

Jeremy Cloade Andrew Sachs

Rowley CloadeIfan Ifan Meredith

Kathie Cloade Elizabeth Proud

Rosaleen Cloade Fritha Goodey

David Hunter Tom George

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003

WED 07:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000yvj)

3. Trial

Colm Tóibín reads from his incisive book on literary fathers. William Wilde is engulfed in a court case which, strangely, foreshadows the famous trial which had such devastating consequences for his son, Oscar, some 30 years later.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

WED 07:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001yfw)

All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes

Episode 3

Maya continues her quest to assimilate into Ghanaian life. She hires a boy whose true identity takes her by surprise, and when she dates a rich Mali trader, Sheikhai, there's a clash of cultures.

Narrator, Maya Adjoa Andoh

Maya Pippa Bennett-Warner
 Sheikhali Danny Sapani
 Kojo JP Opong
 Otu Cyril Nri
 Kojo's Grandfather Ben Onwukwe
 Dramatised by Patricia Cumper
 Directed by Pauline Harris
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.
WED 07:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000f770)
 Series 1
 Let's Spend the Night Together
 Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam play a couple who have been married 'for ever'. Children of the 60s, they're still free spirits, drawn together by their passion for music and each other. Their warm and witty conversations dance around everyday chores and appointments as well as dealing with problems within long-held friendships, and tackling their own frustrations with each other. But underlying it all is their enduring love for each other and their desire to keep the passion alive.
 On a long car journey, they reminisce about their first meeting and a long-held secret is revealed.
 Written by Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam by award-winning comedy writer and journalist Jan Etherington, who's been married for 35 years to Gavin Petrie, with whom she created many hit radio and TV series (Second Thoughts, Next of Kin, Faith in the Future, The Change). Conversations from a Long Marriage is her first solo narrative comedy series.
 Produced by Claire Jones
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2020.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007rgpj)
 Series 4
 The 13th of the Series
 The Lad gets triskaidekaphobic over the recording an episode of his show numbered between 12 and 14.
 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 January 1957.
WED 08:30 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007jqp1)
 The Prunestone
 Two crime writers decide to aid the perfect murder.
 Starring Peggy Mount
 Dark comedy series written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.
 Miss Walcott.....Dorothy Tutin
 Mrs Pidgeon.....Peggy Mount
 Sir Courtney Massingbird.....Hugh Paddick
 The stranger/Felch.....Peter Howell
 Horace.....Jonathan Cecil
 Mr Taylor.....John Savident
 with Norman Bird and Anthony Jackson
 Music: Max Harris
 Producer: Paul Spencer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1988.
WED 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b062khlc)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 What's Lucy Porter's least favourite town to perform in?
 Has Cornelius's pal Jonathan ever won any money as a result of a tip from Cornelius?
 Who is Tom Wigglesworth's all time hero?
 All these burning questions, and more, will be answered in the show hosted by Miles Jupp, where panellists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.
 In this case, comedian Lucy Porter picks her agent, comedian Tom Wigglesworth picks his father, and Cornelius Lysaght picks an old school friend.
 Producer: Matt Stronge
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.
WED 09:30 The Right Time (b00fvbgz)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 Seeking treasure with metal detectors - and B & B holidays - with a twist!
 Sketch show for people growing older disgracefully. Written and performed by people who've lived a bit.
 Stars Eleanor Bron, Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Paula Wilcox, Clive Swift and Roger Blake.
 Written by Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Julie Balloo, Colin Bostock-Smith, John Pidgeon, Jan Etherington, Peter Spence and Andrew Nickolds.
 Music by Ronnie & The Rex.
 Producer: Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
WED 10:00 Ben Hur (b007jr5x)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 11:00 Paul Temple (b007k0d0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jwbr)
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WED 12:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000yvj)
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WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m0001cwc)
 Elvis Presley Comeback Special
 Paul Morley tells a parallel story of Elvis and America, from the vantage point of the King's finest hour in 1968.
 "I've got to do this sooner or later," Elvis says sheepishly, "so I may as well do it now."
 And so the 1968 Comeback Special begins: his quiff defying gravity and his leather jumpsuit chafing, as he bursts into an elemental rendition of Heartbreak Hotel. It had been one of his first singles 13 years before, initially recorded when he was still a teenager living in the Jim Crow South at the beginning of rock and roll.
 Much had happened in the meantime: JFK, The Beatles, the hippies and Detroit soul. And Elvis had become a different person, depressed, addicted and increasingly irrelevant.
 So by 1968, after his stint in the army, the uninspired films and the years of absence from the stage, the Comeback Special was an opportunity to resuscitate Elvis's career, to claw back his status as a powerful, credible force.
 And it did, fleetingly. He was fabulous, and his discography is never better showcased than on that day.
 But it also marked the point at which it became clear that the King was fragile.
 He was 33, a new father, and he would never be this good again. Paul Morley believes the '68 Comeback Special shows us Elvis at his best. But also that it offers a vantage point from which to look backwards, forwards and outwards to a changing America - remembering where the hillbilly kid had come from and poignantly aware of where he would end up.
 Featuring:
 Historian, Mary Frances Berry
 Film-maker, Eugene Jarecki
 Writer, Luc Sante
 Theatre artist, Greg Wohead.
 Producer: Martin Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b05tkzng)
 Series 7
 Investigation
 Josie Long presents stories of investigations - both amateur and professional.
 The comedian Alex Edelman describes his search for a missing cult legend, a German historian talks about the trouble of tracking down Hitler's head and a group of young mothers gather together to solve the mystery of disappearing teething powder.
 Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
 A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2015.
WED 21:30 Run Man Run (m001ns79)
 3. Narrow Escape
 Crooked cop Walker tracks Jimmy to his home, prompting him to take drastic action.
 Detective Matt Walker, a white New York undercover cop callously kills two black restaurant employees and when he suspects they stole his car. He then pursues a third man he also shot, Jimmy, who witnessed the atrocity. Fabricating an increasingly elaborate scenario, Walker tries to deflect attention from himself onto Jimmy.
 First published in 1966, 'Run Man Run' was African-American author Chester Himes' seventh novel.
 Adapted for radio by Guy Meredith.
 CAST:
 Det Matt Walker Bill Nighy

Jimmy Johnson Eamonn Walker
 Linda Alphonsia Emmanuel
 Eva Joanna Kanska
 Manager/Bartender Clive Rowe
 Man/Dealer Charles Augins
 Jenny Geraldine Fitzgerald
 Producer: Chris Wallis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1992.
WED 22:00 Robin Ince's Reality Tunnel (m001npdb)
 Gallery of Empathy
 Series 2 - Episode 2
 In the second of his two-part series Robin talks about appreciating art for how it makes us feel, he shares some stories about his favourite artists and celebrates the places that books and art can take us.
 Escaping the confines of The Infinite Monkey Cage, comedian Robin Ince takes us on a journey through his Reality Tunnel in his second two-part stand-up series, recorded specially for Radio 4.
 For over 30 years Robin Ince has been discharging fascinating thoughts, unusual knowledge, and infectious excitement into the universe. Over this time, these disparate, dusty specs of information have steadily clumped together and formed into an entity known as the 'Reality Tunnel'.
 Previously, Robin's live appearances have only been visible to those astute enough to be tracking his trajectory; those with a keen enough eye to catch a fleeting glimpse of him as he twinkles through their orbit, emitting his ideas, shedding light on the human condition, before vanishing again into the distance. But now, using specialist recording tools and fancy editing, this phenomenon has been captured in high resolution audio for all to hear.
 Praise for series 1
 - "I was practically in tears of joy and wonder. I found it deeply moving and profoundly comforting"
 - "It is a thing of beauty and joy and a thing for me amid an ocean of things that aren't!"
 - "it's good to know I'm not the only one with those 'thoughts'"
 Writer / Performer ... Robin Ince
 Voice Over ... Cody Dahler
 Producer ... Carl Cooper
 Production Coordinator ... Mabel Wright
 Sound Manager ... Jerry Peal
 Sound Editor ... Joshan Chana
 Picture by Steve Best
 BBC Studios Production for Radio 4
WED 22:30 Pick Ups (b00n91lg)
 Series 2
 The Angel of Death
 Things get fishy for Mike, while Dave and Alan encounter spooky goings-on at the cab office.
 Comedy set in a run-down taxi office in Manchester.
 Written by Ian Kershaw.
 Mike Paul Loughran
 Lind Lesley Sharp
 Dave Phil Rowson
 Rebel Parvez Qadir
 Carol-Ann Anne Hornby.
 Producer: Paul Hardy
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
WED 23:00 Holland's Shorts (m001ns7c)
 Episode 4
 Dominic Holland's thoughts on caravans, the peril of kidney beans and the lure of arcade games.
 Written and presented by Dominic Holland.
 With support from Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Martin Hyder and Ed Weeks.
 Music by Jim Howard.
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.
WED 23:15 Roger McGough's Other Half (b050bmfk)
 Episode 4
 The cat who couldn't care less - and singing blues in a variety of shades.
 Roger McGough presents surreal sketches and poetry.
 With:
 Helen Atkinson-Wood
 Philip Jackson
 Richie Webb
 Hear Roger's familiar voice in a whole fresh light. Expect merriment and melancholy in equal measures, and a whicker of witty wordplay too.
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.
WED 23:30 The Young Postmen (b00xjv0s)
 Everest (The Mountain)
 Swansden Post Office is threatened by cuts, and Derek's job is on the line.
 His only chance to prove his worth is probably to climb Mount Everest.
 But somewhere lurks the Abominable Tilbri.
 More surreal escapades of a trio of 'posties'.
 Written by and starring Ben Miller. With John Thomson and Felicity Montagu.
 Brian Ben Miller
 Derek John Thomson
 Sue Felicity Montagu
 Mr Tippet Alastair McGowan
 Mr Tilbury Jim Barclay

Music by Murray Gold
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

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THU 05:00 Ben Hur (b007jr6d)

4. The King Comes into His Kingdom

After the prince's victory in the chariot race, news arrives of his mother and sister.

Starring Jamie Glover.

Conclusion of Lew Wallace's epic tale.

Dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska.

Ben Hur Jamie Glover

Simonides Bernard Hepton

Balthasar Michael Hordern

Amrah Phyllis Calvert

Mother Margaret John

Esther Deborah Berlin

Tirzah Natasha Pyne

Malluch Gavin Muir

Iras Becky Hindley

Guide Neville Jason

Man at Inn Joshua Towb

Man 1 Don McCorkindale

Man 2 Derek Waring

Man 3 Peter Yapp

Man 4 Peter Whitman

Michael Gambon reads from the Bible.

Music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

THU 06:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011165)

1. Mr Policeman and the Cook

Cornelius Brady used to be a police constable. Now, as he lies on his deathbed, he has an astonishing confession to make.

Five Victorian mysteries by Wilkie Collins.

Dramatised by John Arden.

Wilkie Collins:..Ronald Pickup

PC Brady...John Quinn

Priscilla...Rachel Atkins

Priest...Hugh Dickson

Pianist: Colin Guthrie.

Director: David Blount.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jwbx)

Poirot - Taken at the Flood

Episode 4

The inquest on the death of the stranger has taken place, but Hercule Poirot is greatly disturbed by the shape the case is taking...

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Lynn Marchmont Susannah Corbett

Rowley Cloadelfan Ifan Meredith

Rosaleen Cloade Fritha Goodey

Superintendent Spence Robert Lang

Kathie Cloade Elizabeth Proud

Lionel Cloade Ioan Meredith

Mrs Leadbetter Mary Wimbush

Frances Cloade Caroline Wildi

Jeremy Cloade Andrew Sachs

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

THU 07:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000xqg)

4. Yeats

The award winning writer Tóibín reads from his insightful new book on literary fathers.

Tóibín's gaze turns to John B Yeats, father of the literary giant WB Yeats. It turns out that the brilliant conversationalist and impoverished artist was a source of exasperation, but also of inspiration to his son, and here Tóibín tells us why.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018.

THU 07:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001yfr)

All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes

Episode 4

Maya and supporters march in Ghana to echo Martin Luther King's 1963 monumental march in Washington DC. Their yearning for full citizenship in the US is laid bare once more. She and her group of ex-pats are inspired by a visit from Malcolm X.

Narrator, Maya Adjoa Andoh

Maya Pippa Bennett-Warner

Julian Mayfield Cyril Nri

Vicki Gbemisola Ikumelo

Malcolm X Don Gilet

Dramatised by Patricia Cumper

Directed by Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

THU 07:30 Michael Frayn's Magic Mobile (m000j2rl)

Episode 1

Michael Frayn's comic universe at the touch of a button with a glittering cast which includes David Suchet, Susannah Fielding, Joanna Lumley, Alfred Molina, Adam Godley, Jared Harris, Martin Jarvis and Roger Allam.

"The electronic device so simple even an adult can use it." Half an hour of monologues and dialogues, brought to you by the makers of Matchbox Theatre and Pocket Playhouse.

Ever imagined God being interviewed on Desert Island Discs? Or worrying about his image? How does the pharmaceutical industry name its newest drugs? Could shopping for teabags become a political decision? Might Shakespeare be considered an adequate co-writer?

It's all here, and more, in Michael Frayn's magical entertainment system. No passwords needed to enter.

Writer: Michael Frayn

Producer: Rosalind Ayres

Director: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis & Ayres production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jll5)

Series 1

Sergeant Wilson's Little Secret

Confusion reigns for Sergeant Wilson when Mrs Pike reveals news of a "new arrival".

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 Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Walker James Beck

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Frazer John Laurie

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

THU 08:30 Second Thoughts (b008p4zq)

Series 1

Match of the Day

Jealous Faith is swamped with advice over how best to deal with Bill and his ex-wife Liza

Starring Lynda Bellingham as Faith and James Bolam as Bill.

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.

Series one of four inspired by the real lives of husband and wife writers, Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off series Faith in the Future.

Faith Lynda Bellingham

Bill James Bolam

Hilary Celia Imrie

Liza Belinda Lang

Hannah Kelda Holmes

Joe Mark Denham

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

THU 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b3j9rq)

From 23/07/1979

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:

Sid Colin, Barry Cryer and John Junkin recall memories of careers and comic colleagues.

Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982. Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.

Producer: Bob Oliver Rogers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1979.

THU 09:30 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

Series 1

Drilling for Hamsters

The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.

Series one of Annie McCartney's sitcom.

Sally Frances Tomelty

Clare Marcella Riordan

Fintan Gerard Murphy

Evie Katy Gleadhill

Anna Bethan Lloyd

Simon Patrick Gleadhill

Trevor Gerard McSorley

Director: Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

THU 10:00 Ben Hur (b007jr6d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

THU 11:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011165)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jwbx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000xqg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001yfr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 12:30 Michael Frayn's Magic Mobile (m000j2rl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jll5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Second Thoughts (b008p4zq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 14:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b3j9rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Ben Hur (b007jr6d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

THU 16:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011165)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jwbx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 17:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000xqg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001yfr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 17:30 Michael Frayn's Magic Mobile (m000j2rl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b007jll5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 18:30 Second Thoughts (b008p4zq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b3j9rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 19:30 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 20:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m00147qf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

THU 21:00 Great Lives (b010t6hb)

Lewis Carroll

Writer Lynne Truss chooses the creator of Alice in

Wonderland, Lewis Carroll.

Famous for the Alice books, Carroll was also a brilliant mathematician and early photographer. But his reputation has been clouded by allegations, never substantiated, that he was a repressed paedophile.

With the help of biographer Robin Wilson, Lynne and Matthew try to discover why, despite the millions of words written about him, Carroll still remains a mystery.

Producer: Jolyon Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

THU 21:30 Run Man Run (m001nssj)

4. Only Way Out

Both Walker and Jimmy are armed and paranoid. Who will survive?

Detective Matt Walker, a white New York undercover cop callously kills two black restaurant employees and when he suspects they stole his car. He then pursues a third man he also shot, Jimmy, who witnessed the atrocity. Fabricating an increasingly elaborate scenario, Walker tries to deflect attention from himself onto Jimmy.

First published in 1966, 'Run Man Run' was African-American author Chester Himes' seventh novel.

Adapted for radio by Guy Meredith.

CAST:

Det Matt Walker Bill Nighy

Jimmy Johnson Eamonn Walker

Linda Alphonisa Emmanuel

Eva Joanna Kanska

Barber/Policeman Clive Rowe

Sgt Brock Peter Marinker

Jenny Geraldine Fitzgerald

Baker/Voice John Guerrasio

Peter Daniel Marinker

Producer: Chris Wallis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in 1992.

THU 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m001np7b)

Series 15

1. The Storyteller

Author of several plays, television dramas, works of non-fiction, letters to the BBC about the pitiful decline in standards of literature and grammar, and master of the abusive email – Ed Reardon is back.

Ed is still living in his superb, stylish capsule urban living unit (i.e., small office conversion), and conducting his part-time

relationship with Maggie. However, the means to finance a decent living as always eludes him. His agent, Ping, is not forthcoming with any major offers of work but his nemesis and best friend, Jaz, is keen for Ed to ghost-write his new memoir, 'I, Jaz'.

Ed would rather focus on trying to secure a spot on local radio and is busy 'self-taping' his audition piece berating the art of 'Storytelling', which proves a little difficult as his daughter, Eli, has decided she is going to pursue a new career as a 'Storyteller' and asks Ed to support her.

And with Pearl having gone to join the silver workforce as a store detective, Ed has a new student in his University of the 3rd Age writing class which allows him the opportunity to introduce a superior command of the narrative art to a new audience in the form of his classic 'Tenko' episode.

The series is dedicated to Andrew Nickolds, who sadly passed away mid-way through writing the series.

The regular cast this series are joined by Ellen Thomas and Sally Grace along with guests Robert Powell, Helen Monks, Rachel Atkins and Joe Thomas.

Ed Reardon - Christopher Douglas

Ping - Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Jaz Milvain - Philip Jackson

Eli - Lisa Coleman

Stan - Geoffrey Whitehead

Olive - Sally Grace

Winnie - Ellen Thomas

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis

Production Co-ordinator Katie Baum

Sound Jon Calver

THU 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (m000b515)

Series 5

Back on the Chain Gang

Tom seeks some medical advice while Mum fights the good fight on behalf of Sheffield's trees.

Listen in on Tom's weekly phone calls home to his mum, dad and gran in Sheffield and get a glimpse into the triumphs and tribulations of the Wrigglesworth clan in all its dysfunctional glory.

Tom Tom Wrigglesworth

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle.

With additional material by Miles Jupp

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2019.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001p1jf)

Dane Baptiste 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Dane Baptiste.

THU 23:00 Life on Egg (b091ofqz)

Series 1

Stand-In

When Peter is sent back to the mainland to undergo some urgent diversity training, Harry and Ann are given a replacement guard by The Minister.

Warder Leo Hatchet is a tough, uncompromising new screw and soon makes his mark on the prison's regime. But in doing so, has he destroyed The Egg's ambience?

And what about Peter? Will The Minister allow him to return to The Egg if Hatchet's already doing his job quicker and better?

Governor Harry Harry Hill

Ann Karen Bartke

Peter Marek Larwood

The Minister Tanya Moodie

Tim the Helicopter Pilot Dan Maier

Warder Leo Hatchet Dan Maier

Prisoner Gyles Brandreth Gyles Brandreth

Written by Dan Maier.

Producer: Sam Michell

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

THU 23:15 Sam Simmons Is Not a People Person

(b085xfx5)

Italians

Comedian. Writer. Ex-Zoo Keeper. Bird Watcher. Definitely NOT a people person.

Sam and Henry are making a series about birds, and armed with Sam's 'Big Book of Birds' they're looking out for a different species in each episode.

Sadly, and despite Henry's very best efforts, Sam keeps being distracted by the people they run into. Each encounter sparks an investigation into Sam's past, because once they've sorted out his issues, then they'll really be able to focus on the bird-watching.

They're kicking off in Toronto, on the hunt for a fiddle warbler. The unique talents of the multi-award winning Sam Simmons have landed.

"If you can imagine someone combining the rage of Basil Fawley with the lunacy of Spike Milligan you are getting somewhere close to Simmons. Painfully frank, riotously inventive and a deserving award winner." The Evening Standard (UK)

Written by and starring Sam Simmons

With:

Henry Paker

Sarah Kendall

Mike Wilmot

Freya Parker

Sound design by Craig Schuftan.

Producers: Joseph Nunnery and Alexandra Smith.

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.

THU 23:30 The Curried Goat Show (b007k4xf)

Episode 5

The results of the 'I Love Fatima Whitbread' competition are announced.

Will has trouble sleeping while two American sports-casters have trouble with pronunciation.

Sketch-bonanza written by and starring Dan Gaster, Will Ing and Ben Silburn.

With special guest: Paula Wilcox.

Music from The Big Buzzard Boogie Band.

Producer: Maria Esposito.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1998.

FRIDAY 21 JULY 2023

FRI 00:00 Ben Hur (b007jr6d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011165)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jwbx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín (m0000xqg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001y8v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 Michael Frayn's Magic Mobile (m000j2rt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007j1l5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 Second Thoughts (b008p4zq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b3j9rq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Two Doors Down (b0084r5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Trevor Lloyd - The MacGuffin (m0007dfv)

An homage to Alfred Hitchcock's script editor, Angus MacPhail, who - according to the influential film director - coined the name for the movie plot device, the MacGuffin. Starring Ian McDiarmid.

Trevor Lloyd's drama takes place on the day of the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

Angus MacPhail Ian McDiarmid

Robert Hamer ... Peter Blythe

Katrin Eisler Indira Varma

Frank Ben Crowe

Monique ... Alison Pettitt

Freda Carolyn Jones

Jack Bruce Purchase

Geoffrey Stephen Critchlow

Isobel Liza Sadovy

PC Andrew Harrison

Hitchcock..... Ewan Bailey

Director: Janet Whitaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

FRI 06:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011197)

2. Miss Jeromette & The Clergyman

Stephen Wheatmeal is to take holy orders, but what should he do about his mistress living in Chelsea?

One of five Victorian mysteries by Wilkie Collins.

Dramatised by John Arden.

Wilkie Collins...Ronald Pickup

Rev Wheatmeal...John Rowe

Young Wheatmeal...David Brooks

Jeromette...Alison Pettitt

Blacklock...David Bannerman.

Pianist: Colin Guthrie

Director: David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jwc3)

Poirot - Taken at the Flood

Episode 5

The Belgian sleuth is going to have to think very fast to unravel the enigma if he's to prevent another murder in the village...

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunit starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Lynn Marchmont Susannah Corbett

Rowley Cloadelfan Ifan Meredith

Superintendent Spence Robert Lang

David Hunter Tom George

The Maid Debbie Hunt

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003

FRI 07:00 Mad, Bad, Dangerous to Know by Colm Tóibín

(m0000z6p)

5. Romance

The award winning writer Colm Tóibín reads from his

illuminating book on literary fathers.

Tóibín turns to the romantic and occasionally erotic correspondence between John B Yeats and Rosa Butt, when the pair were in their sixties. He then reflects on the influence that the father's boyish romance had on the writings of his son, the literary giant WB Yeats.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in a November 2018.

FRI 07:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001y8v)

All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes

Episode 5

On Maya's return from Berlin, Malcolm X writes asking for her to work for him back in the USA. She goes on one last journey in Ghana and makes a startling discovery about her family's descent.

Narrator, Maya Adjoa Andoh

Maya Pippa Bennett-Warner

Dieter Erich Redman

Torvash Uriel Emil

Nana Nketsia Cyril Nri

Ewe Woman Gbemisola Ikumelo

Dramatised by Patricia Kupper

Directed by Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

FRI 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m0000xrp)

Series 3

5. The Appliance of Science

Hardacre's ad agency are pitching to the University of Oxfordshire, an online-only institution dedicated to internet learning.

Their efforts are complicated by the arrival at the agency of Elgin Hardacre, hired by his father as a copywriter - despite having no relevant skills or experience.

While Hardacre shows no interest in his son and Amanda dismisses him as an idiot and resolves to fire him by the end of the week, Joe and Teddy take pity on Elgin and take him under their wing.

In the process, they discover that however bad Hardacre might be as a boss, he's infinitely worse as a father - and Elgin in turn reveals some peculiar beliefs.

Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom.

Hardacre Nigel Havers

Joe Mathew Baynton

Amanda Josie Lawrence

Teddy Rasmus Hardiker

Laura Olivia Nixon

Elgin James Northcote

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2018.

FRI 08:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter

(b007jzjx)

Series 3

The Fridge

Author Gerald and his wife Diana blow hot and cold over refrigeration.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author starring Ian Carmichael as Gerald C Potter and Charlotte Mitchell as his wife, Diana.

With Brian Carroll and Danny Schiller.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

FRI 08:30 Rent (b04c34yr)

Series 1

Episode 1

Maria and Richard have a happy marriage, no children, but their house is falling down.

It looks like there's only one thing for it - they'll have to start taking in lodgers...

House share comedy about taking in lodgers written by Lucy Flannery.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Ruby Diane Louise-Jordan

Paul Toby Longworth

Bank Manager Francesca Ryan

Shop Assistant Sarah Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

FRI 09:00 Genius (b008m9f6)

Series 1

Stewart Lee

From a self-cleaning fish tank with a twist to a CD player-microwave oven?

Dave Gorman asks comedian Stewart Lee to select the public's best loopy idea.

The first of three radio comedy series where award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

FRI 09:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p0fz3)

Series 5

A Re-Excited Life Made Distinctly Dangerous

The Victorian comedy adventure sees Pip and his friends travel to India in their quest to thwart the evil machinations of smooth but sinister genius Mr Gently Benevolent.

Gasp as our heroes struggle with super-intelligent tigers, giant snakes, and secret gin!

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
Clampvulture Geoffrey Whitehead
Ripely Sarah Hadland
Pippa Susy Kane
Viceroy Roy Weiss Mark Evans
Producer: Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.
FRI 10:00 Trevor Lloyd - The MacGuffin (m0007dfv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
FRI 11:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011197)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jwc3)
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FRI 12:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0001y8v)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Rent (b04c34yr)
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FRI 14:00 Genius (b008m9f6)
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FRI 18:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzjx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Rent (b04c34yr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 19:00 Genius (b008m9f6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 19:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p0fz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 20:00 A Man's a Man for a' That: Frederick Douglass in Scotland (b06kb0g2)
Opera singer Andrea Baker explores the impact of Frederick Douglass and the time he spent in Scotland, the country which she's made her home. As the great-granddaughter of slaves, she's always been inspired by Douglass, who escaped slavery to become an abolitionist and social reformer but, until now, was unaware of the impact he'd had on Scotland and vice versa. In this feature, which features Parker Sawyers as the voice of Frederick Douglass, she discovers how Scotland got deep into the veins of Frederick Douglass. When he visited in 1846, he found an expression of freedom denied him in the United States: "in (no) class of society, have I found any curled lip of scorn... on account of my complexion; not once". He famously stated: "I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong." Is it any wonder then that he felt a connection with the country that produced the immortal poem 'A Man's a Man for a' That'? Indeed, addressing a white audience at a Burns supper two years after his visit, Douglass said, "if any think me out of my place on this occasion (pointing at the picture of Burns), I beg that the blame may be laid at the door of him who taught me that 'a man's a man for a' that.' It could be said that Douglass's influence on Scotland was equally dramatic. He spearheaded the 'Send Back the Money' campaign - what we'd now call a boycott movement aimed at cutting respectable ties with the American South. The idea was to shame the Free Church of Scotland into giving back Southern donations that came from the blood of slaves. Douglass lectured across Scotland - putting fire in the belly of the Scottish anti-slavery movement at a time when the cause was wilting elsewhere in Britain. Andrea Baker investigates if the money was ever sent back.

What was it about Scotland which so 'freed' Douglass? And did the anti-racist sentiment he espoused seed later Scottish campaigns against slavery and apartheid.
Producer: Pauline Moore
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
FRI 20:30 A Good Read (b06z2pmt)
Vanessa Feltz and David Hepworth
Broadcaster Vanessa Feltz and David Hepworth, the man behind magazines including Smash Hits, Q and Heat debate

their favourite books with Harriett Gilbert.
Vanessa Feltz's choice: A Tale of Two Families by Dodie Smith
Pub: Hesperus Press
David Hepworth's choice: The Custom of the Country by Edith Wharton
Pub: Bantam
Harriett Gilbert's choice: Beyond Black by Hilary Mantel
Pub: Fourth Estate
Producer Sally Heaven.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m000sj8d)
Series 17
More Frytful Scares
It was a dark and stormy night. A secret message arrived addressed to Rutherford and Fry from a mysterious woman called Heidi Daugh, who demanded to know: "Why do people like to be scared? For example, going on scary amusement park rides and watching horror movies that make you jump." What followed was an investigation, which would test our intrepid duo to their very limits. They explore the history of horror, starting with its literary origins in the Gothic fiction classic 'The Castle of Otranto'. Adam challenges Hannah to watch a horror film without hiding behind a cushion. She quizzes horror scholar Mathias Clasen to find out why some people love the feeling of terror, whilst it leaves other cold.
Sociologist Margee Kerr and psychologist Claudia Hammond are also on hand to explore why scary movies are so powerful and popular.
Then Rutherford and Fry investigate the more physical side of fear, when they delve into the history of roller coasters to investigate why we enjoy being scared.
Never ones to shy away from a challenge, the pair attempt to channel their inner adrenaline junkies with a trip on one the UK's scariest roller coasters at Thorpe Park.
David Poeppel from New York University studies the science of screaming, and we discover what makes screams uniquely terrifying. Plus, psychologist and broadcaster Claudia Hammond describes some early experiments which tested how fear affects our body.
This episode is a remake of two earlier broadcast episodes.
Producers: Fiona Roberts & Michelle Martin
Presenter: Adam Rutherford & Hannah Fry
First broadcast in February 2021.
FRI 21:30 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - The Lost Special (b01c8chn)
On the 3 June 1890, a gentleman who gave his name as Monsieur Louis Caratal, arrived at the London and West Coast Central station in Liverpool. Affairs of the utmost importance require him to travel to Paris without delay. Having missed the London Express, M Caratal asks that a special train be provided - money is no object.
The special train duly sets off from Liverpool but never arrives in Manchester, apparently disappearing somewhere en route. But a train can't just disappear into thin air, can it? Perhaps there has been a terrible accident?
Upon investigation, the incredulous police and railway officials cannot explain what might have happened to the train and its passengers. The newspapers are flooded with suggestions; one even proffered in The Times by an 'amateur reasoner of some celebrity at that date' (possibly an allusion to Sherlock Holmes), but no theory leads to the recovery of the missing train.
And so the matter stood, until a prisoner under a death sentence for murder, one Herbert de Lernac, offers a confession that at last reveals how one of the greatest and most inexplicable crimes of the century was executed and finally discloses the fate of the **4.31** from Liverpool and its passengers.
An intriguing story of villainy and ingenuity from one of Britain's most famous crime writers, Arthur Conan Doyle.
Reader: David Schofield
Producer: Heather Larmour
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2012.
FRI 22:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m001nwnx)
Series 2
Shrewsbury to Pwllheli
Comedy icon Alexei Sayle continues his series of rail journeys across the country with a trip from Shrewsbury to Pwllheli on the Cambrian coast line.
Alexei's mission is to break the golden rule of travelling by train and actually talk to his fellow passengers, in a quest for conversations with strangers that will reveal their lives, hopes, dreams and destinations.
Along the way, Alexei holds a finger into the wind of the thoughts and moods of the great British travelling public. There's humour, sadness and surprise as people reveal what is going on in their lives and, as Alexei passes through familiar towns and cities, he also delves into his own personal stories of a childhood in Liverpool and a long career as a comedian, actor and author.
Alexei has a life-long ticket to ride in his DNA, as his father was a railway guard. As a child, Alexei travelled on trains with his mum and dad, not only in the UK but also abroad. While other children in Liverpool at the time thought a trip to Blackpool was a big adventure, Alexei travelled to Paris, experienced the Orient Express, had summer holidays in Czechoslovakia and visited mysterious cities with unpronounceable names in the farthest corners of Europe.
In this programme, among his many fellow travellers, Alexei

miraculously finds Barry, an old school friend from Liverpool; Denise, who has been given an extraordinary set of directions in order to deal with the complex arrangements for her holiday; Geoff, who on a whim, decided to buy one of the UK's oldest cinemas, in a tiny Welsh seaside town; Isabel, who is off to monitor dolphins - and Margaret, who has been going to the same spot on the Cambrian coast for her holiday every year for more than 50 years - and now her extended family is following the same tradition.
FRI 23:00 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b00klk4r)
Series 1
Episode 3
Understanding phones - and what women never do...or do they? Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney make it up as they go along! Faced with a live studio audience and a couple of microphones - the masters of improv create sketches from shouted out suggestions.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.
FRI 23:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00yqhrk)
Series 1
Gelbetia
Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have experienced a succession of bizarre adventures.
His begins with the tale of his travels in Gelbetia - a country run by doctors.
Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.
A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.
Brian Neil Pearson
Rachel Mariah Gale
Brendal Katherine Jakeways
Dr Malik Paul Bhattacharjee
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Gulliver's Travels is the only book Bill Dare read at university. His father, Peter Jones, narrated a similarly peripatetic radio series: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.
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