

SATURDAY 29 JULY 2023**SAT 00:00 Nick Fisher - The Shadow of Mir (b007k2vs)**

Valentina Savitskaya, a middle-aged Russian bureaucrat, is sent into space to check the future viability of space station Mir. As her real motive is gradually revealed, a tense power game is played out.

Nick Fisher's sci-fi drama stars Etela Pardo.

Valentina Savitskaya Etela Pardo

Stephen Childs Jamie Glover

Dmitri Makarov Philip Jackson

Vladimir Gubarev Michael Culver

Ricky Gardner Harry Ditson

Lyahkov Olegario Fedoro

Mission Control Sam Douglas

Girl Keeley Hawes

Corporal Ian Gelderl

TV presenter Toni G Barry

Recorded on location at Cranfield College of Aeronautics.

Director: John Dryden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

SAT 01:00 Elizabeth Gaskell - Mr Harrison's Confession (b041yks9)

A young surgeon arriving at the village of Duncombe discovers that his female patients seem to require a singular remedy.

Elizabeth Gaskell's 1851 novella is notable for being a prequel

to her novel Cranford.

Starring Marston Bloom.

Dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Mr Harrison Marston Bloom

Jemima Bullock Colleen Prendergast

Mr Bullock David Timson

Miss Tomkinson Gillian Bevan

Caroline Tomkinson Rebecca Front

Miss Horsman Jane Booker

Mrs Bullock Christine Kavanagh

Sophy Hutton Alison Pettitt

Mr Morgan Geoffrey Whitehead

Jack Marshland/John Brouncker Stephen Critchlow

Mrs Rose Sophie Thompson

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

SAT 02:00 Good Omens (b04vj19)

5. War, Famine, Pollution and Death

The Four Horsepersons of the Apocalypse assemble and set off for Lower Tadfield, while Aziraphale finds himself inhabiting a most unexpected host body.

Dramatisation of Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman's Good Omens.

Starring Peter Serafinowicz and Mark Heap.

Adaptation and sound design by Dirk Maggs.

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Anathema Device Charlotte Ritchie

Newton Pulsifer Colin Morgan

Madame Tracy Julia Deakin

War Rachael Stirling

Famine Paterson Joseph

Pollution Harry Lloyd

Death Jim Norton

Big Ted Mitch Benn

Scuzz Mark Benton

Pigbog Arsher Ali

Greaser Ben Crowe

Tyler Andy Secombe

Mrs Omerod Marcella Riordan

Julia Tracy Wiles

Producer: Heather Larmour.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

SAT 02:30 Cordoba (m000y71s)

5. Still Waters

Journalist Dee Mitchell tacks down the elusive Richard, who

fled the night she found Jenny's body.

The boy makes some interesting revelations....

Starring Alison Steadman.

Nigel Baldwin's thriller serial set in south Wales.

Dee Mitchell Alison Steadman

Conrad De'Ath Bill Stewart

Geraint Robin Griffith

Alex Leslie Rooney

Ieuan Robert Pugh

Tina Turner Gudrun Ure

Beth Sue Jones Davies

Olwen Pam Hopkins

Richard Ian Targett

Gary Andrew Wincott

Original music by Laurie Scott Baker.

Directed at BBC Wales by Jane Dauncey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

SAT 03:00 You Will Be Safe Here by Damian Barr (m0005f91)

5. Elections

It's 1994, and as the crowds, black and white, queue to vote in the General Election, life is also about to change for Rayna and her daughter Irma.

Damian Barr's blistering debut novel, spanning 100 years of South Africa's dark past and present.

Read by Tracy Ann Oberman.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

SAT 03:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01phm1n)

The Light Years

5. Enemies

As Sid worries about the situation in Germany, Louise discovers an enemy within her own family.

The Light Years tells the story of the extended Cazalet family.

Set in the lead up to the outbreak of the Second World War, it appears that the Cazalets have it all.

But we soon discover that infidelity, indiscretions, jealousies and misplaced loyalties lurk just beneath the surface.

Written by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Dramatised by Sarah Daniels

Narrator Penelope Wilton

Edward Pip Torrens

Louise Alix Wilton Regan

Villy Ruth Gemmill

Rachel Naomi Frederick

Sid Helen Schlesinger

Bus Conductor Robert Blythe

Producers & Directors: Sally Avens & Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

SAT 03:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000118z)

Series 3

6. Holidays Are Coming

It's Christmas Eve, and Joe Starling sits alone in his favourite bar telling the barman his troubles.

He's quit his job at Hardacre's advertising agency.

A few hours earlier on Christmas Eve and Hardacre's are having a party. Rupert Hardacre (Nigel Havers) has pulled out all the stops to celebrate the agency's most successful year ever. By

creating a wildly popular TV ad for Walton's department store, Hardacre's have reached the Promised Land - the reputation of the agency is restored and their future is secured. And it's all thanks to Joe.

Joe, Hardacre, Amanda and Teddy gather to celebrate their achievement, get drunk, sing some karaoke and ring in Christmas. For once, everything at Hardacre's has gone right and everyone is happy.

So how has Joe ended up in that bar?

Hardacre Nigel Havers

Joe Mathew Baynton

Amanda Josie Lawrence

Teddy Rasmus Hardiker

Narrator Victoria Rigby

Bartender Mark Evans

Christmas Ad Voice Over Gordon Kennedy

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

SAT 04:00 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)

Series 3

The Clock

Gerald and Diana hear some bumps in the night. 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

With:

Douglas Blackwell

Patricia Hughes

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Producer: Bobby Jay

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

SAT 04:30 Rent (b04crvbz)

Series 1

Episode 2

Now they've got students Paul and Ruby as lodgers, Maria and

Richard are finding out they're not as young and groovy as they'd thought...

Stars Patrick Barlow and Barbara Flynn.

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

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

SAT 05:00 Listomania (b09xk5rb)

Series 1

Episode 1

From the magnificent to the mundane.

From the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more... Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the lists.

With:

Katherine Ryan

Dane Baptiste

Elis James

Aisling Bea

Written by James Kettle and Gráinne Maguire with Max Davis and Gabby Hutchinson-Crouch.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 2015.

SAT 05:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p41hd)

Series 5

An Alrightish Life Savagely Frozen to Bits

Pip races to Antarctica to thwart another fiendish plot by his evil ex-guardian, Mr Gently Benevolent.

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

Explorer Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

SAT 06:00 Good Omens (b04vjrjm)

6. Armageddon

As Aziraphale and Crowley, the Witchfinder Army, and the Horsepersons of the Apocalypse descend on Lower Tadfield, the fate of the Earth rests on the shoulders of Adam Young

Dramatisation of Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman's Good Omens.

Super-sized conclusion starring Peter Serafinowicz and Mark Heap.

Adaptation and sound design by Dirk Maggs.

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Shadwell Clive Russell

Melatron Nicholas Briggs

Beelzebub Steve Toussant

Mr Young Simon Jones

Tyler Andy Secombe

Deisenburger Martin Sherma

Baddicombe Tom Alexander

Guard Ben Crowe

Security Guard Trevor White

Adam Adam Thomas Wright

Pepper Hollie Burgess

Wensleydale Bobby Fuller

Brian Lewis Andrews

Producer: Heather Larmour.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

SAT 07:00 Neil Gaiman and Dirk Maggs in Conversation (b04vj1f2)

The best-selling author Neil Gaiman and the revered producer Dirk Maggs go back a long way, but they only actually met in person much later in life.

Their friendship began during the early days of email when, in 1992, Dirk wrote to Neil asking if he could turn Gaiman's 'The Sandman' comic series into a radio play.

Sadly that project didn't happen, but it was the beginning of a long friendship, which led to their working together on the hugely successful 2013 radio drama *Neverwhere* and on BBC Radio 4's adaptation of *Good Omens*, the cult classic written by Neil and Sir Terry Pratchett.

Recorded after the read through of *Good Omens* - ahead of recording.

Producer: Elizabeth Jaynes

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2014.

SAT 07:15 Short Works (m000bgpd)

Cuckoo by Paul McVeigh

After an unexpected stay in hospital, Ben seems like a different person.

An original short work for BBC Radio 4 by the Northern Irish writer Paul McVeigh.

Read by Tony Flynn.

Born in Belfast, Paul McVeigh has written comedy, essays, flash fiction, a novel, plays and short stories. His work has been performed on radio, stage and TV, and published in seven languages. Paul co-founded the London Short Story Festival and is an associate director at Word Factory.

His debut novel *'The Good Son'* won The Polari First Novel Prize and The McCrea Literary Award.

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2019.

SAT 07:30 Erebus by Michael Palin (Omnibus) (b0bm9b94)

Michael Palin reads from his book about the mysterious and tragic voyage of HMS *Erebus* in 1845:

A 19th century botanist, Joseph Hooker, and a press conference in Canada in 2014 sharpen the author's interest in the story. *Erebus* made a successful journey to the Antarctic and was being rigged and loaded for a second expedition to the Northwest Passage.

Hopes were high when she finally set off from Greenhithe on the Thames estuary.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Penny Leicester

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007js02)

12. Flaming Fosdykes

"We're being forced out of business by them flaming Fosdykes." Fire blazes and plotting's afoot...

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

Roger Ditchley Christian Rodska

von Richtofen Larry Lamb

With:

Nick Maloney

Nick Revell

Sally Grace

John Dougall

Christopher Barr

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1983.

SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05nhvkw)

Series 1

Sweet Memories

When Henry boasts of his Casanova exploits to his children, Jennifer feels she has to invent an old beau for herself - with disastrous results.

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 Wendy Craig

Henry Francis Matthews

Mary Charlotte Mitchell

Trudi Roberta Tovey

Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston

Amanda Jill Riddick

Pam Gwenda Wilson

Mr Micklewhite Bunny May

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1969.

SAT 09:30 Something to Shout About (m000c2bz)

Series 1

Episode 3

An attractive new nurse sets pulses racing at the advertising agency.

'A light-hearted exposé of the advertising world!'

Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen, Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'.

Written by Myles Rudge and Ronnie Wolfe

Michael Lightfoot Michael Medwin

Janet Harris Fenella Fielding

Maggie Tufnell Eleanor Summerfield

Mavis Willis Joan Sims

Adrian Beales Nicholas Phipps

Mr Blythe/Variou Warren Mitchell

Written by Myles Rudge and Ronnie Wolfe.

Producer: John Simmonds.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1961.

SAT 10:00 Charles Parker Prize (m001p6r9)

2023

Sara Parker introduces a new generation of student features makers, all winners and finalists of the Charles Parker Prize 2023 - set up in memory of her father.

The annual Charles Parker Prize celebrates a new generation of audio producers and storytellers - open to anyone studying radio and audio at Higher or Further Education establishments across the U.K.

Broadcast through the 1950s and 60s, along with Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger, Charles Parker's series known as the 'Radio Ballads' arguably left a lasting legacy on the landscape of radio storytelling; by interweaving original musical composition with remote interview recordings, and with a focus on highlighting working class voices - a practice until then unheard on BBC radio.

Charles' daughter Sara Parker, herself an award-winning radio producer, hears this year's very best features; woven between highlights from their features, our ten new storytellers share their experience and journey creating their prize-winning work.

An "expertly montaged" undersea dive exploring how man-made sounds threaten underwater ecologies; the "delicate and mysterious" unveiling of a serial womaniser and his hitherto undiscovered children; the "beautiful and evocative" ode to the Irish language and its 'life force'; an "engrossing and touching" investigation into the declining numbers of wild house martins; and a startlingly vivid and intimate depiction of two siblings' relationship with their abusive late father that judges agreed was both "captivating and horrifying".

There are extracts from the prize-winning features of; Thea Rickard, Dom Brown, Christina Hardinge, George Ruskin, and Lottie Steele, as well as five of our finalists; Kieran Davis, Petra Jones, Lydia Kenny, Matthew Temporal, and Alice Whalley. You can hear the five winners' work in full in the series 'New Storytellers' on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds.

Producer: Jay Sykes

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Soundscape Productions.

SAT 11:00 Good Omens (b04vjrjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:00 Neil Gaiman and Dirk Maggs in Conversation (b04vj1f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SAT 12:15 Short Works (m000bgpd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 12:30 Erebus by Michael Palin (Omnibus) (b0bm9b94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007js02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05nhvkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Something to Shout About (m000c2bz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Charles Parker Prize (m001p6r9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Nick Fisher - The Shadow of Mir (b007k2vs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SAT 17:00 Good Omens (b04vjrjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:00 Neil Gaiman and Dirk Maggs in Conversation (b04vj1f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SAT 18:15 Short Works (m000bgpd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 18:30 Erebus by Michael Palin (Omnibus) (b0bm9b94)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007js02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05nhvkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Something to Shout About (m000c2bz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Charles Parker Prize (m001p6r9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007v1p5)

Series 1

4. Philip Pope

From Stan Freberg to Flanders & Swann.

Musical comedian Mitch Benn presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs by other performers.

With guest Philip Pope.

Producer: Ed Morrish

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in August 2005.

SAT 22:30 Cowards (b00776sr)

Series 1

Episode 1

Talking coins and cows in the bizarre world of the comedy sketch show team.

Written and performed by:

Tom Basden

Stefan Golaszewski

Tim Key

Lloyd Woolf

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001p8mk)

Harriet Kemsley meets Lindsey Santoro 1/3

From **10.00pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Harriet Kemsley chats to Lindsey Santoro.

SAT 23:00 Believe It! (b0bgppt5)

Series 4

Scotland

The fourth series of Jon Canter's not quite true autobiography of actor Richard Wilson.

Believe what you like!

Richard decides that it's time he became more Scottish.

So he calls on all his Scottish friends to do likewise.

Himself Richard Wilson

Himself Ian McKellen

Himself Anthony Sher

Himself Peter Capaldi

Himself David Tennant

Herself Arabella Weir

Sheila/Deirdre/Scottish Lady Lotte Rice

Nicola Sturgeon Arabella Weir

Vincent/Drunk David John

Produced and Directed by Clive Brill.

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

SAT 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00wtb2v)

Series 6

Ginger

Satan finally resolves Edith's murder, while she discovers something astonishing about humans descended from angels.

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan.... Andy Hamilton

Edith Annette Crosbie

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Thomas Scumspawn

With:

Michael Fenton Stevens

Felicity Montagu

Philip Pope

Nick Revell

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023

SUN 00:00 Philip Levene - Cold Storage (b007jxmr)

Cold stores are intended only for perishable goods.

So the doors don't always have handles on the inside - as one accident-prone frozen food manufacturer finds out...

Philip Levene's chilling thriller.

Robert Craig Nigel Graham

Lucy Craig Bonnie Hurren

Alan Scott John Forrest

Producer: Margaret Etal

First broadcast in Thirty-Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in October 1973.

SUN 00:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k167)

9. Attack

With the new society on the attack, Robert Neville refuses to leave his house.

1954 cult classic set in the United States of America in 1976. Concluded 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 05:00 Charles Parker Prize (m001p6r9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001p7c5)

Poetry Workshop - Night Photograph by Lavinia Greenlaw
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Poetry Workshop - Night Photograph by Lavinia Greenlaw.
Ruth Padel meets poets from East Suffolk to work on some poems in progress. Testing and revising as they go, in a spirit of supportive criticism. Tough love for poems.

Poetry Workshops are gathering all over the country. In the back rooms of pubs, in libraries and in front rooms, poets meet to hone their craft and sharpen their verse.

Ruth and the group work on three very different poems on the theme of 'darkness' - poems that evoke mystery, longing and sadness. In the process they consider the pros and cons of abstractions and the effective use of titles in a poem. The group are ruthless yet supportive as they chuck out words and redraft; listening, pruning and testing their work as they go.

The group discuss the techniques, inspiration, wordplay and imagination that make poetry so enjoyable and rewarding. As well as working on their own poems, the group consider a poem by Lavinia Greenlaw called 'Night Photograph.'

Producer: Sarah Langan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

SUN 06:30 Je T'Aime: The legendary love story of Jane Birkin & Serge Gainsbourg (Omnibus) (m0002rhv)

Gainsbourg and Birkin were arguably France's most iconic couple - synonyms for love, glamour, eroticism, poetry and provocation.

They met in 1968. She, an English aristocrat just arrived in Paris from Swinging London. He, the son of Russian immigrants, already the author of *Le Poinçonneur des Lilas* and *La Javanaise* and emotionally wrecked by his breakup with Brigitte Bardot.

Their love story set Paris aflame as the 1960s ebbed, and set in motion many of the ideas we have by now come to think of as specifically French.

Skipping back and forth in time, *Je T'Aime* takes the listener from the foggy Normandy landscapes where Serge and Jane retreated, to their carefree summers on the coast. En route to superstardom in films and music, we experience their intrigues, triangular relationships and jealous rages, the genius and the self-torture.

Jane Birkin died aged 76 in July 2023. Serge Gainsbourg was 62 when he died in 1991.

Le Monde Journalist and acclaimed author Véronique Mortaigne talked to the pair's friends, family and colleagues to cast new light on these two massive personalities, who together created a model of the rebel couple for the ages.

Véronique has been head of music and arts at *Le Monde* and is the author of a dozen books, including biographies of Cesaria Evora, Manu Chao, and Johnny Halliday.

Read by Jane Slavin.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Polly Coles.

Producer: Clive Brill

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

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001p7cp)

Dr Alex George

Youth Mental Health Ambassador Dr Alex George, chooses 'Your Song' by Elton John and 'Keep Your Head Up' by Ben Howard.

SUN 07:50 Helen Dunmore - Your Blue-Eyed Boy (Omnibus) (m000gnwq)

Simone is a district judge whose husband Donald is on the verge of bankruptcy and breakdown.

She attends court, passes judgement on the lives of others when out of the blue a letter arrives; someone she has tried to forget has not forgotten her and Simone's private history is about to collide with her public world.

Helen Dunmore's 1998 novel, weaves together crime, judgement, desire and loss.

Omnibus of five episodes dramatised by Fiona Evans.

Simone Pippa Nixon

Donald Graeme Hawley

Michael Andonis Anthony

Matt Eliza Wolf

Joe Milo Robinson

Busker Paul Cargill

Produced and directed by Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.

SUN 09:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nm0k5)

Transatlantic Tangle

The Huggett family are baffled by a mystery letter that arrives from America.

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

Bobby George Howell

Jane Marion Collins

Fred Stebbings Charles Lennox

Mamie Webb Patricia Hayes

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September

1957.

SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (b0169lfp)

Series 9

Cuthbert Joins the Navy

Mrs Povey insists that her snooty nephew Cuthbert samples a career on the ocean wave aboard HMS Troutbridge!

Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Number One Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caddicot

Mrs Povey Heather Chasen

Commander Bell Ronnie Barker

Taffy Goldstein Tenniel Evans

Cuthbert Michael Bates

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

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1967.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b038xpm5)

Edinburgh Winners

Steve Coogan

Kirsty Young's castaway is the comedian and actor Steve Coogan.

As a child he found he had a knack for impressions, a talent which led him to work on ITV's Spitting Image.

Recently Steve has also found success in films, but is best known for the comic monster he created - Alan Partridge.

The chat show host in Pringle jumper and slacks made us grin with his crass questions and witless interventions and has remained one of our most enduring comic anti-heroes.

DISC ONE: Hong Kong Garden - Siouxsie and the Banshees

DISC TWO: We Have All the Time in the World - Louis

Armstrong

DISC THREE: Wickerman - The Mock Turtles

DISC FOUR: (Nothing But) Flowers - Talking Heads

DISC FIVE: Hallelujah - Happy Mondays

DISC SIX: Edward Elgar's Variations on an Original Theme,

Op. 36: Variation IX "Nimrod" - soloist: Julian Lloyd Webber; orchestra: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; conductor: Sir

Yehudi Menuhin

DISC SEVEN: California - Joni Mitchell

DISC EIGHT: Panic - The Smiths

BOOK CHOICE: The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy -

Laurence Sterne

LUXURY CHOICE: Fully-restored Morris Minor Traveller with wooden detail

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: We Have All the Time in the World - Louis Armstrong

Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lxhb3)

Series 1

Birds of Paradise

Sir David Attenborough talks about the Birds of Paradise.

This is a group of birds which evolved in the relative safety of New Guinea, allowing them to acquire adornments and feathered decorations so resplendent that they fooled the early explorers who discovered them.

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

Producer: Julian Hector.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in August 2009.

SUN 11:00 Poetry Extra (m001p7c5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 11:30 Je T'Aime: The legendary love story of Jane Birkin & Serge Gainsbourg (Omnibus) (m0002rhv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

SUN 12:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001p7cp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]

SUN 12:50 Helen Dunmore - Your Blue-Eyed Boy (Omnibus) (m000gnwq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 today]

SUN 14:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nm0k5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 14:30 The Navy Lark (b0169lfp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 15:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b038xpm5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 15:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lxhb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 16:00 Philip Levene - Cold Storage (b007jxmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SUN 16:30 I Am Legend by Richard Matheson (b007k167)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:30 today]

SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m001p7c5)

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SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lxhb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Start/Stop (b04stvxw)

Series 2

4. David's Villa

Jack Docherty's sitcom about three marriages in various states of disrepair.

The three couples are invited to David's villa in Italy. Barney and Evan go out early to help David with some renovations. Meanwhile Fiona tries to help Cathy to get bikini-ready. Alice, of course, is already bikini-ready, which Barney is looking forward to confirming...

Starring:

Couple 1:

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godlman

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 December 2014.

SUN 22:30 The Celebrity Voicemail Show (b06b5t1)

Series 1

Benedict Cumberbatch

Kayvan Novak imagines what it might be like to hear the answerphone messages of the rich and famous.

He's starting with the voicemail of 'Sherlock' star Benedict Cumberbatch.

An entirely fictitious comedy show.

Written, improvised and starring Kayvan Novak.

Producer: Matt Stronge

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015

SUN 22:45 Tina C (b0076q33)

Tina C's Tiny Island Tour

England

Country singer and global activist Tina C. explores the special relationship between America and the United Kingdom.

Written and performed by Christopher Green.

Pianist: Duncan Walsh Atkins

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

SUN 23:00 Linda Smith's A Brief History of Timewasting (b007js92)

Series 1

2. East End Mafia

Linda gets her neighbour's Jack the Ripper letters authenticated. But she falls foul of the dodgy East End Mafia, headed by the elusive and notorious Don Estelle.

Comedy series written by and starring Linda Smith.

Linda Linda Smith

Chris Chris Neill

Betty Margaret John

Worra Femi Elufowaju Jr

Radio Announcer Peter Donaldson

Special guest star: Don Estelle.

Other parts played by Jeremy Hardy.

Pianist: Colin Sell

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

SUN 23:30 Radio 9 (b04g429s)

Series 2

Episode 3

Travels at sea, a magazine for NIMBYs and faking your way in abseiling.

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:

Max Digby

Katherine Jakeways

Sarah Daukes

Matt Wilkinson

Mary Hennessey

Robert Johnston

Esther Phillips

Jon Stevenson

Carine Harris

Jonathan Kydd

Producers: Claire Jones and Johnny Daukes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.

MONDAY 31 JULY 2023

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001xhb3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Whodunnits (b007k06w)
Baldi - Series 3
Tempus Fugit
Mrs Reid leads Franciscan priest Paolo Baldi and his broken watch to a house of clocks.
But it's a place where love, revenge and jealousy make a mockery of time...
David Threlfall stars in the return of the murder-solving priest.
Written by Martin Meenan.
Paolo Baldi David Threlfall
Tina Mahon Tina Kellegher
Rynne Owen Roe
Mrs Reid Margaret D'Arcy
Stanley David Kelly
Frederick Niall Toibin
Aggie Sorcha Cusack
Eddie Des Cave
Deborah Pauline McLynn
Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC Northern Ireland.
Script Editor: Gemma McMullan
Recorded at RTE's studios in Dublin.
Director: Mark Lambert
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 05:45 Short Works (m00066s6)
The Rivals by Dermot Bolger
A writer receives a message requesting he visit a hospice in order to make peace with a man he hasn't seen in over 40 years.
An original short story for BBC Radio 4 by the Irish poet, playwright and novelist Dermot Bolger.
Read by Owen Roe.
Dermot Bolger is one of Ireland's most respected authors whose awards include the Samuel Beckett Award and the AE Memorial Prize.
An acclaimed poet, playwright and novelist, his works have been staged and published in many countries.
His extensive radio credits include 'Hunger Again', 'The Kerlogue', 'The Night Manager' and 'The Fortunistown Kid'.
The audio version of his own novel 'The Woman's Daughter' was awarded the Worldplay Award for Best Script.
Producer: Michael Shannon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2019.

MON 06:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011lyp)
3. Mr Marmaduke & The Minister
Felicia leaves her father's remote manse to live in London's Belgravia, but her new husband's strange behaviour is a cause for concern.
What secret is he keeping from her?
One of five Victorian mysteries by Wilkie Collins.
Dramatised by John Arden.
Wilkie Collins...Ronald Pickup
Rev Maconochie...Peter Kelly
Felicia...Emma Fielding
Mr Marmaduke...Christopher Wright
Yellow-haired Woman...Carolyn Jones
Pianist: Colin Guthrie
Director: David Blount
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

MON 06:30 Cordoba (m000y7mr)
6. La Pista Falsa
Alex's predictions of death have been proved to be true.
Will anyone take up journalist Dee Mitchell's quest for justice?
Starring Alison Steadman.
Conclusion of Nigel Baldwin's thriller serial set in south Wales.
Dee Mitchell Alison Steadman
Conrad De'Ath Bill Stewart
Thomas Alan Towner
Alex Leslie Rooney
Ieuan Robert Pugh
Beth Sue Jones Davies
Nurse Marie Phillips
Smith Ivor Roberts
Mrs Mitchell Lawmary Champion
Original music by Laurie Scott Baker.
Directed at BBC Wales by Jane Dauncey.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

MON 07:00 You Will Be Safe Here by Damian Barr (m0005mqk)
6. Adjustments
It's 2006, and both white and black South Africans are adjusting to the end of Apartheid.
And 12-year old, Britney-loving Willem fears he's about to get a new stepdad.
Damian Barr's blistering debut novel, spanning 100 years of South Africa's dark past and present.
Read by Tracy Ann Oberman.

Abrided in ten parts by Richard Hamilton
Producer: Justine Willett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2019.

MON 07:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pnmx2)
The Light Years
6. Coping
Villy has to deal with her unexpected pregnancy, whilst Zoe attempts to hide her dinner dates with Dr Sherlock from her mother.
The Light Years tells the story of the extended Cazalet family. Set in the lead up to the outbreak of the Second World War, it appears that the Cazalets have it all.
But we soon discover that infidelity, indiscretions, jealousies and misplaced loyalties lurk just beneath the surface.
Written by Elizabeth Jane Howard.
Dramatised in ten parts by Sarah Daniels.
Narrator Penelope Wilton
Villy Ruth Gemmill
Diana Lisa Dillon
Edward Pip Torrens
Zoe Zoe Tapper
Dr Sherlock Ben Croke
Mrs Headford Patience Tomlinson
Dr Ballater Patrick Brennan
Producers & Directors: Sally Avens & Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

MON 07:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004snh)
Series 5
John Maynard Keynes
The premier comedy-economics hybrid is tackling 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.
In this series 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 episode, the spotlight shines on John Maynard Keynes, a figure whose analysis and suggested solutions for the West's economic woes are still argued over as heatedly in Westminster and Washington as if they had been published just last week.
Keynes was an extraordinary figure, not only an economic visionary but that rarest of things, one who put his money where his mouth was, and to great effect - his canny investments kept the entire Bloomsbury group afloat and in crayons, though we needn't hold that against him.
Presenters: Simon Evans and Tim Harford
Writers: Simon Evans, Tim Harford, Dan Evans and Robert Ledger
Producer: Richard Morris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

MON 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b007jx2c)
Series 1
Episode 6
Hugh and Joan are none too impressed with The Kenneth Williams Exhibition outside in the foyer...
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 May 1969.

MON 08:30 Taking It Up the Octave (b088948k)
Episode 4
Staging opera can be an exhausting and chaotic business.
Keyboard Ken collapses and has to be rushed to hospital while Natasha, Opera Sunderland's prima donna, tours pubs, clubs and local radio stations trying to drum-up an audience.
Comedy drama series written by Fintan Coyle and Tom Miles.
The mishaps and adventures of the acting troupe at Opera Sunderland.
Natasha Caz Weller
James Simon Butteriss
Derek Andrew Branch
Gareth Godfrey James
Dwight Jonathan Kydd
Keyboard Ken Tom Miles
Cilla Carolyn Bonnyman
Singers:
Kathryn Jenkin
Susan Jelley
Henrik Wager
Jochem van Ast

Music by Tom Miles and Georges Bizet
Producer Chris Neill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (p0g1x8jt)
Series 16
The Brontes
James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness.
Team captains John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks, are joined by Mark Watson and Sue Limb.
Authors of the week and subject for pastiche are The Bronte Sisters.
Reader: Beth Chalmers
Producer: Alexandra Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013.

MON 09:30 The Change (b00nxcbs)
Series 1
Lipstick
Carol's attempts at keeping George's little hobby a secret are thwarted when they bump into Maureen...
Comedy about troubled hormonal Carol whose husband George has revealed that he's a transvestite.
Starring Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison.
Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Eatherington.
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 December 2001.

MON 10:00 Whodunnits (b007k06w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 10:45 Short Works (m00066s6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

MON 11:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011lyp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Cordoba (m000y7mr)
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MON 12:00 You Will Be Safe Here by Damian Barr (m0005mqk)
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MON 12:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pnmx2)
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MON 12:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004snh)
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MON 13:00 Stop Messing About! (b007jx2c)
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MON 14:00 The Write Stuff (p0g1x8jt)
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MON 15:00 Whodunnits (b007k06w)
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MON 17:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pnmx2)
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MON 17:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004snh)
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MON 18:00 Stop Messing About! (b007jx2c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 Taking It Up the Octave (b088948k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 The Write Stuff (p0g1x8jt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Change (b00nxcbs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0019bt8)
Series 13
Put To The Test
True stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces stories of testing one's own limitations and discovering new wells of strength and resolve.
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 (b06vc7pn)

Alison Goldfrapp

Singer Alison Goldfrapp chooses 'Carmina Burana' composed by Carl Orff and 'Expecting' by Minnie Riperton.

MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b04ps3bn)

Series 4

Angélique Kidjo (the A-Side)

Angélique Kidjo, the "Queen of African music" discusses her 1994 breakthrough album, 'Ayé'.

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.

In the A-side, the Grammy nominated singer-songwriter and activist from Benin talks to John Wilson.

She also performs exclusive versions of key tracks, including "Agolo," "Adouma" and "Djan-Djan".

The album has been described as "a spellbinding one-world statement" where "Kidjo treats her voice like it's a percussion instrument".

One of ten children, Angélique Kidjo grew up in Benin in West Africa. But in the 1980s she moved to Paris to escape the communist regime and began synthesising the music of her native country with rock, funk, electronica and Euro-pop.

Kidjo has collaborated with artists as diverse as Alicia Keys, Philip Glass, the Kronos Quartet and Peter Gabriel and been declared as the "the undisputed Queen of African Music." Her albums regularly top the World Albums Charts and her gift is said to be "to pour what could so easily be anger and frustration into songs that uplift and inspire us."

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

Producer: Clare Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

MON 21:30 Murder & Mystery (m00021fs)

Series 4

Ruth Rendell - The Price Of Joy (Part 1/2)

Daniel is set on remarrying his first wife, Joy. But there is an obstacle to this: his current wife, Prunella.

First of two parts read by Samuel West.
Murder & Mystery is an occasional series of stories from life's murkier places.

Series 4 features tales from Ruth Rendell's A Spot Of Folly - a collection of previously unpublished stories - first published in 2017

Ruth was one of the UK's most prominent crime writers. Best known for her Inspector Wexford books, she also wrote psychological novels as Barbara Vine. In 1996 she was awarded the CBE and in 1997 became a Life Peer. She died aged 85 in May 2015.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk productions and first broadcast in January 2019.

MON 21:45 Murder & Mystery (m00021xd)

Series 4

Ruth Rendell - The Price Of Joy (Part 2/2)

Daniel must decide whether to save Prunella by paying the ransom demanded by the kidnappers.

Concluded by Samuel West.
Murder & Mystery is an occasional series of stories from life's murkier places.

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Producer: Jeremy Osborne
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk productions and first broadcast in January 2019.

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001p1lw)

Series 79

Episode 3

The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to the Regent Theatre, Ipswich. On the panel are Vicki Pepperdine, Omid Djalili, Andy Hamilton and Henning Wehn with Jack Dee in the umpire's chair. Colin Sell accompanies on the piano.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

It is a BBC Studios production.

MON 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007yrwf)

Series 2

Colourthon

The sketch show team attempt their own radio charity fundraiser.

Precision comedy written and performed by:

Tim Firth

Tim de Jongh

Michael Rutger

William Vandeyck

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.

MON 23:00 The Newsmakers with Rachel Parris

(m001p24y)

The first of our satirical specials this summer. The Newsmakers is an interview show where host Rachel Parris will deliver her views on the week's news and then talk to the people at the centre of those stories, from journalists to MPs to yacht-attacking orcas - all of whom are fictional, and played by comedians.

Presented by Rachel Parris

Guests:

Rosie Holt

Nim Odedra

Sam Pamphilon

Michael Spicer

Bilal Zafar

Additional material: Erika Ehler, Gareth Gwynn & Robin Morgan

Recorded and edited by David Thomas

Producer: Ed Morrish

A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4

MON 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076js0)

Series 1

Episode 3

The real reason for the discovery of America, the dangers of Tarot, finding lost polar explorers and Lesser Known Novels. Sketch show made by actors reading out scripts in front of an audience, who laughed, and then keeping the good bits.

Starring

Olivia Colman

Robert Webb

Sally Hawkins

Steven Kynman

Chris Pavlo

Written by James Cary, Sally Hawkins, Catherine Shepherd, Ashley Blake, Jon Holme and Robin Ince.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

TUESDAY 01 AUGUST 2023

TUE 00:00 Whodunnits (b007k06w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:45 Short Works (m00066s6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Cordoba (m000y7mr)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pnmx2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Simon Evans Goes to Market (m0004snh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 The Change (b00nxcbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Whodunnits (b007k085)

Baldi - Series 3

The Bookcase

Paolo Baldi helps a librarian investigate the link between her young lover's death, a shifty Chicago cop and the surprisingly dangerous, illegal trade in rare books.

David Threlfall stars as the murder-solving priest, Paolo Baldi.

Written by Simon Brett.

Paolo Baldi David Threlfall

Tina Tina Kellegher

Rynne Owen Roe

Father Troy TP McKenna

Maggie Geraldine James

O'Connor Bill Nighy

Dr Virgo Gerard McSorley

Donal Clare Niall Buggy

Billy Luke Griffin

Kitty Henderson Collette Proctor

Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC

Northern Ireland.

Script Editor: Gemma McMullan

Recorded at RTE's studios in Dublin.

Director: Mark Lambert

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

TUE 05:45 Short Works (m0006tzm)

Sonny's Bench by Dawn Watson

A powerful story of love and family told by a grandfather as he sits on bench, waiting.

An original short work for BBC Radio 4 by the Northern Irish

writer Dawn Watson.

Read by Ian McElinhney. (Derry Girls, Game of Thrones.) Dawn Watson was born in Belfast. She has just published her debut poetry pamphlet *The Stack of Owls* is Getting Higher and has short stories in anthologies *Still Worlds* Turning and *Belfast Stories*. Her stories and poems have been published in literary journals including *The Stinging Fly*, *The Moth* and *The Tangerine*. Dawn is an AHRC PhD candidate at the Seamus Heaney Centre, writing a prose poem novel and researching prose poetics.

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2019.

TUE 06:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011m0y)

4. Miss Bertha & The Yankee

An Englishman and an American are rivals for the affections of a beautiful heiress.

One of five Victorian mysteries by Wilkie Collins.

Dramatised by John Arden.

Wilkie Collins...Ronald Pickup

Bertha Laroche...Alison Pettit

Aunt...Jenny Lee.

Captain Stanwick...David Timson

Lionel Varleigh...David Jarvis

Rector...Joan Meredith

Pianist: Colin Guthrie

Director: David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b007j17v)

Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal

1. Waking Up to Nessun Dorma

Feisty Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield investigates a series of mysterious murders along London's Regent's Canal.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne

Jimmy Kim Wall

Scuzzy Paul Panting

Phast Phind Barbara Barnes

Samantha Davies Ann Beach

Stuart Hillier Geoffrey Whitehead

Felicity Patience Tomlinson

Joe Stephen Critchlow

Mac Alice Arnold

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

TUE 07:00 You Will Be Safe Here by Damian Barr (m0005mt3)

7. Haunted

Tracy Ann Oberman continues Damian Barr's searing debut novel, spanning a hundred years of South Africa's dark past and present.

It's 2009, and Willem is on his way to visit the Anglo-Boer Museum in Bloemfontein - a trip that will haunt him in so many ways.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2019.

TUE 07:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pp56f)

The Light Years

7. Lust

The Light Years is set in the lead up to the outbreak of World War II and focuses on the Cazalet family, who appear to have it all, but underneath have their share of longing, indiscretions, jealousies and misplaced loyalties.

Clary is researching the seven deadly sins and wants to know more about lust, unaware that her stepmother Zoe is indulging in quite a bit of it herself.

Narrator Penelope Wilton

Zoe Zoe Tapper

Clary Georgia Groome

Polly Flora Spencer-Longhurst

Sid Helen Schlesinger

Rachel Naomi Frederick

Dr Sherlock Ben Crowe

Produced and Directed by Sally Avens and Marion Nancarrow

Written by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Dramatised by Sarah Daniels

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

TUE 07:30 Gloombsbury (m000128d)

Series 5

I Wouldn't Say No

Henry's sister Gwen is recuperating at Sizzlinghurst after a major operation. She is very religious and Vera is influenced by this, to Henry's atheistical disgust. Vera also has a fleeting longing for a third child and promises Henry that she will never kiss another woman again in her life, if he will just agree to make one with her.

So Ginny's new idea, inspired by Aristophanes and Lysistrata, that the women of Britain must stop the looming war by refusing to sleep with their husbands comes at a tricky time.

Meanwhile, Lionel goes to Westminster to meet Henry and hear a debate. He meets - and is slightly smitten by - Nancy Astor.

Churchill advises Henry to take Vera to Paris for a fling before the war starts. And Gwen, curious about same-sex relationships, asks Vera for a kiss.

It's not long before they both regret it.

Vera Miriam Margolyes
Henry Jonathan Coy
Gwen Staubyn/Nancy Astor Morwenna Banks
Mrs Gosling/Ginny Fox Alison Steadman
Lionel Fox/Winston Churchill Nigel Planer
A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2018.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jvjo)
Series 9
The Pam's Paper Insurance Policy
Moriarty and Grytpype-Thynne set about trying to drown
Neddie Seagoon - for money.
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: John Browell
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1958.
TUE 08:30 Jerusalem (m001p7gt)
1. Mr Spoon Returns
John Edward Castle is bedroom-bound, but that does not stop him from communicating to the village via his home-made transmitting device, otherwise known as Radio Castle.
When the chance to stand as entertainment secretary at the social club arises, he feels confident of success.
A three-part comedy drama written by Simon Armitage, set in the fictional Yorkshire village of Jerusalem.
Narrator Colin Welland
John Edward Castle Tom Bell
Rose Castle Bright Forsyth
Wesley Castle Julian Kerridge
Mr Spoon Russell Dixon
Census Taker Geoff Hinliff
Honest Joe David Frederickson
Kylie Alison Darling
Father Noah Geoffrey Banks
Zak Michael Begley
Wagstaff Malcolm Hebden
Mrs Boot Ann Rye
Singing by the Colne Male Voice Choir
Director: Pauline Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.
TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (b0075dc8)
Series 3
Episode 6
Debates galore over smelly food on trains - and is sex over-rated?
Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.
With:
Hugh Dennis
Boothby Graffoe
Steve Punt
Stuart Maconie
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000
TUE 09:30 Trapped (m001p7h0)
Series 2
4. Break Out
Final episode of a series of stories about people stuck in a variety of situations whether physical or emotional. One thing though, things are so unbearable that an escape attempt is absolutely essential.
Locked up in a high security prison with no idea why, Marty, Willis, Frank and Jack have to escape - or suffer unspeakable consequences.
But breaking out would be a whole lot easier if Marty wasn't so old, Willis, quite so fat and Jack so much of a trouble maker.
Written by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier
Willis.....Robert Wilfort
Marty.....Philip Jackson
Harwood.....Daniel Maier
Danny.....Mark Maier
Frank.....Colin McFarlane
Jack.....Simon Evans
Harris.....Jim Barclay
Terry.....Alan Davies
Producer Claire Bartlett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.
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TUE 19:30 Trapped (m001p7h0)
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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0014pym)
Series 8
Revitalize
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
Manoush Zomorodi explores how, in trying times, we can revitalize our minds, bodies, buildings — and even populations.
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.
TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b0824q6c)
PP Arnold
American soul singer PP Arnold chooses 'River Deep Mountain High' by Ike & Tina Turner and Aretha Franklin's 'Natural Woman'.
TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b04ps6q0)
Series 4
Angélique Kidjo (the B-Side)
Angélique Kidjo answers audience questions about her 1994 breakthrough album, 'Ayé'.
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 6, the B-side: 'Ayé' by Angélique Kidjo
Having discussed the making of her breakthrough album 'Ayé' (in the A-side of the programme) Angélique Kidjo responds to questions from the audience and performs acoustic live versions of some of the tracks from the album.
Producer: Clare Walker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
TUE 21:30 Murder & Mystery (b0bpttx6)
Series 3
Louisa May Alcott - Doctor Dorn's Revenge (Part 1/2)
Will Evelyn choose to marry the earnest Doctor Dorn or the wealthy John Meredith?
First of two parts read by Teresa Gallagher.
An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places.
Series Three: A selection of mysteries from America.
Writer Louisa May Alcott was born in 1832 in Pennsylvania. She is best-known for her Little Women trilogy (Little Women; Little Men and Jo's Boys). She died in 1888.
Producer: Jeremy Osborne
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk productions and first broadcast in October 2018.
TUE 21:45 Murder & Mystery (b0bpy1kd)
Series 3
Louisa May Alcott - Doctor Dorn's Revenge (Part 2/2)
Evelyn is gravely ill and only Dr Dorn can save her.
Concluded by Teresa Gallagher.
An occasional series of stories from life's murkier places.
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Producer: Jeremy Osborne
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk productions and first broadcast in November 2018.
TUE 22:00 The Ultimate Choice (m001jbyq)
Series 1
Episode 1: Mordor v Albert Square
Steph McGovern asks some seriously funny minds to offer definitive answers to the great questions of our age. Or not.

Welcome to the world's most devious game of Would You Rather? With guests Zoe Lyons and Dane Baptiste.
Host: Steph McGovern
Guests: Zoe Lyons and Dane Baptiste
Devised and written by Jon Harvey & Joseph Morpurgo
With additional material from Laura Major
Researcher: Leah Marks
Recorded and mixed by Jerry Peal
Producer: Jon Harvey
Executive Producers: Ed Morrish and Polly Thomas
Photo: Carolyn Mendelsohn
A Naked production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 The Lee Mack Show (b00c4cd2)
Toyah Willcox
Lee Mack presents stand-up comedy, sketches and music.
With:
Toyah Willcox
Noel Britton
Angela McHale
Music by Steve Brown, Mark Allis and Kevin Powell.
Written by Lee Mack.
Additional material by Neil Webster.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 2005.
TUE 23:00 Damien Slash (m00010zt)
The Damien Slash Mixtape. Series 2
Episode 1
Multi-character YouTube star Damien Slash makes the move to BBC Radio, in this fast-paced, one-man sketch comedy show.
From the surreal to the satirical, from the zeitgeist to the absurd, Damien serves up a range of high octane characters, all from his own voice.
Adverts, actors, hipsters, trolls - no aspect of modern life is left un-skewered.
Written by and starring Damien Slash (aka Daniel Barker).
Guest starring Natasia Demetriou
Producer: Matt Stronge
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2018.
TUE 23:15 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076qhy)
Series 2
The True Confessions of Sherlock Holmes II
The great Sherlock Holmes is out of work and desperate to re-establish his reputation as the finest sleuth on the nationwide detecting circuit.
He takes on a case of a missing one-legged German Count.
Written and performed by Simon Munnery.
With:
Kevin Eldon
Sally Phillips
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.
TUE 23:30 Elvenquest (b0170c13)
Series 3
Episode 5
The Questers continue their search for the Sword of Asnagar and are happy to be welcomed into the palace of the White Wizard.
He is a man who is nothing but sweetness and light and, consequently, the very opposite to Lord Darkness.
But extremism of any kind, whether for good or evil, is a dangerous thing - and Penthislea soon begins to smell that there's something not altogether unfishy about the White Wizard.
Meanwhile, Kreech and Lord Darkness are off to the Land of Dunes for their annual holiday...
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
The White Wizard John Sessions
Penthislea Sophie Winkleman
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

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WED 04:30 Trapped (m001p7h0)

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WED 05:00 Whodunnits (b007k0b9)

Baldi - Series 3

The Sick Rose

Paolo Baldi discovers that a priceless hybrid plant leads to little peace and serenity in the newly designed garden of contemplation - as he and Tina are soon digging round in the murderous world of gardening.

David Threlfall stars as the murder-solving priest, Paolo Baldi.

Written by Martin Meenan.

Paolo Baldi David Threlfall

Tina Tina Kellegher

Father Troy TP McKenna

Ryne Owen Roe

Mrs Reid Margaret D'Arcy

Claire Victoria Smurfit

Kearney Adrian Dunbar

Meadows Pat Laffan

Sheridan Mark O'Regan

Megan Anne Marie Horan

Gloria Deirdre Monaghan

Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC Northern Ireland.

Script Editor: Gemma McMullan

Recorded at RTE's studios in Dublin.

Director: Mark Lambert

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

WED 05:45 Short Works (m0007ymj)

The Bean Room by Caitriona Lally

A young man's peculiar hobby comes under threat when his girlfriend suggests they move in together.

An original short work for BBC Radio 4 by the Irish author Caitriona Lally.

Read by Christopher Grant.

Caitriona Lally is the author of 'Eggshells'. She studied English Literature in Trinity College, Dublin was awarded the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature 2018. This is her first story for BBC Radio.

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

WED 06:00 Little Novels by Wilkie Collins (m0011klv)

5. Miss Morris & The Stranger

A governess is the recipient of a generous legacy.

One of five Victorian mysteries by Wilkie Collins.

Dramatised by John Arden.

Wilkie Collins...Ronald Pickup

Nancy Morris...Deborah Beckin

Sextus Sax...Alastair Danson

Sir Gervase Damian...Hugh Dickson

Mrs Fosdyke...Jane Whittenshaw

Miss Melbury...Alison Pettitt

Freddy...Lucas Rush

Miss Ellen...Katie Lucy

Miss Eva...Katie Clarke

Pianist Colin Guthrie

Director: David Blount.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b007j186)

Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal

2. Communicating With the President

With a fresh body pulled from Regent's Canal, Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield must turn to the internet in her quest to solve the murder mystery.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

Starring Imelda Staunton as Julie Enfield, Geoffrey Matthews

as Dad, Ross Livingstone as DS Lawrence Evans, Denys

Hawthorne as Goodfellow and Alice Arnold as Mac.

DSI Julie Enfield Imeloa Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Whrfehead

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Lmngstone

Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne

Scuzzy Paul Panting

Phast Phind Barbara Barnes

Stuart Hillier Geoffrey Whitehead

Samantha Davies Ann Beach

Jimmy Kim Wall

Honest Jack John Hollis

Surgeon David Timson

Mac Alice Arnold

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

WED 07:00 You Will Be Safe Here by Damian Barr (m0005mtl)

8. Camp

Tracy Ann Oberman continues Damian Barr's searing debut novel, spanning a hundred years of South Africa's dark past and present.

Today: it's 2010, and sixteen-year-old outsider Willem arrives at the New Dawn Safari Training Camp - where they guarantee to 'make men out of boys'.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2019.

WED 07:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets**(b01pp88s)**

The Light Years

8. War

The Light Years tells the story of the extended Cazalet family. Set in the lead up to the outbreak of World War II, it appears that the Cazalets have it all but we soon discover that infidelity, indiscretions, jealousies and misplaced loyalties lurk just beneath the surface.

Everyone is extremely worried about the war, particularly Polly, but Neville can see how gas masks might protect him from the unwelcome approaches of relatives wanting to be kissed

Narrator Penelope Wilton

Rupert Raymond Coulthard

Clary Georgia Groome

Polly Flora Spencer-Longhurst

Hugh Dominic Mafham

Sybil Sarah-Jane Holm

Zoe Zoe Tapper

Neville Kasper Hilton-Hille

Produced and Directed by Sally Avens and Marion Nancarrow

Written by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Dramatised by Sarah Daniels

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

WED 07:30 Dot (b0bf56gh)

Series 3

Dial M for Myrtle

Dark doings in the War Rooms as a suspicious death leaves the gals from personnel with no options other than to investigate.

Retro adventures with Dot and the gals from personnel in the rollicking Cabinet War Rooms comedy by Ed Harris.

Dot Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle Kate O'Flynn

Peg Freya Parker

Peabody David Actonn

Millicent Jane Slavin

Grimribbling Stephen Hogan

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007symp)

Series 4

The Old School Reunion

Surprises are in store as the Lad heads back for prize-giving day at his old school.

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 (b007k44b)

Bleak Horse

As dawn rises on St James's, members of the queerest club in London fear the jig is up. There is but one tale to tell.

The Stranger has sent Mr Tamperton to murder the evil Joshua Farley who may be at large in Dickensian London.

Starring Stephen Moore.

Dark comedy series written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Mr Tamperton.....Stephen Moore

Dipper.....Mark Farmer

The Stranger/Felch.....Peter Howell

Sgt. Bull.....Ron Pember

Noggsy.....Laurence Payne

Broker.....Bill Wallis

Vicar.....John Baddeley

Mrs Kwivver/Boy.....Barbara Atkinson

Drubblespout.....John Samson

Urchin.....Stephen Rashbrook

Cadbury.....Richard Tate

Music: Max Harris

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.

WED 09:00 It's Not What You Know (b0640pnx)

Series 3

Episode 6

Who does Susan Calman often get mistaken for?

What does Vernon Kay consider his career lowlight?

All these burning questions, and more, will be answered in the

show hosted by Miles Jupp, where panelists are tested on how well they know their nearest and dearest.

In this case, comedian Susan Calman picks her friend, presenter Vernon Kay picks his old university pal, and comedian Sara Pascoe chooses her mum.

Producer: Matt Stronge

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

WED 09:30 People In Cars (b00r2dp6)

2. Miles on the Clock

An elderly lady finds it easier to talk to her car than to people. She always has done, as she explains to the vehicle she's in today: a stately Roller.

One of three comedies set in cars written by Simon Brett.

Valerie Anne Reid

Limousine John Sessions

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

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WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m00040r6)

Charles Parker: Radio Pioneer
Sean Street delves into the archive of one of the most innovative and controversial BBC radio producers, reviewing Charles Parker's work from the Radio Ballads to his sacking in 1972.

Parker was born in Bournemouth on April 5th 1919 – the son of a redundant railway clerk who sold paraffin from a handcart – and died in 1980 on the same day as John Lennon. For a man who revolutionised radio production, who is still talked about and revered today, his death was hardly reported in the press. He is probably best known for his series of eight radio ballads made with Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger. These programmes became a high point in radio production but they eventually became expensive luxuries that could no longer be afforded. He was "sacked" or "left" the BBC in 1972.

Bournemouth University's Emeritus Professor of Radio, Sean Street, reviews the life of an icon in the radio industry who, according to fellow producer Michael Mason, was "a real creative genius... his razor blade was like a sculptor's chisel, releasing the hidden poets in people". Talking to family, friends and those who worked with Charles Parker, Sean explores his radio productions and ideas on preserving the oral tradition as he delves into a rich archive of material - creating a portrait of a master magician in radio.

Parker's life was also a journey from poverty to Cambridge University, from a Conservative Christian to a Socialist, from a Submarine Commander to a Radio Producer. But throughout his career, two things remained constant - his dedication, often working for days without sleep, and most importantly his desire to tell the extraordinary stories of ordinary people in their own words.

Producer: Andy Cartwright

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

WED 21:00 What's Funny About ... (m000j35w)

Series 1

The Vicar Of Dibley

TV veterans Peter Fincham and Jon Plowman talk to the writers, producers and performers behind Britain's biggest TV comedy hits, and hear the inside story of how they brought their programmes to the screen.

In this episode, Peter and Jon talk to Dawn French and Richard Curtis about their much-loved sitcom The Vicar of Dibley. They discuss how to make a fundamentally nice character funny, Richard's curious appetite for writing quite so many weddings, and Dawn's strangest ever Vicar of Dibley gig. With Peter and Jon as our guides, we'll take the opportunity to ask quite how they went about making a great bit of TV comedy. Who came up with it? How did it get written? Plus, backstage secrets straight from the horse's mouth, with the unvarnished truth from the people who were there, and who put

these iconic shows on the telly.

Producer: Owen Braben

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Expectation Productions, and first broadcast in May 2020.

WED 22:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (m0005f71)

Series 8

Episode 2

John Finnemore returns to Radio 4 with an eighth series of his multi-award-winning sketch show, joined by his regular ensemble cast of Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

We don't know much about this episode, but it contains some merry names, an epiphany, and, well... since you ask him for a story of the biter bit...

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme was described by The Radio Times as "the best sketch show in years, on television or radio", and by The Daily Telegraph as "funny enough to make even the surliest cat laugh". Already the winner of a Radio Academy Silver Award and a Broadcasting Press Guild award, this year Souvenir Programme won its second BBC Audio Drama award.

Written by and starring John Finnemore

Cast: Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin, Carrie Quinlan

Production Coordinator: Beverly Tagg

Producer: Ed Morrish

A BBC Studios production

WED 22:30 Pick Ups (b00nrrdc)

Series 2

All Bar Nun

Alan and Lind reveal hidden talents, while Dave seeks a nun's advice on infidelity.

Comedy set around a run-down Manchester taxi company.

Written by Ian Kershaw.

Mike Paul Loughran

Lind Lesley Sharp

Dave Phil Rowson

Alan Parvez Qadir

Shelly Naomi Radcliffe

Drunk Mark E Smith

Tanya Janie Connolly

Producer: Paul Hardy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

WED 23:00 Holland's Shorts (m001p7j6)

Episode 6

Dominic Holland's thoughts on feeling depressed, honesty boxes, and cash machines crime.

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 Ivor Cutler - A Stuggy Pren (b00cmjv9)

Episode 2

Alison O'Kill wants to read Ivor Cutler a poem, while Craig Murray-Orr can't think with the sun in his eyes.

A tale-toddlng kittle of poems, songs and stories from the lodgings of humorist Ivor Cutler.

Passers-through include sculptor Craig Murray-Orr and apprentice wordsmith Alison O'Kill.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in May 1994.

WED 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001p8mp)

Harriet Kemsley meets Lindsey Santoro 2/3

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Harriet Kemsley chats again to Lindsey Santoro.

WED 23:30 Delve Special (b00s32f)

Series 1

The Shifton Scandal

Undercover investigative reporter David Lander begins a four-part expose into irregularities over plans to site a new London airport near Birmingham.

With serious allegations aimed at a multi-national giant - what exactly has the government's role been in the plans to demolish the town?

And exactly who is the shifty Mr Browncoat?

Studio production by Stephen Fry, Brenda Blethyn and Tony Robinson.

With:

Jack Klaff

James Griffiths

Stephen Frost

Peter Wear

Mark Arden

Dramatic reconstruction by:

Hilda Schroder

Monica Grey

Jon Strickland

Scott Cherry

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer.

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

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THU 02:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pp88s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Dot (b0bf56gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007symp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club (b007k44b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b0640pnx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 People In Cars (b00r2dp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Whodunnits (b007k0bt)

Baldi - Series 3

Settling Scores

Paolo invites Tina to her first classical music concert, but a murder soon sounds a wrong note.

David Threlfall stars as the murder-solving priest, Paolo Baldi.

Written by Mark Holloway.

Paolo Baldi David Threlfall

Tina Tina Kellegher

Father Troy TP McKenna

O'Connor Bill Nighy

Rynne Owen Roe

Maggie Geraldine James

Dr Virgo Gerard McSorley

Donal Clare Niall Buggy

Billy Luke Griffin

Kitty Henderson Collette Proctor

Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC

Northern Ireland.

Script Editor: Gemma McMullan

Recorded at RTE's studios in Dublin.

Director: Mark Lambert

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

THU 05:45 Short Works (m000846j)

A Long Way to Go by Daisy Johnson

On a long journey through deep space, a lone passenger passes the time with stories.

An original short story for BBC radio by Daisy Johnson.

Read by Sinead MacInnes and Barbara Flynn

Daisy's first short story collection, Fen, was published in 2017. Her debut novel, Everything Under, was shortlisted for the 2018 Man Booker Prize, making Daisy the youngest nominee in the prize's history.

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.

THU 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

The Devil's Foot

1. Death

As the great Baker Street detective takes a break with Dr Watson to recuperate in deepest Cornwall, death strikes a local family.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story read in two parts by James Nickerson.

Produced at BBC Manchester by Joanne Reardon.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in October 2003.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007j8k)

Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal

3. Tarantulas in Trojan Horses

A mysterious internet hacker is complicating murder inquiries for Julie Enfield - and there's a fresh find along Regent's Canal.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imeloa Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Whrfehead

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne

Scuzzy Paul Panting

Phast Phind Barbara Barnes

Charmaine Jane Whittenshaw

Stuart Hillier Geoffrey Whitehead

Jimmy Kim Wall

Honest Jack John Hollis

Mac Alice Arnold

Surgeon David Timson

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

THU 07:00 You Will Be Safe Here by Damian Barr (m0005mlr)

9. The General

Tracy Ann Oberman continues Damian Barr's searing debut

novel, spanning a hundred years of South Africa's dark past and present.

When Willem comes face-to-face with the General at his homestead, he starts to wonder whether he'll get out of the camp alive.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2019.

THU 07:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pp98f)

The Light Years

9. Difficulties

The Light Years is set in the lead up to the outbreak of World War II and focuses on the Cazalet family, who appear to have it all, but underneath have their share of longing, indiscretions, jealousies and misplaced loyalties.

Edward is finding it hard to please both his wife and his mistress, whilst Sid is having trouble just seeing Rachel.

Narrator Penelope Wilton

Edward Pip Torrens

Diana Lisa Dillon

Villy Ruth Gemmell

Sybil Sarah-Jane Holm

Rachel Naomi Frederick

Sid Helen Schlesinger

Produced and Directed by Sally Avens and Marion Nancarrow

Written by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Dramatised by Sarah Daniels

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

THU 07:30 Michael Frayn's Magic Mobile (m000jt72)

Episode 3

Just sit back and enjoy Michael Frayn's magical entertainment, directed by Martin Jarvis.

Technical guidance from a star cast, including:

Susannah Fielding

Joanna Lumley

David Suchet

Rosalind Ayres

Adam Godley

Alfred Molina

George Blagden

Lisa Dillon.

Does your computer ever talk back at you? Or your sat-nav?

What happens to the huge sums you pay to your gas company? Your chance to join a new How-to-Write course. Or to hear some commercial Brainwaves. Are you confused about cold calling? Any feelings about Quantum Entanglement?

Frayn reveals all. No keys or buttons to press.

Writer: Michael Frayn

Producer: Rosalind Ayres

Director: Martin Jarvis

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

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jswc)

Series 1

Operation Kilt

Captain Mainwaring's squad is challenged to try and capture the headquarters of the Highland platoon.

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 Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Frazer John Laurie

Captain Ogilvy Jack Watson

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

THU 08:30 Second Thoughts (b007jwzt)

Series 1

4. She Who Hesitates

Still trying to find their feet together, Bill and Faith end up bickering, as she struggles to act impulsively...

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

Stars Lynda Bellingham as Faith and James Bolam as Bill.

Series one of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife 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 'Faith in the Future'.

Faith Lynda Bellingham

Bill James Bolam

Hannah Kelda Holmes

Joe Mark Denham

Hilary Celia Imrie

Alex John Samson

Treadwell Richard Tate

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

THU 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53j13)

From 20/08/1979

Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he

tests a panel of experts:

Barry Cryer, Sid Colin 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 August 1979.

THU 09:30 Two Doors Down (b00899nl)

Series 1

The Minister Has a Window

Clare's in a flap when the Minister from the Northern Ireland office comes for dinner - with his dog

The bohemian residents of Marlborough Road in Belfast are

saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally

Frances Tomelty stars in Annie McCartney's sitcom

Sally Frances Tomelty

Clare.....Marcella Riordan

Miss Black Roma Tomelty

Fintan Gerard Murphy

Evie Katy Gleadhill

Victor Alan Mckee

Saffron Ali White

Anna Bethan Lloyd

Simon Patrick Gleadhill

Tony.....Robert Patterson

Trevor Gerard McSorley

Layla.....Emily Walmsley

Ben.....Joel McEinay

Sam.....Alfie Lloyd

Directed in BBC Belfast by Tanya Nash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

THU 10:00 Whodunnits (b007k0bt)

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THU 10:45 Short Works (m000846j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

THU 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

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THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b007j8k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

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THU 12:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01pp98f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 12:30 Michael Frayn's Magic Mobile (m000jf72)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jswc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Second Thoughts (b007jwzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 14:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53j13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Two Doors Down (b00899nl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Whodunnits (b007k0bt)

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THU 16:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq1v)

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THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b007jswc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 18:30 Second Thoughts (b007jwzt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b53j13)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 19:30 Two Doors Down (b00899nl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 20:00 Charles Parker Prize (m001p6r9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

THU 21:00 What's Funny About ... (m000jh1m)

Series 1

Absolutely Fabulous

TV veterans Peter Fincham and Jon Plowman talk to the writers, producers, and performers behind Britain's biggest TV comedy hits, and hear the inside story of how they brought their programmes to the screen.

In this episode, Peter and Jon talk to Jennifer Saunders about her BAFTA and Emmy award winning hit Absolutely Fabulous. They discuss the inspiration for Edina Monsoon, why recordings of the show were always finished by 9.30 pm (clue: the BBC bar closed at 10), and what might charitably be described as Jennifer's "last minute" approach to script delivery!

With Peter and Jon as our guides, we'll take the opportunity to ask quite how our guests went about making a great bit of TV comedy. Who came up with it? How did it get written? We'll talk about the commissioning, the casting, and the reception the

show received when it first aired.

We'll do our very best to winkle out some backstage secrets straight from the horse's mouth, as we hear the unvarnished truth from the people who were there, and who put these iconic shows on the telly.

Original Absolutely Fabulous clips written by Jennifer Saunders
Based on an original idea by Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders

Producer: Owen Braben

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Expectation Productions, and first broadcast in May 2020.

THU 22:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m001p24r)

Series 15

3. The Bromance

Ed's 'Soapbox Corner' is now entering its third successful week with a gratifying nine complaints thus far. Garnering inspiration for these weekly observations can often be had at the local swimming pool, which also has the benefit of cost-efficient radiators on which to dry one's washing. Thus, Ed heads to the pool where he soon strikes up a friendship with a likeminded chap in the form of Derek, who is not only a big fan of Ed's work, but a keen writer. With a warning from Ping ringing in his ears, Ed decides it's time to collaborate, something he hasn't done since the early 80's.

Ed Reardon - Christopher Douglas

Ping - Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Derek - Robert Powell

Jake - Sam Pamphilon

Stan - Geoffrey Whitehead

Olive - Sally Grace

Winnie - Ellen Thomas

Pool Tannoy - Nicola Sanderson

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Produced by Dawn Ellis

Production Co-ordinator - Katie Baum

Sound - Jon Calver

THU 22:30 Tom Wrighlesworth's Hang-Ups (m000bmy1)

Series 5

No Rest for the Wrighlesworths

Mr and Mrs Wrighlesworth take a trip down memory lane. And then another trip back up memory lane.

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 Wrighlesworth clan in all its dysfunctional glory.

Tom Tom Wrighlesworth

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

Written by Tom Wrighlesworth 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 23:00 Hearing With Hegley (b009y1s3)

Series 1

Episode 1

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents a selection of his work.

With contributions from:

Keith Moore

Susan Norton

Andrew Bailey

Nigel Piper

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.

THU 23:15 Sam Simmons Is Not a People Person (b087rm0d)

Whistling

Comedian, Writer. Ex-Zoo Keeper. Bird Watcher. Definitely

NOT a people person.

Sam and Henry are making a documentary series about birds, each week - armed with Sam's 'Big Book of Birds' they seek out different species. Despite Henry's best efforts, Sam is continually aggravated by the people they run into. Each encounter sparks an investigation into Sam's past, because once they've sorted out his issues, they'll really be able to focus on the bird-watching.

Now they're in the Netherlands observing a chicken...

The unique talents of the multi-award winning comedian Sam Simmons have landed.

Written by and starring Sam Simmons

With:

Henry Paker

Sarah Kendall

Mike Wilmont

Freya Parker

Sound design by Craig Schuftan

Music by Craig Schuftan with Lani Bagley

Producers: Joseph Nunnery and Alexandra Smith

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

THU 23:30 The Curried Goat Show (b007mdgf)

Episode 7

It's Pig Night - and shopping news.

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

With special guest: Polly James

Music from The Big Buzzard Boogie Band.

Producer: Maria Esposito.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1998.

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FRI 05:00 Whodunnits (b007k0bt)

Baldi - Series 3

The Dig

An archaeological dig becomes a battlefield involving monks, politicians and developers, while Paolo makes some fascinating discoveries.

David Threlfall stars as the murder-solving priest, Paolo Baldi.

Written by Martin Meenan.

Paolo Baldi David Threlfall

Tina Tina Kellegher

Aloysious Martin Clunes

Father Troy TP McKenna

Rynne Owen Roe

Mrs Reid Margaret D'Arcy

Professor Evans Kevin Flood

Swift Sean McGinley

Minister Barry McGovern

Helen Ingrid Craigie

Format by Barry Devlin. Developed and produced by BBC

Northern Ireland.

Script Editor: Gemma McMullan

Recorded at RTE's studios in Dublin.

Director: Mark Lambert

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

FRI 05:45 Short Works (m0008r5z)

Two big, three small by Anne Griffin

The gift of a pen unexpectedly changes the life of a doting grandfather.

An original short work for BBC Radio 4 by the Irish author Anne Griffin.

Read by Mark Lambert.

Anne Griffin is the author of the Number One Irish best-seller 'When All Is Said'. Her short fiction has appeared in numerous publications, including The Irish Times and The Stinging Fly, and she was recently the awarded the John McGahern Award for Literature. This is her first story for BBC Radio.

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.

FRI 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq28)

The Devil's Foot

2. Revenge

Tragedy in a Cornish village leads Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson deep into the soul of a man hell bent on revenge.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story concluded by James Nickerson.

Produced at BBC Manchester by Joanne Reardon.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in October 2003.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b007j8ks)

Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal

4. Beyond the Firewall

Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield thinks she's moving closer to a solving the murder mystery.

However, her internet tormentor has other ideas...

Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.

DSI Julie Enfield Imeloa Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Whrfehead

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne

Scuzzy Paul Panting

Phast Phind Barbara Barnes

Charmaine Jane Whittenshaw

Jimmy Kim Wall

Simons Keith Drinkel

Mac Alice Arnold

Surgeon David Timson

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

FRI 07:00 You Will Be Safe Here by Damian Barr (m0005mj7)

10. Punishment

Tracy Ann Oberman reads the final part of Damian Barr's searing debut novel.

Today: after their failed escape bid, Willem and Geldenhuis are beaten and thrown into the hellish Bird Cage. Rather than being made into men at the New Dawn Safari Camp, they can now only hope to escape with their lives...

Abridged by Richard Hamilton

Produced by Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2019.

FRI 07:15 Elizabeth Jane Howard - The Cazalets (b01ppp2s)

The Light Years

10. Worries

The Light Years is set in the lead up to the outbreak of the Second World War and focuses on the Cazalet family, who appear to have it all, but underneath have their share of longing, indiscretions, jealousies and misplaced loyalties.

As Zoe worries that she may be pregnant the rest of the family wait anxiously for news of the outcome of Chamberlain's meeting with Hitler.

Narrator Penelope Wilton

Clary Georgia Groome

Rupert Raymond Coulthard

Zoe Zoe Tapper

Polly Flora Spencer-Longhurst

Louise Alix Wilton Regan

Produced and Directed by Sally Avens and Marion Nancarrow

Written by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Dramatised by Sarah Daniels

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

FRI 07:30 Ankle Tag (m0000ykt)

Series 2

The Charity Gig

Ex-fraudster Bob gets the opportunity to catch up with a former resident of C Wing, who has written about his time in prison.

The Evans family are back.

Former convict Bob is forced to live with his uptight son Gruff, sympathetic daughter-in-law Alice and granddaughter Carys whilst on parole.

Written by Gareth Gwynn and Benjamin Partridge.

Bob Steve Speirs

Gruff Elis James

Alice Katy Wix

Richard Flint Neil Pearson

Tabitha Adelayo Adedayo

Hakan Naz Osmanoglu

Pam Anna Brophy Leon

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

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

FRI 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04krq1d)

Series 1

The Threshold

Young, newlyweds Kate and George Starling find themselves locked out of their new flat.

Starring Richard Briers as George and Prunella Scales as Kate.

Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Richard Briers

Kate Prunella Scales

Nora Heather Chasen

Peter Geoffrey Matthews

With:

John Baddeley

Norma Ronald

Philip Guard

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1965.

FRI 08:30 Rent (b04dg72g)

Series 1

Episode 3

Student lodgers Paul and Ruby's scheme to sell off some old toys hiding in the attic, causes strife for homeowners Maria and Richard.

House share comedy about having to take in lodgers by Lucy Flannery.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Ruby Diane Louise-Jordan

Paul Toby Longworth

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

FRI 09:00 Listomania (b09yhgks)

Series 1

Episode 2

From the magnificent to the mundane.

From the humble 'to do' list to the bucket list and many more... Susan Calman hosts the series exploring the world of the lists.

With:

Joe Lycett

Celia Pacquola

Holly Walsh

Lloyd Langford

Written by James Kettle and Gráinne Maguire with Max Davis and Gabby Hutchinson Crouch.

Producers: Sam Bryant and Adnan Ahmed.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 2015.

FRI 09:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p71gk)

Series 5

A Writerly Life Made Dreadfully Different

There's a novel writing showdown between Pip and Charles Dickens to find out who is the greatest writer in Britain. 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

Lily Sarah Hadland

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

FRI 10:00 Whodunnits (b007k0ft)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

FRI 10:45 Short Works (m0008r5z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

FRI 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jq28)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b007j18s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

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FRI 19:30 Bleak Expectations (b01p71gk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Dance Your Life Away (b0741lvd)

The story of contemporary community dance in Oxford, and the extraordinary woman who launched it thirty years ago. Cecilia Macfarlane believes that we are all dancers from the cradle to the grave. More than that, really: she thinks that we dance from our first kick in the womb to our very last blink - and, perhaps, beyond.

At her convent school in Bath, when she declared that she was going to be a dancer, the Head Mistress told Cecilia: "Go dance your life away!".

When she came to Oxford as a young mother, she found only ballet was available for children, and started up Oxford Youth Dance for her own son and daughter. Thirty years on, Oxford - a city better known for more prestigious art-forms - has the longest-running and perhaps most vibrant community dance scene in the country.

You can be two or 92, in a wheelchair or able-bodied, a middle-aged office worker or a young man planning a professional career in dance - in Oxford, you really can "dance your life away".

Presented and produced by Beaty Rubens.

FRI 20:30 A Good Read (b070dnqt)

Samantha Bond and Jason Cowley

Actress Samantha Bond and editor of The New Statesman,

Jason Cowley join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite

novels by Donna Tartt, Joseph Conrad and Hamid Ismailov.

The Secret History by Donna Tartt

Publisher Penguin

The Secret Agent by Joseph Conrad

Publisher Penguin

The Dead Lake' by Hamid Ismailov translated by Andrew

Bromfield

Publisher Peirene

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

FRI 21:00 What's Funny About ... (m000jq99)

Series 1

Blackadder

TV veterans Peter Fincham and Jon Plowman talk to the writers, producers, and performers behind Britain's biggest TV comedy hits, and hear the inside story of how they brought their programmes to the screen.

In this episode, Peter and Jon talk to John Lloyd and Sir Tony Robinson about the modern comedy masterpiece that is Blackadder. They discuss the endless problems they had when making the first series ("the show that looked a million dollars and cost a million pounds"), and the importance of failure. They also open up about the tensions amongst the team, the "ladder of stupidity" in Blackadder's world, and the real story behind that famous final scene.

With Peter and Jon as our guides, we'll take the opportunity to ask quite how they went about making a great bit of TV comedy. Who came up with it? How did it get written? We'll talk about the commissioning, the casting, and the reception the show received when it first aired.

We'll do our very best to wrinkle out some backstage secrets straight from the horse's mouth, as we hear the unvarnished truth from the people who were there, and who put these iconic shows on the telly.

Original Blackadder clips written by Richard Curtis and Ben Elton

Producer: Owen Braben

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Expectation Productions, and first broadcast in June 2020.

FRI 22:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m001p6nc)

Series 2

Cheltenham to Maesteg

Comedy icon Alexei Sayle continues his series of rail journeys across the country with a trip from the regency elegance of Cheltenham to Maesteg, deep in the heart of the former mining communities of South Wales.

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, Alexei meets hospital worker Kevin who, on his days off, takes pot luck at his local train station ticket office and simply asks for a trip to somewhere interesting. Jenny tells Alexei how her years in the middle east changed her life. Donna and Paul take Alexei into the addictive world of murder mystery weekends, Ruth tells of her memories of her childhood in a mining community, and Julie and David describe to Alexei how, for nearly 50 years, they have run a general store in the Welsh valleys - now the only shop left in the village.

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b08g5h2g)

Series 1

A Day in October

"This show is a story about a day in October in 1990, when I saw a miracle happen to a boy, and his name was George Peach..."

The story of Sarah's secret relationship with bullied classmate, George Peach. Following an accident at the beach, George Peach died for exactly 11 seconds. Sarah's story examines the remarkable effect those eleven seconds had on Sarah and her schoolmates. The show plays with the relationship between fiction and real-life and explores the redemptive power of storytelling.

A Day in October won the 2018 Writers' Guild Award the Audio Drama Award for best comedy production.

Taking her audience on a trip, Sarah gives a unique snapshot of small-town life in Australia in the early 90s. At a time when most people were seeing Australians through the filter of 'Home and Away' and 'Neighbours', Sarah's shows present a darker underbelly to the stereotype of the sun-loving, happy-go-lucky Aussie teenager.

Written and performed by Sarah Kendall

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001p8mr)

Harriet Kemsley meets Lindsey Santoro 3/3

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Harriet Kemsley chats

again to Lindsey Santoro.

FRI 23:00 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b00z58bb)

Series 1

Osminia

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have had a number of bizarre adventures.

This time he travels to Osminia, a land where marriage is outlawed.

Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.

A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.

Brian Gulliver Neil Pearson

Rachel Gulliver Mariah Gale

Dr Malik Paul Bhattacharjee

Tandia Joanna Bobin

Gigia Jane Whittenshaw

Seldon Brian Bowles

Mayor Sam Dale

Sancti Sally Orrock

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

FRI 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b00v730v)

Series 1

The Toothbrush Moustache

Richard Herring reclaims objects that we've grown to hate, starting with Hitler's toothbrush moustache.

This week he's reclaiming the toothbrush moustache on behalf of comedy - taking it back from Hitler to give to it's rightful owner Charlie Chaplin.

Based on his Edinburgh show Richard examines why a particular piece of facial hair can evoke revulsion in all who see it when in fact the person first associated with it was one of the funniest people on the planet.

He grows his own toothbrush moustache and hears what passers by make of it, talks to a German moustache expert about Hitler's vanity and describes how wearing it on the day after the BNP won seats in the last European election strengthened his resolve to continue his campaign. The show was recorded in front of an audience.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.