

## SATURDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2023

**SAT 00:00 Anita Sullivan - The Octopus (b03c3cn6)**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have eight legs, no bones, and skin that changes colour?  
Hester is a Marine Biologist seeking to discover what it means to be an octopus. When she's called in to help the local aquarium try to breed two Giant Pacific Octopus (GPO), she uses the opportunity to carry out a social recognition experiment.  
Can an octopus recognise an individual human being? As Hester delves deeper into questions of cephalopod consciousness, she develops an attachment with 'Monster' - the male GPO.  
"Four-hundred million years ago, when we shared the ocean, I was a bony fish, a prototype. But you... were already you. An octopus. Now I stand here, human. Confounded by you."  
Starring Amy Manson.  
A strange and compelling journey into the mind of an ancient creature.

Written by Anita Sullivan.

Hester .... Amy Manson  
Jenny .... Riann Steele  
Simon .... Ronan Summers

Richie .... Aled Pugh

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2013.

**SAT 00:45 The Visitor's Book by Stephen Gallagher (b092g86j)**

A couple renting a holiday home start to feel that something happened there the year before...

Terence Edmond reads Stephen Gallagher's short story.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1992.

**SAT 01:00 Leslie Charteris - The Saint (b007jtvj)**

3. The Saint Plays With Fire

Simon Templar uncovers a fascist conspiracy to seize power in France.

Starring Paul Rhys.

First published in 1938 under the title 'Prelude to War' - one of a long series of novels by Leslie Charteris about the escapades of Simon Templar, alias "The Saint".

Dramatised by Neville Teller.

Simon Templar .... Paul Rhys

Patricia Holm .... Kim Thomson

Valerie .... Fiona Fullerton

Inspector Claude Eustace Tea .... John Baddeley

Peter Quentin .... Jonathan Keeble

Fairweather .... John Hartley

Luker .... Geoffrey Whitehead

General Sangore .... John Turner

Orace .... John Hollis

Knighle .... Andrew Branch

Marteau .... Roger May

Coroner .... David Collings

Bream .... David Timson

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

**SAT 02:00 Ruth Rendell as Barbara Vine - King Solomon's Carpet (m000wlyg)**

4. Out of This World

Axel's influence over the residents of the schoolhouse, near the London Underground, finally extends to Tom...

Conclusion of Ruth Rendell's crime mystery - written under the pen name of Barbara Vine.

Dramatised by Nick Fisher.

Alice .... Kate Fenwick

Axel .... Mark Strong

Tom .... Jonathan Cullen

Daphne .... Linda Polan

Cecilia .... Ann Beach

Jarvis .... Kim Wall

Tina .... Alice Arnold

Jasper .... Stuart Morris

Bienvida .... Verity Waite

Alice's mother .... Shirley Dixon

Newsreader .... Alex Lowe

First doctor .... Christopher Scott

Second doctor .... Colleen Prendergast

Musicians: Polly Hewett, Roland Robert and Christine Messiter.

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1996.

**SAT 02:30 The Price of Silence (m00101qf)**

8. Crackpoint

Maxon has uncovered an elaborate bluff to make the Russians think we're ahead of them in the nuclear race.

But can he stop Moscow from carrying out their tests?

And is Jaqueline still on his side?

Starring Ian Hendry and Toby Robins.

Stephen Barlay's Cold War nuclear thriller.

Maxon .... Ian Hendry

Jacqueline .... Toby Robins

Nachalnkl .... Paul Hardwick

Sandy .... Peter Tuddenham

Sleet .... Brett Usher

Wennstrom .... Nigel Graham

Ellsberg .... George Coulouris

Petrushka .... Richard Marner

Announcer .... Alex Marshall

Music composed and played by Ed Welch (piano) With Ron

Aspery (saxophone)

Director: Peter King.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.

**SAT 03:00 The Poet and the Echo (m0007l3p)**

The Lamb

Writers choose poems as inspiration for contemporary stories.

Inspired by 'The Lamb', from William Blake's Songs of

Innocence, a moving story of love and inheritance.

Written by Pippa Goldschmidt.

Read by Kay McAllister.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

A BBC Scotland Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.

**SAT 03:15 Modern Morality Tales (b070j4h2)**

Wrath by Roy Williams

Eve finds herself overcome with anger on the day that she is made redundant.

But does her anger necessarily have to have a destructive end?

Inspired by the medieval morality plays, Roy Williams presents a character whose anger at the inhuman nature of modern life moves her to an act of protest.

In medieval times allegorical plays such as 'Mankind' and 'Everyman' were used to warn audiences that how they lived in the present would affect their afterlife - whether they would end up in Hell, Purgatory or Heaven.

But in a secular age how do we deal with the nature of sins and virtues? Our attitude to good and evil is certainly less black and white. Is it bad to be proud, don't we deserve respect? Can't anger be used to promote change for the better and isn't envy what drives our materialistic lifestyle?

These five tales explore our attitudes to these questions through the character of 'Eve', a 21st-century Everywoman, played by Rebecca Front.

Eve ..... Rebecca Front

Samson ..... Steve Toussaint

Supervisor ..... Nick Underwood

Bus announcements ..... Adie Allen

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 2016.

**SAT 03:30 The Break (m000jw0b)**

Series 3

1. Never The Twin

It's September in Flamford, which can only mean one thing - the Flamford Christmas Market is in full flow.

Jeff persuades his recalcitrant London nephew Andy to join him in a gift-shopping expedition.

Along the way they encounter pokerwork sign-maker and fire hazard Pam, loud, lovelorn and now jobless Town Crier Peter Humfriss and The Ghost of Christmas-Who-Gives-A-Stuff - chiselling pensioner Mr Truepenny.

Christmas, even though it's September, is also a time for mysteries - one of which sees Jeff and Andy pitted against the enigmatic Applegarth twins.

Created and written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Jeff ..... Philip Jackson

The Applegarth Twins ..... Alison Steadman

Peter Humfriss ..... Mark Benton

Pam ..... Shobna Gulati

Mr Truepenny ..... Rasmus Hardiker

Andy ..... James Northcote

Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2020.

**SAT 04:00 Marriage Lines (b04nqbmh)**

Series 1

Four-Part Harmony

Whilst George is in the pub, Kate worries about what he's really up to...

Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.

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

Laura ..... Heather Chasen

Peter ..... Geoffrey Matthews

Other parts played by:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Graham

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1965.

**SAT 04:30 Charles Dickens (b00z6m8)**

Sketches by Boz - Series 2

Love and Oysters

The tale of John Dounce whose orderly life is disrupted on acquaintance with an oyster seller.

Gloriously comic stories of London Life by Charles Dickens.

Dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

Boz ..... Nicholas Farrell

John ..... David Calder

Fanny ..... Samantha Spiro

Rosa ..... Sirlol Jenkins

Dora ..... Elizabeth Conboy

Harris ..... David Allister

Jones ..... Ioan Meredith

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.

**SAT 05:00 Listomania (b0b1xqns)**

Series 1

Episode 6

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:

Sara Cox

Elis James

Isy Suttie

Gary Delaney

Written by James Kettle and Juliet Meyers with Max Davis

Producer: Jane Berthoud and Adnan Ahmed.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2015.

**SAT 05:30 The Great Pursuit (m001q08m)**

2. Blow Ups

"It's the most depraved...obscene novel I've ever read...it'll make millions."

\$20,000,000 in fact, provided literary agent Frederick Frensic can ensure Peter Piper keeps pretending to have written the book - while the real author remains anonymous...

Tom Sharpe's anarchic satire of the world of publishing.

Dramatised by Ryan Craig.

Frederick Frensic .... Mark Heap

Peter Piper ..... Adam Godley

Sonia Futtle .... Laurel Lefkow

Hutchmeyer .... John Guerrasio

Baby Hutchmeyer .... Sandra Dickinson

Geoffrey Corkadale .... Nicholas Boulton

Macmordie/Reporter .... Kerry Shale

Marianna Moore .... Alex Tregear

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

**SAT 06:00 Rose Tremain (m001q62q)**

The Birdcage

Stella is an ordinary, suburban young woman. She seems an unlikely companion for the terminally ill Radcliffe Kent, who is a great musician.

While he lies dying, Stella is there to nurse him - and she both gives and receives something unexpected...

Written by Rose Tremain.

Radcliffe Kent .... Alan Dobie

Stella Bennett .... Maggie McCarthy

Anne Kent .... Barbara Leigh-Hunt

Sgt Bennett .... Norman Jones

Mrs Bennett .... Jane Wenham

Tony Samuels .... John Forbes-Robertson

Director: Penny Gold

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

**SAT 07:15 Modern Morality Tales (b07044hq)**

Moderation by Lin Coghlan

Eve comes face to face with her Spiritual Estate Agent after her car crashes into a canal.

In a tale inspired by the medieval morality plays, Lin Coghlan takes a comic look at our attitude towards moderation.

In medieval times allegorical plays such as 'Mankind' and 'Everyman' were used to warn audiences that how they lived in the present would affect their afterlife - whether they would end up in Hell, Purgatory or Heaven.

But in a secular age how do we deal with the nature of sins and virtues? Our attitude to good and evil is certainly less black and white. Is it bad to be proud; don't we deserve respect? Can't anger be used to promote change for the better and isn't envy what drives our materialistic lifestyle?

The last of five tales exploring our attitudes to these questions through the character of 'Eve', a 21st century Everywoman, played by Rebecca Front.

Eve ..... Rebecca Front

Isobel ..... Anastasia Hille

Ana ..... Scarlett Brookes

Jerome ..... Ewan Bailey

Directed by Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 2016.

**SAT 07:30 Losing Earth by Nathaniel Rich (Omnibus) (m0004ljp)**

Nathaniel Rich tells the story of how climate change could have been stopped in the 1980s and why it wasn't.

In 1979, the science of climate change was known - what was happening, why it was happening, and how to stop it. In the US, over the next decade a variety of activists, scientists and politicians worked tirelessly to safeguard the environment but despite their efforts they couldn't.

Losing Earth is American novelist Nathaniel Rich's account of the decade when the world came tantalizingly close to signing a binding treaty that could have made a difference.

Read by Kyle Soller.

Omnibus abridged in five parts by Richard Hamilton

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

**SAT 08:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05s3nft)**

Episode 3

Master raconteur Kenneth Williams recalls his London childhood - and adventures with his friend Stanley Baxter. More entertaining reminiscences and personal opinions from the master raconteur.

Recorded in front of an audience at BBC Pebble Mill.

Producer: Michael Ford

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1982.

**SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05r7w7g)**

Series 1  
Spare Time Job  
Jen's scheme to make money runs into red tape - and worse.  
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  
Trudi ..... Roberta Tovey  
Robin ..... Hugo Keith-Johnston  
Amanda ..... Jill Riddick  
Mother ..... Fanny Rowe  
Mary ..... Charlotte Mitchell  
Bill Perry ..... Michael Kilgarriff  
Vera Walters ..... Aline Waites  
Bobby's Daddy ..... David Tate  
City Man ..... Frederick Treves  
Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst.  
Producer: Trafford Whitelock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1969.  
**SAT 09:30 Something to Shout About (b07p6k99)**

Series 3

Episode 7

It's Monday morning and the staff is feeling fragile, with the sole exception of Maggie.

She suggests a restorative trip to the countryside, to work on their shampoo campaign...

"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

Maggie ..... Eleanor Summerfield

Janet ..... Fenella Fielding

Mavis ..... Joan Sims

Adrian Beales ..... Nicholas Phipps

Other characters ..... Warren Mitchell

Producer: John Simmonds

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1961.

**SAT 10:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)**

3. Beyond

Charting the horrors and the highs of becoming a mother,

Jessica Fostekeew tackles coping with the new arrival.

In the last of three programmes, Jessica dips into the BBC archive.

And she chats to lots of special guests including

Jenny Eclair

Cariad Lloyd

Sara Barron

Richard and Catie Herring

Caroline Mabe

Jen Brister

Hatty Ashdown

Kirsty Newton

Katie Mulgrew

Taylor Glenn

Robin Ince

Laura Lexx

Sindhu Vee

Diane Morgan

Holly Walsh

Producer: Laura Grimshaw.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2018.

**SAT 11:00 Rose Tremain (m001q62q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 12:15 Modern Morality Tales (b0704thq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SAT 12:30 Losing Earth by Nathaniel Rich (Omnibus) (m0004ljp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 13:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05s3nft)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 14:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05r7w7g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 Something to Shout About (b07p6k99)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Anita Sullivan - The Octopus (b03c3cn6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

**SAT 16:45 The Visitor's Book by Stephen Gallagher (b092g86j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

**SAT 17:00 Rose Tremain (m001q62q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 18:15 Modern Morality Tales (b0704thq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**SAT 18:30 Losing Earth by Nathaniel Rich (Omnibus) (m0004ljp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 19:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05s3nft)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05r7w7g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 Something to Shout About (b07p6k99)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b01r9swd)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Bridget considers women and their relationship with their bodies via a lap dance, TOWIE and a fish called Michael.

Fred MacAulay helps her remember some of the key incidents which brought her to an epiphany and a call to arms.

Stand up comedy series on the state of British feminism today.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

**SAT 22:30 Cowards (b007jfox)**

Series 1

Episode 6

Moustaches and job interviews in the bizarre world of the comedy sketch show team.

Written and performed by:

Tom Basden

Stefan Golaszewski

Tim Key

Lloyd Wool

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.

**SAT 23:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01cjg55)**

Series 2

Adelaide

Ross travels to Adelaide in Australia and discovers it is a city of weirdness.

Men dressed in leotards wander the streets, and the locals all seem to be hiding something sinister...

A series of travelogues from comedian Ross Noble.

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

**SAT 23:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b00sdyxt)**

Series 3

Muhammad Ali

A profile of Cassius Clay - who was a good showman - and when his fights appeared on local TV, he began his trademark rhyming.

He went on to be recruited to the Nation of Islam at a time of the civil rights movement.

Mark Steel's comic lectures about the lives of historical figures whose ideas and enthusiasm shaped their generation.

With:

Martin Hyder

Mel Hudson

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

**SUNDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**SUN 00:00 Haunted (b01qrljn)**

Esmeralda by John Keir Cross

Felix might finally be free of his wife, but who is the mysterious woman claiming to be his daughter?

A collection of supernatural tales.

John Keir Cross's story dramatised by Patricia Mays

Mr Broome .... George Baker

Esmeralda .... Kim Braden

With:

Pauline Letts

Katherine Parr

David Gooderson

Crawford Logan

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on BBC World Service in February 1982.

**SUN 00:30 Wally K Daly (b007jv1m)**

The Children of Witchwood

4. Return to the Burning Field

After her mystery disappearance, Jackie Lamont has gained strange powers of telepathy.

BQ Brown of the Ministry of Defence continues his investigation linking this to sinister events back in the 17th century....

Starring Wendy Baxter.

The last drama series which Wally K Daly wrote for radio.

Jackie Lamont .... Wendy Baxter

BQ Brown .... Michael Cochrane

Mandy Lamont .... Emily Chenney

Sion Lamont .... Scott Gray

Jason Cranford .... Laurence Saunders

Cheever Cranford .... Jez Thomas

Becky Cranford .... Becky Wright

DC Danny Sparks .... Daniel Settattree

WPC Polly Bell .... Lorraine Coady

Mother/Minister .... Jilly Bond

Iron Peter .... Robert Lister

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Jenny Stephens.

Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in September 2005.

**SUN 01:00 Rose Tremain (m001q62q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:15 Modern Morality Tales (b0704thq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:30 Losing Earth by Nathaniel Rich (Omnibus) (m0004ljp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 03:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05s3nft)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05r7w7g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:30 Something to Shout About (b07p6k99)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001q64x)**

The Poetry of History - The English Civil War and Marvell

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Poetry of History - The English Civil War and Marvell.

From a series that investigates the connections between

historical events and the poems they inspired.

Jonathan Bate visits Westminster to work on Andrew Marvell's An Horatian Ode upon Cromwell's Return from Ireland, in

which the poet wrestles with his loyalty to the recently beheaded King Charles I and his respect for the energy of Oliver Cromwell.

Producer : Tom Alban

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

**SUN 06:30 The Drop by Mick Herron (Omnibus) (m000d7fw)**

When retired spy Solomon Dortmund sees an envelope pass from one hand to another in a bustling cafe, he knows he's witnessed more than an innocent encounter.

But by relaying his suspicions to his MI5 handler, he sets in train events which will alter lives.

Set in a snow-dusted London, Mick Herron's taut thriller takes place in the gap where old-style spy craft and modern intelligence analysis don't quite meet.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Eileen Horne

Read by John Hefferan

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.

**SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001q654)**

Sophie Ellis-Bextor

Singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor chooses 'Comfortably Numb' by Pink Floyd and 'Harmony Hall' by Vampire Weekend.

**SUN 07:50 Girls of Riyadh (Omnibus) (m000fnlv)**

The girls of Riyadh are young, attractive and living by Saudi Arabia's strict cultural traditions.

Well, not quite... In between dating, shopping, drinking, dancing and having fun, they're still trying to be good Muslims and please their families.

But can you be a 21st century woman and a Saudi woman?

Best-selling novel written by Rajaa Alsanee.

Omnibus of five parts dramatised by Claudine Toutoungi.

Gamrah ..... Lara Sawalha

Sadeem ..... Laila Alj

Michelle ..... Jasmine Jones

Lamees ..... Nyla Levy

Faisal ..... Ikky Elias

Rashid ..... Elham Ehsas

Firas ..... Moe Bar-EI

Pilot/ Bookseller ..... Ian Conningham

Tara ..... Sinead MacInnes

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

**SUN 09:00 A Life of Bliss (m001q65g)**

From 28/05/1957

David made a female friend on a business trip. Will it prove problematic for his engagement?

Starring George Cole.

Godfrey Harrison's sitcom about bashful, bumbling bachelor, David Alexander Bliss.

David Bliss .... George Cole

Ann .... Diana Churchill

Tony .... Colin Gordon

Mrs Bliss .... Gladys Young

Mr Bliss .... Carleton Hobbs

Psyche the Dog .... Percy Edwards

Penny Gaye .... Petula Clark

Honor Marchant .... Gwen Cherrall

Six series of 118 episodes of A Life of Bliss ran on the BBC Home Service from 1953. It moved to BBC TV for a run of six episodes in 1969.

Sadly very few episodes survive in the BBC archive, including the first seven starring David Tomlinson. His replacement George Cole went to star in the St Trinian's films and later as dodgy Arthur Daley in ITV's Minder.

The BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenhoulet.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1957.

**SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (b03t0c98)**

Series 9

Have Been Painting Pink Spots

Pertwee's wheeling and dealing leaves HMS Troutbridge in the firing line.

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  
 Landlord ..... Richard Caldico  
 Rene ..... Heather Chasen  
 Able Seaman Johnson ..... Ronnie Barker  
 The Admiral ..... Tenniel Evans  
 The Flag Lieutenant ..... Michael Bates  
 The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.  
 Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.  
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in November 1967.  
**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (p00935rv)**  
 British Music Makers  
 Jarvis Cocker  
 Pulp's singer and musician, Jarvis Cocker is castaway by Sue Lawley.  
 Jarvis formed the band Pulp in the late 1970s and says that as a gawky, self-conscious teenager he felt pop music did not properly inform him about the disappointments and miseries of growing up - and he was determined to write songs that included "the messy bits and the awkward, fumbling bits". He had to wait more than a decade to find success - but Pulp went on to become one of the most popular bands of the 1990s, with hits including Do You Remember the First Time? Sorted For Es And Wizz and Common People.  
 The band's crowning glory was its performance of 'Common People' at the Glastonbury festival in 1995.  
 The following year, Jarvis Cocker made headlines again - this time the tabloid front pages after he invaded the stage while Michael Jackson was performing at the pop industry's annual awards ceremony. Fans were thrilled, but it marked the beginning of a difficult time in the singer's life.  
 Now he is married with a young son and living in Paris and has recently written songs for Nancy Sinatra and Marianne Faithfull as well as writing the music for the film Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire.  
 DISC ONE: Theme - Robert Mellin  
 DISC TWO: Transmission - Joy Division  
 DISC THREE: Mouldy Old Dough - Lieutenant Pigeon  
 DISC FOUR: Ten Guitars - Engelbert Humperdinck  
 DISC FIVE: The War is Over - Scott Walker  
 DISC SIX: Lady With the Braid - Dory Previn  
 DISC SEVEN: I See a Darkness - Johnny Cash  
 DISC EIGHT: Sailing By - Ronald Binge  
 BOOK CHOICE: Sombbrero Fallout - Richard Brautigan  
 LUXURY CHOICE: A bed with a mosquito net  
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Sailing By - Ronald Binge  
 Desert Island Discs was created by Roy Plomley.  
 Producer: Leanne Buckle  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.  
**SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**  
 Series 1  
 Coelacanth  
 The Coelacanth is a primitive bony fish thought to be an important ancestor to all back-boned animals that ventured onto land.  
 David Attenborough brought to TV the first film of a living fish in Life on Earth. But is it the living fossil it was claimed to be? Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.  
 Producer: Julian Hector  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.  
**SUN 11:00 Poetry Extra (m001q64x)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 11:30 The Drop by Mick Herron (Omnibus) (m000d7fw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**SUN 12:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001q65d)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]  
**SUN 12:50 Girls of Riyadh (Omnibus) (m000fn1v)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 today]  
**SUN 14:00 A Life of Bliss (m001q65g)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SUN 14:30 The Navy Lark (b03t0cq8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SUN 15:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (p00935rv)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SUN 15:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]  
**SUN 16:00 Haunted (b01qr1jn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]  
**SUN 16:30 Wally K Daly (b007jv1m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 00:30 today]  
**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m001q64x)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 17:30 The Drop by Mick Herron (Omnibus) (m000d7fw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**SUN 18:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001q65d)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]  
**SUN 18:50 Girls of Riyadh (Omnibus) (m000fn1v)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 today]  
**SUN 20:00 A Life of Bliss (m001q65g)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SUN 20:30 The Navy Lark (b03t0cq8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (p00935rv)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]  
**SUN 22:00 The Hudson and Peppercine Show (b0076f55)**  
 Series 3  
 Looking for Love  
 With the onset of the warm weather, Mel and Vicki find that romance and dating are the order of the day.  
 However, they discover carefully following the rules doesn't necessarily guarantee success...  
 Starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Peppercine.  
 With:  
 Martin Hyder  
 Lewis MacLeod  
 Jim North  
 Written by the cast with Danny Robins, Dan Tetsell and Richie Devlin.  
 Script edited by Graeme Garden.  
 Music by Richie Webb.  
 Producer: Chris Neill  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.  
**SUN 22:30 Chain Reaction (b03mjcbp)**  
 Series 9  
 Kevin Bridges talks to Frankie Boyle  
 Clydebank's razor sharp comic and Glasgow's outspoken comedian in the talk tag show where the guest becomes the next interviewer.  
 Kevin Bridges chats to his comedy mentor, Frankie Boyle.  
 Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee, but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.  
 Producer: Carl Cooper  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.  
**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001qfzm)**  
 Simon Farnaby 1/4  
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Paul Garner talks to Simon Farnaby.  
**SUN 23:00 Spats (b007scyr)**  
 Series 1  
 Science versus The Arts  
 How will Science fare against The Arts?  
 Luke Roberts tries to solve the big arguments using light entertainment.  
 Sketch series written by and starring Luke Roberts.  
 With:  
 Stephen Critchlow  
 Nadia Kamil  
 Clare Wille  
 Producer: Ed Morrish  
 Made for for BBC 7 and first broadcast in July 2007  
**SUN 23:15 The Haunting (m000nf3t)**  
 Series 3  
 Waiting  
 Modern technology is terrifying.  
 The average smartphone carries out 3.36 billion instructions per second. The average person can only carry out one instruction in that time. Stop and think about that for a second. Sorry, that's two instructions - you won't be able to do that.  
 But what if modern technology was literally terrifying?  
 What if there really was a ghost in the machine?  
 Travel through the bad gateway in this modern ghost story as writer and performer Tom Neenan discovers what horrors lurk in our apps and gadgets.  
 In this episode – hang on, let me just put you on hold...  
 Tom ..... Tom Neenan  
 Heidi ..... Jenny Bede  
 The Operators ..... Nina Sosanya, Alison Senior, Lucy Thackeray, Robert Wilford  
 Tony ..... Dan Tetsell  
 The Waiter ..... Naz Osmanoglu  
 Written by Tom Neenan  
 Director: David Tyler  
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.  
**SUN 23:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b044mc1g)**  
 Series 3  
 Belief and Opinion  
 Stephen K Amos sets out to compile an idiot's guide to belief and opinion.  
 With assistance from some of the comedy circuit's best stand-ups:  
 Wil Hodgson  
 Gavin Webster  
 Shazia Mirza  
 Producer: Colin Anderson  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.  
**MONDAY 04 SEPTEMBER 2023**  
**MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001q64x)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 00:30 The Drop by Mick Herron (Omnibus) (m000d7fw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001q65d)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:50 Girls of Riyadh (Omnibus) (m000fn1v)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

**MON 03:00 A Life of Bliss (m001q65g)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (b03t0cq8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (p00935rv)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:00 Lewis and Tolkien - The Lost Road (b03hxjrl)**  
 Whether you like or loathe elves and talking lions, JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis each created compelling fictional worlds whose influence has become global.  
 CS Lewis was an academic and broadcaster whose prolific publication of literary criticism, novels, Christian apologetics and the Narnia books for children brought him an international reputation in his lifetime.  
 By the time of his death in 1973, JRR Tolkien's 'The Lord of The Rings' and 'The Hobbit', (along with other published stories and poems which drew upon the mythology of Middle Earth), had already made him a cult figure around the world.  
 Starring Haydn Gwynne, Tom Goodman-Hill and Pip Torrens.  
 Robin Brooks' drama is a playful tribute to the long friendship between the two men, and the way it shaped their achievements.  
 Elf Queen ..... Haydn Gwynne  
 JRR Tolkien ..... Tom Goodman-Hill  
 CS Lewis ..... Pip Torrens  
 Worm ..... Carolyn Pickles  
 Betjeman ..... Harry Jardine  
 Informator ..... John Norton  
 Marcus ..... Arthur Hughes  
 Tiny Elf Princess ..... Isabel Brooks  
 Director: Jonquil Panting.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.  
**MON 05:45 Short Works (m0006m1h)**  
 I Go To Her Wardrobe by Sabrina Mahfouz  
 After her Mum's funeral, Rema discovers that there is plenty she never really knew, about herself or her mother.  
 A story of glitter and grief by award-winning playwright and poet Sabrina Mahfouz.  
 Director: Becky Ripley.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2019.  
**MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn6)**  
 Wimsey - Strong Poison  
 1. Old Bailey  
 Lord Peter Wimsey attends the trial of Harriet Vane, a young mystery writer accused of poisoning her former lover with arsenic.  
 The evidence against her seems overwhelming, but the shrewd, debonair sleuth harbours doubts over her guilt.  
 Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.  
 British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey created by Dorothy L. Sayers.  
 Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.  
 Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.  
 From the book first published in 1930.  
 Dramatised in six parts by Chris Miller.  
 Lord Peter Wimsey ... Ian Carmichael  
 Harriet Vane .... Anne Bell  
 Judge .... Carleton Hobbs  
 Dowager Duchess .... Charlotte Mitchell  
 Attorney-General .... Stephen Thorne  
 Sir Impy Biggs .... Robert Gillespie  
 Sir James Lubbock .... Garard Green  
 Freddy Arbutnot .... Christopher Scoular  
 Hannah Westlock .... Christine Ozanne  
 Foreman of the Jury .... Clifford Norgate  
 Producer: Simon Brett.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.  
**MON 06:30 The Price of Silence (m00100hb)**  
 9. The Price  
 Old Petrushka, last of the old guard, is dead. What will Russia do next? Who will win the deadly game of "nuclear poker" ?  
 And what does General Locke have in store for Maxon and Jacqueline?  
 Starring Ian Hendry and Toby Robins.  
 Conclusion of Stephen Barlay's Cold War nuclear thriller.  
 Maxon .... Ian Hendry  
 Jacqueline .... Toby Robins  
 the Nachalnik .... Paul Hardwick  
 Locke .... Alan Tilvern  
 Nadia .... Zhivla Roche  
 Gloucester/Wennstrom .... Nigel Graham  
 Reporter ... Brett Usher  
 Stewardess .... Alex Marshall  
 Beryov .... Peter Gale  
 Captain .... Stuart Milligan  
 Music composed and played by Ed Welch (piano) with Ron Aspery (Sax).  
 Director: Peter King.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.  
**MON 07:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)**  
 1. Caves  
 Robert Macfarlane muses on the worlds beneath our feet.  
 In this the Anthropocene Age, life underground is ecologically

and delicately poised...and then he recalls a vivid cave journey in the Mendips, with his friend Sean:  
 "The entry is awkward, a body-bending downwards wriggle before a drop..."  
 Read by the author.  
 Abridged in five parts by Katrin Williams.  
 Producer: Duncan Minshull.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.  
**MON 07:15 Henry James (m0000nm1)**  
 What Maisie Knew  
 1. Divorce  
 Following her parents' divorce, six year old Maisie finds herself at the centre of their bitter struggle.  
 Written by Henry James  
 Dramatised in five parts by Amanda Dalton.  
 Maisie ..... Talia Barnett  
 Beale Farange ..... Andonis Anthony  
 Ida Farange ..... Joanne Mitchell  
 Miss Overmore / Mrs Beale ..... Emma Naomi  
 Mrs Wix ..... Julie Hesmondhalgh  
 Henry James ..... John Lynch

Director: Nadia Molinari  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.  
**MON 07:30 A Month of June (b01jxrmw)**  
 3. Now You See Me, Now You Don't  
 There's skulduggery afoot in Mrs. Ramsbottom's safe house for refugees from the Sorcerers' Circle.  
 Starring June Whitfield.  
 Series of comedies written for the legendary actress by Andy Merriman and Peter Morfoot.  
 Debra Cadabra ..... June Whitfield  
 Kitty French ..... Barbara Windsor  
 Harry Halliday ..... Robert Blythe  
 Billy .... Joe Sims  
 Fred ..... Patrick Brennan  
 Mrs Ramsbottom ..... Christine Absalom  
 Director: David Hunter  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.  
**MON 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00cft0x)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 10  
 Happy campers on holiday - and Tarzan swings in with Jane and Cheetah.  
 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 June 1969.  
**MON 08:30 Radio Cars (m001q61g)**  
 4. A Long Time Dead  
 Lou lies dying in hospital. Eddie promises him one last favour - and lives to regret it.  
 Meanwhile back in the office, they have a new cleaner.  
 Starring Harriet Walter and Gary Waldhorn.  
 Jennifer Phillips's five-part comedy series set in the offices of a disreputable London cab company.  
 Eddie .... Gary Waldhorn  
 Angela .... Harriet Walter  
 Mrs Corfton-Browne / Rhonda .... Maxine Audley  
 Nicco .... Neil Dudgeon  
 Frenchie .... Terence Edmond  
 Mohammed .... Stefan Kalipha  
 Lou .... Ronald Herdman  
 Liam ... Gerard Ohare  
 Nellie ... Mary Wimbush  
 Lisette/Nurse .... Joanna Mays  
 Suzie .... Danielle Allan  
 Rusty .... Ben Onwukwe  
 Director: Richard Wortley  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1991.  
**MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b02lyb11)**  
 Series 16  
 William Blake  
 James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness.  
 Team captains John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks are joined by John O'Farrell and Jane Thynne.  
 This episode focuses on William Blake.  
 Reader: Beth Chalmers  
 Producer: Alexandra Smith  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.  
**MON 09:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3lg)**  
 Series 2  
 Golf Is a Four-Letter Word  
 Maud seeks solace in Test Match Special while Alison gets in a flap over a bird fancier.  
 Starring Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes.  
 Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and

Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.  
 Alison ..... Denise Coffey  
 Maud ..... Miriam Margolyes  
 Mr Mullet ..... Chris Emmett  
 Bernard ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.  
**MON 10:00 Lewis and Tolkien - The Lost Road (b03hxjrl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**MON 10:45 Short Works (m0006n1h)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]  
**MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn6)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 11:30 The Price of Silence (m00100hb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 12:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 12:15 Henry James (m0000nm1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**MON 12:30 A Month of June (b01jxrmw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 13:00 Stop Messing About! (b00cft0x)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 13:30 Radio Cars (m001q61g)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 14:00 The Write Stuff (b02lyb11)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3lg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**MON 15:00 Lewis and Tolkien - The Lost Road (b03hxjrl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**MON 15:45 Short Works (m0006n1h)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]  
**MON 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn6)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 16:30 The Price of Silence (m00100hb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 17:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 17:15 Henry James (m0000nm1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**MON 17:30 A Month of June (b01jxrmw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 18:00 Stop Messing About! (b00cft0x)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 18:30 Radio Cars (m001q61g)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 19:00 The Write Stuff (b02lyb11)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 19:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3lg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**MON 20:00 Radiolab (m0016p9w)**  
 Series 9  
 Mixtape 1 - Dakou  
 Radiolab is a Peabody-award-winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience. Radiolab Mixtape is a special 4 part series  
 Mixtape 1: Dakou - explores how musicians who took the damaged plastic scraps of Western music, changed the musical landscape of China.  
 Through the 1980s, the vast majority of people in China had never heard Western music, save for John Denver, the Carpenters, and a few other artists included on the hand-picked list of songs sanctioned by the Communist Party. But in the late 90s, a mysterious man named Professor Ye made a discovery at a plastic recycling center in Heping.  
 Radiolab talks to Chinese historians, music critics, and the musicians who took the damaged plastic scraps of Western music, changed the musical landscape of China, and reimagined rock and roll in ways we never could've imagined.  
 From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2021.  
**MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (b08r40fk)**  
 David Rodigan  
 DJ David Rodigan chooses 'You Don't Have To Say You Love Me' by Dusty Springfield and 'Feeling Soul' by Bob Andy.  
**MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b06sgjsc)**  
 Series 5  
 Squeeze (the A Side)  
 Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford talk about Squeeze's 1981 album, 'East Side Story'.  
 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, Glenn and Chris talk to John Wilson.  
 'East Side Story' was originally intended as a four-sided double LP with each side using a different producer (Dave Edmunds, Nick Lowe, Paul McCartney and Elvis Costello). It was released in 1981 as a single LP with 14 songs. With it Squeeze moved away from their traditional 'new wave' sound to a more varied mix of genres that took in rockabilly, R&B, blue-eyed soul, Merseybeat, and psychedelia.  
 With tracks like Tempted, Is That Love, Messed Around and Labelled with Love (which was only on the album because eventual producer Elvis Costello persuaded Glenn Tilbrook it

should be included) the album is packed with keen, precise, funny and sad lyrics about lovers, drunks, deadbeats and lonely working girls - or as Chris Difford describes them: 'suburban short stories'.  
 In the B-side of the programme, it's the turn of the audience to ask the questions.  
 Producer: Paul Kobrak  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.  
**MON 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b007jwmz)**  
 1. Victim  
 Lew Griffin is a black man living in New Orleans, haunted by lost loves - including the son he assumes to be dead.  
 He's a university lecturer, a novelist and, if he can be persuaded, a Private Eye.  
 Just as Lew starts to pick up his writing after a four year hiatus, he is interrupted by a call from an Emergency Room medical student.  
 A victim of a truck accident has been admitted. He was found carrying one of Lew's books - signed - so Lew is invited along to the hospital to try and identify the young man. A student then asks Lew if he can help him track down his brother who has also disappeared.  
 From a series of detective novels written by James Sallis, first published in 1997.  
 Read by Ray Shell.  
 Abridged in ten parts and produced by Gordon House.  
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.  
**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001q0nl)**  
 Edinburgh Festival 2023  
 2. MacAulay, Brandreth, Parris and McCabe  
 In this the second of two specials recorded at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Sue Perkins challenges guests including Gyles Brandreth, Susie McCabe, Fred MacAulay and Rachel Parris to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation.

Production coordinator: Caroline Barlow  
 Producer: Rajiv Karia

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4  
**MON 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007jvy6)**  
 Series 2  
 The Grand Tour  
 The sketch show team take their audience on a luxury excursion to London.  
 Precision comedy written and performed by:  
 Tim Firth  
 Tim de Jongh  
 Michael Rutger  
 William Vandyc  
 Producer: Lissa Evans  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1991.  
**MON 23:00 The Naked Week (m001q12j)**  
 The sixth of our satirical specials this summer. From The Skewer's Jon Holmes comes The Naked Week, a fresh way of dressing the week's news in the altogether and parading it around for everyone to laugh at.

Host Andrew Hunter Murray (No Such Thing As A Fish, QI Elf, Private Eye) will strip away the curtain and dive into not only the big stories, but also the way in which the news is packaged and presented.

From award-winning writers and a crack team of contemporary satirists - and recorded in front of a live audience - The Naked Week delivers (consensual) topical news nude straight to your ears.

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4  
**MON 23:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b007znh6)**  
 Edinburgh  
 Stewart Lee berates Richard Herring for his lack of street cred, Peter Baynham shares some unusual recipes and is Radio 1 really the youth-friendly station it pretends to be?  
 Stewart Lee and Richard Herring's mix of sharp sketches and situations, stand up topical gags and banter.  
 Recorded at the Pleasance Theatre during the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.  
 With:  
 Alistair McGowan  
 Rebecca Front  
 Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV transfer to BBC TWO in 1995.  
 The rest of this series comes from university venues, including Plymouth, Lancaster and Belfast.  
 Cult BBC Radio 1 series first broadcast in October 1993.

## TUESDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2023

**TUE 00:00 Lewis and Tolkien - The Lost Road (b03hxjrl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:45 Short Works (m0006n1h)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn6)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:30 The Price of Silence (m00100hb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:15 Henry James (m000nm1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 A Month of June (b01jxrmw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Stop Messing About! (b00cft0x)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

**TUE 03:30 Radio Cars (m001q61g)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 The Write Stuff (b02lyb11)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3lg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 HG Wells (b08fdkd1)**  
Ann Veronica  
1. A Fresh Start  
Spirited and fiercely intelligent, Ann Veronica is a 21st Century woman in an Edwardian Hobble skirt. She runs away from her stiflingly conventional home and her domineering father to make a fresh start in London. A lively and surprising story; not least because it's created by HG Wells.  
The storytelling is witty and ironic and Ann Veronica caused a scandal in its time because of the feminist sensibilities of the heroine and also because of the affair Wells was having with Amber Reeves, the woman who inspired the novel's eponymous character.  
This is a relatively unknown and unexpected novel by Wells. The Spectator described Ann Veronica as a "poisonous book..." Although unlikely to offend modern listeners, this novel addresses many feminist versus femininity issues that are still relevant today.  
The novel deals with the early stages of what is arguably the most important social development of the 20th Century, the education and financial and sexual liberation of women. And the fact is that, nearly 100 years later, the problem of women who want to marry, have children and pursue a liberating career, is still not easy to solve.  
Wells makes a good case for freer sexual relationships, but Amber Reeves - and later Rebecca West - were the ones whose lives were changed - by bearing and bringing up a child by him. Dramatised by Ellen Dryden.  
Ann Veronica ..... Amy Hoggart  
Mr Stanley ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
HG Wells ..... Bill Nighy  
Manning ..... Toby Hadoke  
Aunt Molly ..... Ruth Alexander-Rubin  
Constance ..... Emily Pithon  
Miss Miniver ..... Victoria Brazier  
Ramage ..... Jonathan Keeble  
Teddy ..... Ashley Margolis  
Director: Pauline Harris  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

**TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn8)**  
Wimsey - Strong Poison  
2. Ten Minutes in Bloomsbury  
The upper-crust sleuth enlists some inside help to try and clear authoress Harriet Vane of murder.  
Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.  
Dramatised by Alistair Beaton  
Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael  
Harriet Vane .... Anne Bell  
Miss Climpson .... Ambrosine Philpotts  
Chief Inspector Parker .... Gabriel Wolf  
Marjorie Phelps .... Rosalind Adams  
Ryland Vaughan .... Christopher Bidmeed  
Nina Kropotky .... Margaret Robertson  
Producer: Simon Brett.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

**TUE 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001q685)**  
1. Difficult for Ricardo  
Late 1960s, Casablanca harbour: Wealthy young British playboy Brett Beaumont is aboard his sumptuous, luxury yacht, Mistral  
But his glamorous lifestyle is suddenly disrupted when his pursuer and his funds disappear...  
Starring John Rye.  
Berkely Mather's eight-part thriller serial.  
Brett Beaumont .... John Rye  
Max Stanton .... John Hollis  
Riken .... Ian Dewar  
Natolino .... John Pullen  
Bosun .... Antony Viccars  
Manuel .... LeRoy Lingwood  
James Lander .... Brian Young  
Inspector Medi .... Victor Lucas  
Bank Manager .... Ian Thompson  
Producer: John Tydeman.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

**TUE 07:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lc0)**  
2. Catacombs  
Robert Macfarlane describes his travels in various worlds beneath our feet.  
This time the adventure is urban. He travels towards a city's catacombs:  
"Late in the morning we drop down a set of staircases to a point named on the maps as Hell Well."  
Read by the author.  
Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer: Duncan Minshall  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

**TUE 07:15 Henry James (m0000np1)**  
What Maisie Knew  
2. A New Governess  
Maisie forms a strong bond with her new governess Miss Overmore, but everything changes when she meets Maisie's father.  
Henry James's story about the complications of love and marriage seen through the eyes of a child.  
Dramatised by Amanda Dalton.  
Maisie ..... Talia Barnett  
Beale Farange ..... Andonis Anthony  
Miss Overmore / Mrs Beale ..... Emma Naomi  
Mrs Wix ..... Julie Hesmondhalgh  
Sir Claude ..... Rudi Dharmalingham

Director: Nadia Molinari.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**TUE 07:30 Bad Salsa (b06z2tj7)**  
Series 2  
The Cycle of Life  
Each of the women get to grips with their own particular cancer after-shocks. In this last episode each of them must face their fears.  
Series two of the sitcom about three women who meet during cancer treatment and start going to salsa class together to maintain their friendship. As they adjust to life after cancer they realise that they've all changed.  
The series is not about cancer, but about life after cancer, how you cope the changes in your outlook, your desires and your expectations. It's also about how other people cope with the change in you.  
Written by Kay Stonham.  
Chippy ..... Sharon Rooney  
Jill ..... Natasha Little  
Terri ..... Camille Coduri  
Marco ..... Derek Eloy  
Gordon ..... Andrew Obeney  
Tim ..... Matt Houlihan  
Georgie ..... Emily Chase  
Joel ..... Joe Johnsey  
Colin ..... Chris Pavlo  
Dancer ..... Jessica Turner  
Barman ..... Leo Wan  
Director: Alison Vernon-Smith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00j1c4f)**  
Series 9  
The Battle of Spion Kop  
Things aren't going well in The South African War. Time to send in the cutlery.  
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 Brownell  
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1958.

**TUE 08:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vdbsm)**  
Series 5  
Episode 3  
Scandal rocks the Parish Council, but can they keep it off the front pages?  
Early '90s political satirical soap opera set in the strangely familiar village of Little Blighty.  
Life here is pretty uneventful, though the humdrum happenings include social turmoil, economic upheaval and vicious political squabbles.  
Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman.  
Starring:  
Jo Kendall  
Michael Troughton  
John Baddley  
Bernadine Corrigan  
Jonathan Kydd  
Daniel Strauss  
Producer: Lissa Evans  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.

**TUE 09:00 Who Goes There? (b0076bdv)**  
Series 6  
Episode 6  
Martin Young chairs the biographical quiz show about the noteworthy and notorious.  
Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis When and Fred Housego.  
With guests:  
Geoffrey Durham  
Jenny Colgan  
Producer: Elizabeth Freestone  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

**TUE 09:30 No Commitments (b01mtn2p)**

Series 10  
A Marriage of Inconvenience  
Victoria is livid when her daughter's wedding plans are upstaged by her sister Charlotte.  
Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.  
Anna .... Rosemary Leach  
Victoria .... Angela Thorne  
Charlotte .... Celia Imrie  
Roger .... Bill Nighy  
Nick .... Kieran Hill  
Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.  
Written and produced by Simon Brett  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

**TUE 10:00 HG Wells (b08fdkd1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 11:30 The Hard Buy (m001q685)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 12:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lc0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 12:15 Henry James (m0000np1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**TUE 12:30 Bad Salsa (b06z2tj7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 The Goon Show (b00j1c4f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vdbsm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 14:00 Who Goes There? (b0076bdv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 14:30 No Commitments (b01mtn2p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**TUE 15:00 HG Wells (b08fdkd1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**TUE 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 16:30 The Hard Buy (m001q685)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lc0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 17:15 Henry James (m0000np1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**TUE 17:30 Bad Salsa (b06z2tj7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 The Goon Show (b00j1c4f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 18:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vdbsm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 19:00 Who Goes There? (b0076bdv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 No Commitments (b01mtn2p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m001q693)**  
Series 9  
The Age of Fraud  
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.  
Manoush Zomorodi explores the explosion of 'white collar' fraud in the USA, with forensic accountant, Kelly Richmond Pope.  
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2023.

**TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b09m5mft)**  
Tamasin Day Lewis  
Chef and food critic, Tamasin Day Lewis selects Johann Sebastian Bach's Brandenburg 6 and Rise and Fall by Fireflies.

**TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b06sgy7p)**  
Series 5  
Squeeze (the B Side)  
Following on from the A-side of this two-part programme, the audience ask Glenn Tilbrook and Chris Difford questions about Squeeze's 1981 album, 'East Side Story'.  
With John Wilson at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios in London.  
Chris and Glenn also perform exclusive live versions of some of the tracks from the album.  
Producer: Paul Kobrak  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.

**TUE 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b0089k7h)**  
2. The Past  
Writer and detective Lewis Griffin, chooses to dwell on his troubled past when he was rarely sober and lived an itinerant lifestyle.  
He waits at the hospital hoping a recovering patient can some light on the mystery of his missing son David.  
Detective novel written by James Sallis.  
Read by Ray Shell.  
Abridged and produced by Gordon House.  
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.

**TUE 22:00 The Ultimate Choice (m001k78j)**  
Series 1  
Episode 6: Churchill v Teletubby  
Steph McGovern heads to Leeds to ask some seriously funny minds for their 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 Daliso Chaponda and Chris McCausland.

Host: Steph McGovern  
 Guests: Daliso Chaponda and Chris McCausland.  
 Devised and written by Jon Harvey & Joseph Morpurgo  
 With additional material from Laura Major  
 Researcher: Leah Marks  
 Recorded and mixed by David Thomas  
 Producer: Jon Harvey  
 Executive Producers: Ed Morrish and Polly Thomas  
 Photo: Carolyn Mendelsohn  
 A Naked Production for BBC Radio 4.  
**TUE 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b06d2m05)**  
 Series 3  
 Episode 3  
 The Machiavellian Madame Cauchemar is put in charge of the school pantomime.  
 Will Caroline, daughter of cricket billionaire Clive Spoon, be allowed to take the leading role?  
 A sketch show written and performed by Alice Lowe.  
 With Marcia Warren as the narrator.  
 Also starring:  
 Richard Glover  
 Simon Greenall  
 Rachel Stubbing  
 Clare Thompson  
 Producer: Lyndsay Fenner  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.  
**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001qfzp)**  
 Simon Farnaby 2/4  
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Paul Garner talks to Simon Farnaby.  
**TUE 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (m000tfkv)**  
 Series 8  
 Instalment 2  
 When the whole world ground to a Covid-fuelled viral halt - world-renowned storyteller David Sedaris recorded this special series of entertaining essays and diary entries at his Sussex home.  
 This time the focus of David's sardonic wit and incisive social critiques:  
 \* Unbuttoned  
 David Sedaris first shared his very particular world view having brought us The SantaLand Diaries back in 1996.  
 David has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers and, in 2019, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.  
 The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he's a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.  
 Producer: Steve Doherty.  
 A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.  
**TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b007m4dz)**  
 Series 2  
 Riddlington Plastic  
 The team marvel at the world wide web, and Ryan gets embroiled in a protest.  
 James Cary's award-winning sitcom about management consultants.  
 Ryan ..... Marcus Brigstocke  
 Sophie ..... Emma Kennedy  
 Daisy ..... Catherine Shepherd  
 Owen ..... David Mitchell  
 Nigel ..... Simon Grenall  
 Waitress ..... Janice Phayre  
 Storm ..... Ewan Bailey  
 Various ..... Geraldine McNulty  
 Other parts played by the cast.  
 Music by John Whitehall.  
 Producer: Adam Bromley.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

### WEDNESDAY 06 SEPTEMBER 2023

**WED 00:00 HG Wells (b08fdkd1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvn8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 01:30 The Hard Buy (m001q685)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 02:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lc0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 02:15 Henry James (m0000np1)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]  
**WED 02:30 Bad Salsa (b06z2tj7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b001e4f)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 03:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vdbsm)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0076bdv)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 04:30 No Commitments (b01mtn2p)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 05:00 HG Wells (b08g3rbp)**  
 Ann Veronica  
 2. A Quest for Liberation

This witty and lively tale sees Ann Veronica living alone in London in her quest for liberation.  
 But it's an uphill struggle; she has to fight off the sexual advances of a so called friend, discovers the love of her life is married, and gets arrested and imprisoned for a suffragette raid on the House of Commons.  
 The storytelling is witty and ironic and Ann Veronica caused a scandal in its time because of the feminist sensibilities of the heroine and also because of the affair Wells was having with Amber Reeves, the woman who inspired the novel's eponymous character. This is a relatively unknown and unexpected novel by Wells.  
 The Spectator described Ann Veronica as a "poisonous book..." Although unlikely to offend modern listeners, this novel addresses many feminist versus femininity issues that are still relevant today.  
 The novel deals with the early stages of what is arguably the most important social development of the 20th Century: the education and financial and sexual liberation of women. And the fact is that, nearly 100 years later, the problem of women who want to marry, have children and pursue a liberating career, is still not easy to solve.  
 Wells makes a good case for freer sexual relationships, but Amber Reeves - and later Rebecca West - were the ones whose lives were changed - by bearing and bringing up a child by him.  
 Dramatised by Ellen Dryden.  
 Ann Veronica ..... Amy Hoggart  
 Mr Stanley ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
 H.G. Wells ..... Bill Nighy  
 Aunt Molly ..... Ruth Alexander-Rubin  
 Kitty Brett ..... Verity Henry  
 Manning ..... Toby Hadoke  
 Ramage ..... Jonathan Keeble  
 Director: Pauline Harris  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.  
**WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvng)**  
 Wimsey - Strong Poison  
 3. Norman Urquhart  
 The upper crust sleuth ponders a changed will, and whether Harriet Vane's lover took his own life?  
 Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L. Sayers.  
 Dramatised by Alistair Beaton.  
 Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael  
 Bunter .... Peter Jones  
 Chief Inspector Parker .... Gabriel Woolf  
 Norman Urquhart .... John Pullen  
 Hannah Westlock .... Christine Ozanne  
 Mrs Bullfinch .... Frances Jeater  
 Pond .... Peter Woodthorpe  
 Mrs Pettican .... Anne Jameson  
 Producer: Simon Brett.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.  
**WED 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gb)**  
 2. .... And Not So Easy for Brett  
 Wealthy young Brit, Brett Beaumont sails his luxury yacht, Mistral, to Monte Carlo, where his problems really start to mount.  
 Starring John Rye.  
 Berkely Mather's thriller serial.  
 Brett Beaumont .... John Rye  
 Max Stanton .... John Hollis  
 Riken .... Ian Dewar  
 Bosun .... Antony Vaccars  
 James Lander .... Brian Young  
 Inspector Medi .... Victor Lucas  
 Hotel Manager .... Geoffrey Wincott  
 Hotel Reception Clerk .... Nicholas Edmett  
 Inspector Bertini .... Ian Thompson  
 Producer: John Tydeman.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1968.  
**WED 07:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mxx)**  
 3. Karst  
 Robert Macfarlane is on his travels in various worlds beneath our feet.  
 On the Italian-Slovenian border he goes underground with the guide Sergio. Underneath the Karst, that is, where:  
 "a path winds down past blocks of limestone, to a brick hut. The hut is built over the entrance to the abyss..."  
 Read by the author.  
 Abridged by Katrin Williams.  
 Producer Duncan Minshall.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.  
**WED 07:15 Henry James (m0000nf4)**  
 What Maisie Knew  
 3. Confusion  
 With both parents remarried Maisie's confusion grows ever greater as she struggles to gain some stability.  
 Henry James's story about the complications of love and marriage seen through the eyes of a child.  
 Dramatised by Amanda Dalton.  
 Maisie ..... Talia Barnett  
 Beale Farange ..... Andonis Anthony  
 Ida Farange ..... Joanne Mitchell  
 Miss Overmore / Mrs Beale ..... Emma Naomi  
 Mrs Wix ..... Julie Hesmondhalgh  
 Sir Claude ..... Rudi Dharmalingham  
 Director: Nadia Molinari  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**WED 07:30 Tom Wrighlesworth's Open Letters (b00yjs4c)**  
 Series 1  
 Bankers  
 How do the bankers keep getting away with it?  
 In another of his series of open letters, Tom Wrighlesworth investigates the myriad examples of corporate lunacy and maddening jobsworths in modern Britain.  
 Featuring his own funny and ridiculous experiences as well as recounting the absurd encounters of others.  
 Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.  
**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007wp6j)**  
 Series 4  
 The Last of the McHancocks  
 The Lad inherits a Scottish castle and starts feuding with his nasty neighbour.  
 Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.  
 Starring Tony Hancock.  
 With:  
 Sidney James  
 Bill Kerr  
 Hattie Jacques  
 Kenneth Williams  
 Special guest James Robertson Justice as Seamus McNasty.  
 Theme and incidental music composed and conducted by Wally Stott.  
 Producer: Denis Main Wilson  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1957.  
**WED 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007511h)**  
 Series 4  
 Episode 5  
 Lifestyle show hosts Mike and Sue share some eyebrow-raising revelations about their pasts...  
 Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.  
 Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie from a format by Bill Dare.  
 With:  
 Roger Blake  
 Alistair McGowan  
 Ronnie Ancona  
 Music by Mark Burton.  
 Producer: Aled Evans  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.  
**WED 09:00 Nature Table (m001ghys)**  
 Series 3  
 Episode 5  
 Celebrating the natural world and all its funny eccentricities.  
 Taking the simple format of a 'Show & Tell', in each episode Sue Perkins is joined by celebrity guests from the worlds of comedy and natural history.  
 Nature Table has a simple clear brief: to positively celebrate and promote the importance of all our planet's wonderfully wild flora and fauna in a fun and easily grasped way... whilst at the same time having a giggle.  
 Recorded at The Eden Project.  
 In this episode, Sue welcomes:  
 \* Wildlife Conservationist Jaclyn Pearson  
 \* Lepidopterist Marcus Rhodes  
 \* Comedian Edward Rowe  
 Written by Catherine Brinkworth, Jon Hunter, Jenny Laville and Nicky Roberts.  
 Additional material by Kat Sadler.  
 Producer Simon Nicholls.  
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2022.  
**WED 09:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00j17xy)**  
 Episode 4  
 Comedy series in which comedian Alan Francis explores the workings of his own mind in relation to his life, friends and long-suffering girlfriend Jane.  
 Alan leaves home.  
 With:  
 Julian Dutton  
 Barnaby Power  
 Kali Peacock  
 Written by Alan Francis, Richard Turner and Anthony Neilson.  
 With additional material by Julian Dutton and Barnaby Power.  
 Producer: Julia McKenzie  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.  
**WED 10:00 HG Wells (b08g3rbp)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvng)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**WED 11:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**WED 12:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mxx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**WED 12:15 Henry James (m0000nf4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**WED 12:30 Tom Wrighlesworth's Open Letters (b00yjs4c)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007wp6j)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**WED 13:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007511h)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**WED 14:00 Nature Table (m001ghys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 14:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00j17xy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**WED 15:00 HG Wells (b08g3rbp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

**WED 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jvng)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 16:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 17:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 17:15 Henry James (m0000nf4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

**WED 17:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b00yjs4c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007wp6j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 18:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007511h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 19:00 Nature Table (m001ghys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 19:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00j17xy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (b07mvd5z)**

Tolkien: The Lost Recordings

Joss Ackland narrates a search through BBC archives for unheard gems from JRR Tolkien, as Oxford Academic Dr Stuart Lee discovers unbroadcast outcuts from an interview given by the author.

Tolkien gave the interview for a BBC film in 1968, but only a tiny part of it was used in the broadcast programme. It was one of only a handful of recorded interviews he gave, and was also to be his last.

Dr Lee's search for the unbroadcast rushes takes him to the depths of the BBC film archives, and back to the making of the original film Tolkien in Oxford.

For the director Leslie Megahey, only 23 at the time, this was his first film, and the one that launched a prestigious career.

The programme reunites him with three others - researcher Patrick O'Sullivan, Tolkien fan Michael Hebbert, and critic Valentine Cunningham who describes how he was brought in to be the voice of dissent challenging the burgeoning Tolkien cult spreading from America.

What emerges is a picture of a playful academic, whose fiction was little respected by adults at the time and looked down on as a lesser form of literature. But he is robustly defended by Professor Tom Shippey and remembered fondly by his colleague Dr Roger Highfield.

Stuart Lee presents the results of his search through the archives to Dr Dimitra Fimi who considers any new words from Tolkien's mouth as 'gold'.

While, for Dr Lee, the real dragon's hoard is the privilege of hearing Tolkien in relaxed mode reflecting on his life as never before.

Producers: Anna Scott-Brown and Adam Fowler  
An Overtone production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.

**WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b06kcbvy)**

Series 8

Copycat

Howling like a wolf, stolen identities and poetry composed from borrowed words. Josie Long presents stories of imitation and plagiarism.

Featuring:

Inspiration

Featuring: Tom Robinson

Howling Cameraman

Featuring Rolf Steinmann

Producer: Rachel Simpson

Turd Ferguson

Featuring: Alex Edelman

Producer: Sophie Black

No More Questions

Written and produced by Ross Sutherland

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

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

**WED 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b0089lr6)**

3. Complications

Lewis 'Lew' Griffin is a busy man in New Orleans.

He is meant to be a university lecturer in English literature who is writing a novel. But every so often he is persuaded to turn detective.

He now has a number of mysteries going on all at once.

A man has left hospital claiming to be him, and he's agreed to help a student find his brother - and his neighbours want him to sort out the local hoodlums problem too.

Detective novel written by James Sallis.

Read by Ray Shell.

Abridged and produced by Gordon House.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.

**WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000xkfk)**

Lucy Porter: Back in the Family Way

Following her previous, very popular In the Family Way shows, Radio 4 favourite Lucy returns with another examination of domestic life, covering everything from the dramatic to the dreary.

This time, Lucy looks at the effects of the pandemic on our

relationships with family, friends and neighbours. The last year has been hard on people who were separated from their nearest and dearest, but it's also been no picnic for those who were locked up with their loved ones.

Home schooling, working from the kitchen table, zoom quizzes with cousins, clapping with the neighbours - Lucy explores all the things that have brought us together, while also driving us apart. We look forward to the year 2041 and ponder what they'll make of it in the future.

Talented comedian and impressionist Luke Kempner is on hand again to help Lucy bring her thoughts to life. As always, he displays his range of comic voices, including an impressive impersonation of Lucy's next door neighbour Yvonne.

Back In The Family Way was recorded at Lucy's local village hall, with a socially distanced audience of her family, friends and neighbours. Let's see if any of them are still speaking to her after this show.

Written by Lucy Porter

Starring Lucy Porter and Luke Kempner

Additional Material: Gabby Hutchinson Crouch and Mike Shepherd

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling

Studio Engineer and Editor: Jerry Peal

Production Runners: Sahara Dennis, Kareem Elshehawy, Sakshi Gupta

Produced and Directed by Gordon Kennedy

Would not have been possible without Marilyn Imrie

Recorded Live at Pinner Village Hall

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

**WED 22:30 World of Pub (b00cm91k)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Dodgy Phil hatches a sporting scheme to improve the fortunes of Barry and Garry's bar.

Tony Roche's comedy about the world's worst pub in London's East End.

Dodgy Phil ..... John Thomson

Barry ..... Phil Cornwell

Garry ..... Alistair McGowan

With:

Debra Stephenson

Kim Wall

Tony Roche

Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero.

Music: Bill Bailey

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

**WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001qfzr)**

Simon Farnaby 3/4

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Paul Garner talks to Simon Farnaby.

**WED 23:00 The Harpoon (b007k4cc)**

Series 1

Episode 1

From patent cures to whaling for the under 5s.

The nostalgic spiffing spoof of adventure story papers for boys.

Hip hip!

With:

Susie Brann

Alistair McGowan

Mary Elliot-Nelson

Julian Dutton

Peter Baynham

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

**WED 23:30 The Guns of Adam Riches (b04frz9r)**

Series 2

Mastermind in Love

The tale of Mastermind, a blind megalomaniac who is taking a break from world domination to look for love.

Aided by a host of absurd henchmen, including some plucked straight from the audience, will Mastermind find what he's looking for or will he end up heartbroken?

Adam Riches introduces a series of one-off comic adventure stories.

Written by Adam Riches.

With:

Cariad Lloyd

Jim Johnson

Katharine Bennett-Fox

Plus a host of unwitting and occasionally unwilling audience shaped co-stars to create a cavalcade of mayhem that explodes deep into your ear flaps.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2014.

#### THURSDAY 07 SEPTEMBER 2023

**THU 00:00 HG Wells (b08g3rbp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvng)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:15 Henry James (m0000nf4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b00yjs4c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007wp6j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007511h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 Nature Table (m001ghys)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Inside Alan Francis (b00j17xy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Me, Cheeta: My Life in Hollywood (m00010lz)**

John Malkovich stars as Cheeta the chimpanzee.

The one-time co-star in the Tarzan films now lives in a sanctuary for retired animal actors in Palm Springs where he paints and writes his memoirs.

He recalls how he was captured from the jungle in the 1930s, trained as a performer, and taken to Hollywood to play alongside Olympic swimming champion, Johnny Weissmuller. As well as a chimp's eye view of Hollywood's Golden Age, this is a moving portrayal of an enduring friendship between man and beast, and tribute to the innocent boyish beauty of the man who will always be remembered as Tarzan. Julian Sands stars as Tarzan.

James Lever's Me Cheeta: The Autobiography is adapted by Stef Penney.

Cheeta ..... John Malkovich

Johnny Weissmuller/Tarzan ..... Julian Sands

'Jane', Phyllis, Beryl Scott, Marlene Dietrich ..... Edita Brychta

Cedric Gibbons, Chico Marx, George Sanders, John Farrow,

Humphrey Bogart ..... Enn Reitel

Tony Gentry, 'Vic', Errol Flynn, Parrot ..... Darren Richardson

Dolores del Rio, Lupe Velez, Katrina ..... Elisa Bocanegra

Other parts played by the cast.

Sound by Mark Holden and David Thomas.

Director: Kate McAll

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2018.

**THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvnj)**

Wimsey - Strong Poison

4. Miss Murchison

Christmas interrupts Lord Peter Wimsey's investigation, but some suspicious powder isn't what it seems...

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey - the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Alistair Beaton.

Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael

Dowager Duchess .... Charlotte Mitchell

Chief Inspector Parker .... Gabriel Woolf

Miss Murchison .... Betty Huntley-Wright

Lady Mary Wimsey .... Maria Aitken

Freddy Arbutnot .... Christopher Scouler

Mrs 'Freak' Dimsworthy .... Margaret Guess

Bill Rumm/Captain Tommy Bates/Pond .... Peter Woodthorpe

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.

**THU 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gv)**

3. When the Greeks Bear Gifts

As Stanton and Lander recover from being attacked, Brett Beaumont meets a ruthless Greek businessman, with a proposal he finds hard to ignore....

Starring John Rye and Andrew Sachs.

Berkely Mather's thriller serial.

Brett Beaumont .... John Rye

Max Stanton .... John Hollis

Jan Biddolf .... Carol Marsh

Zarkas .... Anthony Jackson

Economides .... Andrew Sachs

Bertini .... Ian Thompson

Police Surgeon .... David Brierley

Maritza .... Grizelda Hervey

Hospital Sister .... Hilda Kriseman

Sergeant .... Haydn Jones

Policeman .... Alexander John

Producer: John Tydemann.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1968.

**THU 07:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhr)**

4. Archipelago

Robert Macfarlane travels to various places beneath our feet. He journeys to remotest Norway. His aim is to reach some caves near Moskenes, containing some amazing treasures. As he tells us:

"some of the most striking painted rock art is found in the decorated sea caves of the country's western coastline..."

Read by the author.

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer Duncan Minshull.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

**THU 07:15 Henry James (m0000ndj)**

What Maisie Knew

4. A Difficult Decision

Maisie has to make a difficult decision when her parents decide to pursue their own desires.

Henry James's story about the complications of love and marriage seen through the eyes of a child.

Dramatised by Amanda Dalton.

Maisie ..... Talia Barnett

Beale Farange ..... Anonidis Anthony  
Miss Overmore / Mrs Beale ..... Emma Naomi  
Mrs Wix ..... Julie Hesmondhalgh  
Sir Claude ..... Rudi Dharmalingham  
Director: Nadia Molinari  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.  
**THU 07:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000knwh)**  
Series 9  
Episode 4  
Ramesh and Malcolm's wedding day plans upset a few people, including Sanjay who wants to perform at the reception with his new horrible band.  
More shop based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy, courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave.  
Set in a Scots-Asian corner and written by and starring Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli, the award winning Fags, Mags & Bags 9th series has all the regular characters and some guest appearances along the way.  
Written by and starring Donald Mcleary and Sanjeev Kohli.  
Ramesh ..... Sanjeev Kohli  
Dave ..... Donald Mcleary  
Sanjay ..... Omar Raza  
Alok ..... Susheel Kumar  
Malcolm ..... Mina Anwar  
Hilly ..... Kate Brailsford  
Bishop Briggs ..... Michael Redmond  
Cambus ..... Maureen Carr  
Producer: Gus Beattie for Gusman Productions  
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2020.  
**THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jm5w)**  
Series 1  
The Loneliness of the Long Distance Walker  
Captain Mainwaring's platoon is horrified when their black marketeer, Private Joe Walker, gets his army call up.  
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 Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad.  
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  
Private Walker .... Graham Stark  
Captain/Mr Rees .... Michael Knowles  
Chairwoman .... Judith Purze  
Sergeant/The Brigadier .... Jack Watson  
Announcer .... John Snagge  
Graham Stark had taken on the role of Private Walker after the sudden death of James Beck in August 1973.  
Producer: John Dyas  
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1974.  
**THU 08:30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k26q)**  
1. Richard E Grant  
It's the return of the award-winning Desmond Olivier Dingle. Assisted by the Royal Dingle Company, he takes a look at Shakespearean comedy.  
With special guest star Richard E Grant.  
Written by Patrick Barlow.  
Desmond Olivier Dingle .... Patrick Barlow  
Bernard .... Robert Austin  
Maurice .....Duncan Preston  
Beryl .... Mossie Smith  
Kevin .... Kevin Allen  
Richard E Grant .... Himself  
Additional material by Liz Anstee.  
Producer: Liz Anstee  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.  
**THU 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)**  
From 24/03/1981  
Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:  
Leslie Crowther  
Barry Cryer  
Dick Vosburgh  
Funny You Should Ask ran for 8 series from 1976 to 1982.  
Questions compiled by Michael Pointon.  
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1981.  
**THU 09:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009pn8p)**  
The Total Hotel Experience  
John and his best friend Tony find themselves taking part in a seaside hotel's murder-mystery weekend.  
John just wants to play dominoes, but amongst the guests is a woman from his past - with her potatoes.  
Written by John Hegley  
Starring:  
John Hegley  
Simon Munnery  
Terry Malloy  
Sunny Ormonde  
Andy Hockley  
Original music by Nigel Piper.  
Director: Anne Edyvean  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.  
**THU 10:00 Me, Cheeta: My Life in Hollywood (m00010lz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvnj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 11:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 12:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**THU 12:15 Henry James (m0000ndj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**THU 12:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000knwh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jm5w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 13:30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k26q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 14:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**THU 14:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009pn8p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**THU 15:00 Me, Cheeta: My Life in Hollywood (m00010lz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**THU 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jvnj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 16:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 17:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**THU 17:15 Henry James (m0000ndj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**THU 17:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000knwh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b007jm5w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 18:30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k26q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 19:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**THU 19:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009pn8p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**THU 20:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]  
**THU 21:00 Great Lives (m00127zh)**  
JRR Tolkien, creator of The Hobbit  
John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was born in Bloemfontein in 1892. Orphaned before he was a teenager, he fought at the Somme in the First World War before going on to become one of the best-selling authors of all time.  
Bilbo, Gandalf, Gollum, Frodo, Sauron - these are just a few of the famous characters he created for The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.  
Nominating Tolkien - an Oxford University professor - is the popular historian, Niall Ferguson. He aims to rescue Tolkien from the hippies, who, he says, claimed Tolkien as their own. "The fascinating thing to me about Tolkien is that his sensibility is so profoundly conservative - with a small 'c'. ...when you look at the man's politics, he was such a reactionary!"  
Presenter Matthew Parris, who doesn't believe in elves or dwarves, is not so sure that the fantasy author deserves to be rescued.  
With additional help and guidance from Malcolm Guite.  
Niall Ferguson is senior fellow of the Hoover Institution and author of Empire: How Britain made the Modern World.  
Producer: Ellie Richold  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2021.  
**THU 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b007k10f)**  
4. Searching  
His son is still missing and a bogus Lew Griffin is in hospital. Meanwhile, the real Lew decides to concentrate on tracking down student Shaun Delaney, some creative writing - and enjoying dinner with a florist called Deborah.  
Detective novel written by James Sallis.  
Read by Ray Shell.  
Abridged and produced by Gordon House.  
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.  
**THU 22:00 My Teenage Diary (m001q0zh)**  
Series 11  
1: Ivo Graham  
My Teenage Diary returns for a new series, with Rufus Hound meeting six more celebrities who will read from the diaries they kept during their formative years.  
The series opens with Ivo Graham reading from the diary of his last year at university. And he's not your average student - he reads Martin Amis in an adult bar, he eats bruschetta for brunch and he takes up pipe smoking.  
Host: Rufus Hound  
Guest: Ivo Graham  
Sound Production and Design: Jerry Peal  
Producer: Harriet Jaime  
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4  
**THU 22:30 Colin Hoults' Carnival of Monsters (b050bjhl)**  
Series 2  
Episode 4  
Enter the Carnival of Monsters, a bizarre and hilarious world of sketches, stories and characters, presented by the sinister Ringmaster.  
A host of characters are the exhibits at the Carnival - all played

by Colin himself.  
Meet such monstrous yet strangely familiar oddities as: Wannabe Hollywood screenwriter Andy Parker - and Anna Mann - outrageous star of such forgotten silver screen hits such as 'Rogue Baker', 'Who's For Turkish Delight' and 'A Bowl For My Bottom';  
Plus a host of other characters from acid jazz obsessives, to mask workshop coordinators.  
Producer: Sam Bryant  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.  
**THU 23:00 Hearing With Hegley (b00bfq19)**  
Series 1  
Episode 6  
The poet laureate of alternative comedy entertains an audience with his book of verse.  
With:  
Keith Moore  
Susan Norton  
Andrew Bailey  
Roy O'Shea  
Tony Curtis  
Producer: Phil Clarke  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.  
**THU 23:15 The In Crowd (b008m2b9)**  
Series 2  
Episode 4  
The perils of dry cleaning a leather jacket - and those odd people who live next door...  
Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.  
With:  
Helen Moon  
Smug Roberts  
Kate Ward  
Robin Ince  
Producer: Graham Frost  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.  
**THU 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b00gfsmp)**  
Series 3  
Episode 3  
Trying to guard his legacy, Professor Donaldson lets Anthony and Ruth run the path lab.  
Starring Peter Davison.  
Laurence Howarth's black comedy set in the world of the pathology lab.  
Dr Webster .... Peter Davison  
Dr Anderson .... Matilda Ziegler  
Professor Donaldson .... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Gordon .... Tom Price  
Chloe .... Marianne Levy  
Simon .... Gus Brown  
With Gerard McDermott and Beth Chalmers  
Music: Paul Mottram  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

## FRIDAY 08 SEPTEMBER 2023

**FRI 00:00 Me, Cheeta: My Life in Hollywood (m00010lz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvnj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6gv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:15 Henry James (m0000ndj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (m000knwh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007jm5w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k26q)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b0b8brq5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009pn8p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:00 Moonbeam and Mrs Pat (b00756hj)**  
The most constant and adored companion in the life of the celebrated stage actress Mrs Patrick Campbell was her little dog Moonbeam.  
With war declared in 1939, 'Mrs Pat' travels with Dorothy, the daughter of her former secretary, on a train journey to Spain. Thus begins Dorothy's voyage of discovery as she learns of her marriages, love letters from George Bernard Shaw - and how she met her beloved Moonbeam.  
Starring Imelda Staunton.  
Peter Ling's wet-nosed drama.  
Mrs Patrick Campbell... Imelda Staunton  
Egypt... Sarah Badel  
Madame Lescaux... Zulema Dene  
Mrs Whittall... Jilly Bond  
Dorothy Whittall... Oona Beeson  
George Cornwallis West... David Collings  
Harrington Bayley... John Hartley  
George Alexander..... Roger May  
With:



Mark Montgomerie  
Geoffrey Whitehead  
Patience Tomlinson  
Ross Livingstone  
Andrew Branch  
Stephen Critchlow  
Joshua Towb  
Peter Ling - with Hazel Adair - most famously created the long-running Midland-based ITV soap opera, Crossroads.  
Mrs Patrick Campbell made a name for herself in a variety of diverse theatre roles: Mrs Darling in Peter Pan, Eliza Doolittle in Pygmalion, Roxane in Cyrano de Bergerac and Raina in Arms And The Man. (Born Beatrice Stella Tanner - she died aged 74 in 1940)  
Director: Enyd Williams  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.  
**FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvnm)**  
Wimsey - Strong Poison  
5. Pongo  
Lord Peter Wimsey's trail goes cold, until a stolen will brings fresh enlightenment.  
Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.  
Dramatised by Alistair Beaton.  
Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael  
Freddy Arbutnot .... Christopher Scoular  
Miss Climpson .... Ambrosine Phillpotts  
Nurse Booth .... Joan Hickson  
Producer: Simon Brett.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.  
**FRI 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6m2)**  
4. In The Dark All Cats Are Grey  
Greek magnate Economides pays for the Mistral's release and Brett Beaumont sets sail for Kyrenia in Cyprus.  
Once there, he is set a task to complete.  
Starring John Rye and Andrew Sachs.  
Berkely Mather's thriller serial.  
Brett Beaumont .... John Rye  
Max Stanton .... John Hollis  
Jan Biddolf .... Carol Marsh  
Zarkas .... Anthony Jackson  
Economides .... Andrew Sachs  
Bertini .... Ian Thompson  
Police Surgeon .... David Brierley  
Maritza .... Grizelda Hervey  
Hospital Sister .... Hilda Krieseaman  
Sergeant .... Haydn Jones  
Policeman .... Alexander John  
Producer: John Tydemann  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1968.  
**FRI 07:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mgg)**  
5. Glacier  
Robert Macfarlane discovers various worlds beneath our feet. This time he heads to the ice mass of the Knud Rasmussen glacier:  
"An hour short of dusk on the evening of our arrival, the fog bank disperses to reveal the calving face of the glacier..."  
But what is meant by 'calving', exactly?  
Concluded by the author.  
Abridged by Katrin Williams.  
Producer Duncan Minshull.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.  
**FRI 07:15 Henry James (m0000pd8)**  
What Maisie Knew  
5. Paris  
Maisie travels to Paris with Sir Claude but when Mrs Beale arrives she has to make a difficult decision about her future. Conclusion of Henry James's story about the complications of love and marriage - seen through the eyes of a child.  
Dramatised by Amanda Dalton.  
Maisie ..... Talia Barnett  
Mrs Wix ..... Julie Hesmondhalgh  
Sir Claude ..... Rudi Dharmalingham  
Miss Overmore / Mrs Beale ..... Emma Naomi  
Henry James ..... John Lynch  
Director: Nadia Molinari.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.  
**FRI 07:30 The Break (m000k3fp)**  
Series 3  
2. Five Benches Outside Yatterby Hall, Flamford  
Nothing could be more relaxing than a visit to a historical stately home - but this is Flamford.  
Andy starts the day with a rather alarming haircut and it's downhill from there on.  
Jeff drags Andy on a quest to local heritage site, Yatterby Hall, where he hopes to snag the autograph of his hero, Sir Trevor McDonald. On the way, they meet disgruntled and vengeful Big Blue Bus guide Glenn, disgruntled and despondent primary school teacher Brendan Liversedge and several disgruntled and thin-skinned costumed museum guides.  
Lording it over them all (quite literally) is Lord Yatterby, Johnny Hussey-Gore-Marshbanks, his conversationally-challenged wife Francesca, his scheming dowager mother and Alfred, his junkie son.  
Andy ..... James Northcote  
Jeff ..... Philip Jackson  
Glenn/Alfred ..... Rasmus Hardiker  
Brendan Liversedge/Johnny Hussey-Gore-Marshbanks ..... Mark Benton

Francesca ..... Shobna Gulati  
The Mother ..... Alison Steadman  
Created and Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie  
Director: Gordon Kennedy  
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2020.  
**FRI 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)**  
Series 1  
The Party  
Kate's furious - why haven't they been invited to their friend's party?  
Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.  
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  
With:  
Rodney Diak  
Audrey Nicholson  
David Graham  
David Morton  
Producer: Charles Maxwell  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1965.  
**FRI 08:30 Charles Dickens (b00s2zbb)**  
Sketches by Boz - Series 2  
The Steam Excursion  
Mr Percy Noakes was a friend to all until the organisation of a river trip proves to be his undoing.  
Gloriously comic stories of London Life by Charles Dickens. Dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.  
Boz ..... Nicholas Farrell  
Percy Noakes ..... Marston Bloom  
Mrs Taunton ..... Shirley Dixon  
Mrs Briggs ..... Joanna Monro  
Cousin Hardy ..... Jeremy Swift  
Julia Briggs ..... Becky Hindley  
Alexander Briggs ..... Ben Crowe  
Captain Helves ..... Stephen Critchlow  
Director: Sally Avens  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.  
**FRI 09:00 Whispers (b007k2kg)**  
Series 1  
Episode 1  
What is the rather inflammatory connection between Salman Rushdie and The Beatles?  
This is the series celebrating our fascination with gossip, rumour and controversy.  
Gyles Brandreth hosts the panel game with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.  
Regular team captains Anthony Holden and Stella Duffy are joined by:  
Rosie Millard  
Jenny Colgan  
Producer: Elizabeth Freestone  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.  
**FRI 09:30 The Great Pursuit (m001q6m8)**  
3. Proposals  
It all seemed so easy: a little mild deception to land a \$20,000,000 publishing contract.  
Riots, arson, death and destruction weren't supposed to be part of the deal.  
Literary agent Frederick Frensic is starting to get out of his depth  
Tom Sharpe's anarchic satire of the world of publishing.  
Dramatised by Ryan Craig.  
Frederick Frensic .... Mark Heap  
Peter Piper ..... Adam Godley  
Sonia Futtle ..... Laurel Lefkowitz  
Hutchmeyer .... John Guerrasio  
Baby Hutchmeyer .... Sandra Dickinson  
Cynthia Bogden .... Susan Jameson  
Cadwalladine .... Hugh Dickson  
Other parts played by:  
Kerry Shale  
Alex Tregear  
Director: Toby Swift  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.  
**FRI 10:00 Moonbeam and Mrs Pat (b00756hj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvnm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 11:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6m2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 12:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mgg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 12:15 Henry James (m0000pd8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**FRI 12:30 The Break (m000k3fp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 13:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 13:30 Charles Dickens (b00s2zbb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 14:00 Whispers (b007k2kg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**FRI 14:30 The Great Pursuit (m001q6m8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**FRI 15:00 Moonbeam and Mrs Pat (b00756hj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**FRI 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jvnm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 16:30 The Hard Buy (m001q6m2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 17:00 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mgg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 17:15 Henry James (m0000pd8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**FRI 17:30 The Break (m000k3fp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**FRI 18:00 Marriage Lines (b04pbltx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 18:30 Charles Dickens (b00s2zbb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 19:00 Whispers (b007k2kg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**FRI 19:30 The Great Pursuit (m001q6m8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**FRI 20:00 As The Curtain Falls (b07m7mph)**  
Marie-Louise Muir looks back on 25 years of New York's influential Signature Theatre company with founder Jim Houghton as he prepares to step aside as Artistic Director. While not as famous as the writers and actors with whom he works, Jim has become a much-respected figure in New York theatre over the past three decades.  
Signature Theatre started life in a tiny storefront in downtown Manhattan spurred on by Jim's mission to put the writer at the heart of everything the company did.  
Signature was unique in its commitment to devote an entire season to the work of a living playwright and Jim has worked with some of the most important, and often under-appreciated, American writers of the past half century, including Romulus Linney, Edward Albee, Horton Foote, Adrienne Kennedy, Sam Shepard, Arthur Miller, Maria Irene Fornes, August Wilson and Tony Kushner.  
A little-known 24 year old who earned his first professional pay cheque during the Edward Albee season in 1994, Hollywood actor Edward Norton has stayed loyal to the company, becoming their Board Chairman and working alongside Jim and others to raise the funds to build the \$70,000,000 3-theatre space that opened on 42nd Street in 2012.  
Marie-Louise Muir travelled to New York to speak with Jim Houghton as he prepared to mark the end of his tenure at Signature. They talked at length about his formative years, the ill health that has prompted his decision to move on, and the perhaps surprising career path of an undiagnosed dyslexic with severe reading problems who ended up spending 25 years championing writers and their words.  
Featuring contributions from:  
\* Actors Edward Norton and Laura Linney  
\* New York Times chief theatre critic Ben Brantley.  
Producer: Stan Ferguson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.  
**FRI 20:30 A Good Read (b0742d38)**  
Marian Keyes and Nikki Bedi  
Bestselling Irish author Marian Keyes, broadcaster Nikki Bedi and Harriet Gilbert discuss their favourite books by Barbara Kingsolver, Imtiaz Dharker and Nick Hornby.  
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver  
Publisher: Harper Perennial  
Over the Moon by Imtiaz Dharker  
Publisher: Bloodaxe  
High Fidelity by Nick Hornby  
Publisher: Penguin  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.  
**FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0010q9v)**  
Series 18  
The Weirdness of Water Part 2/2  
"I don't really understand why water has so many properties on different scales ranging from very large and cosmic to very small quantum and quarky - Could you help by zooming in and out on water to explain what is known about it?" Asks Neil Morton in Stirling.  
"Why does boiling water sound different to cold water?" asks Barbara Dyson in Brittany in France  
Ollie Gordon, in Christchurch in New Zealand, wants to know 'why water is essential for all life as we know it?'  
And many more questions on the weirdness of water are tackled by super science sleuths Hannah Fry and Adam Rutherford.  
With assistance from:  
\* Quantum physicist Professor Patricia Hunt, at the Victoria University in Wellington in New Zealand  
\* Science writer and author of 'H2O – a biography of water' Philip Ball  
\* Physicist and bubble expert in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at UCL, Dr Helen Czerski.  
Producer: Fiona Roberts  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2021.  
**FRI 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b007k11q)**  
5. Keeping Notes  
Lew finds the book he gave to the hospital patient and discovers that his imposter has rewritten his story in his notebook. There are scenes and language that the real Lew doesn't even recognise. His son David also gets a mention.  
Ex-offender Ezekiel comes to stay and Lew's new girlfriend - the artistic florist Deborah - has a surprise in store.

Detective novel written by James Sallis.

Read by Ray Shell.

Abridged and produced by Gordon House.

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.

**FRI 22:00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen?**

(m00168r1)

Series 1

Episode 2

Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders star as respected novelist Florence and movie star Selina, in a sparkling comedy series about two sisters at war, by Veep writer David Quantick.

Florence becomes obsessed with her sister Selina's old movies – The Vixen, The Vixen 2 and The Vixen 3D. Meanwhile Selina takes Florence's daughter Lucy clothes shopping and Lucy interrogates her about her mysterious absent father, Jonathan. The day ends in chaos as Florence unwittingly tells a journalist that she'd love to make a sex tape.

Critical reaction to the first episode in this series, originally broadcast in December 2020:

"The leads' natural chemistry, plus David Quantick's witty script... make for an enjoyable comedy with series potential" The Observer

"It's as slick, dark and funny as one would expect – but surely this cannot be a one-off? The ending alone leaves us begging for a series" Radio Times

"French and Saunders sparkle with a magic that is so rarely heard in new radio comedies that I'd almost forgotten it was possible" Daily Telegraph

Cast:

Florence - Dawn French

Selina - Jennifer Saunders

Mrs Ragnarrok – Rebecca Front

Lucy - Lisa McGrillis

All the men - Alistair McGowan

Written by David Quantick

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4

**FRI 22:30 Beauty of Britain (b01m6cr8)**

Series 3

The Broad Fit Footglove

Beauty looks after Ray, an ex-footballer who is young at heart. Or is it Beauty who is aging up from spending so much time with the elderly?

Beauty becomes protective of Ray when a long-lost relative appears out of the blue.

Beauty of Britain is about one woman's progress through a foreign country as she searches for personal fulfilment, a sense of belonging and a pair of Jimmy Choos she can walk to church in.

Beauty works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency, which is based in Stoke. She sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Beauty ..... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Ray ..... Duncan Preston

Linda ..... Janine Duvitski

Sally ..... Felicity Montagu

Karen ..... Nicola Sanderson

Anil ..... Phaldut Sharma

Mrs. Gupte ..... Indira Joshi

Shawn, Bouncer ..... Don Gilet

Yvonne ..... Rachel Atkins

Neil ..... Christopher Douglas

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001qfzt)**

Simon Farnaby 4/4

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Paul Garner talks to Simon Farnaby.

**FRI 23:00 2000 Years of Radio (b007scys)**

Series 1

Dark Age FM

It's AD 500, history's most miserable time, when Britain was invaded twice a week and the country was run by a bloke called Arthur.

But there was always Steve in the Afternoon to help Britons through these difficult times

Series that taps into the radio archive of a bygone age.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Claire Downes

Stuart Lane

Al Holloway

Danny Robbins

Dan Tetsell

Producers: Paul Dodgson & Sean Grundy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

**FRI 23:15 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00slvww)**

Series 2

Normal Time

Cartoonist Steven Appleby claims dinosaurs mastered the 3Rs - reading, writing and riding bicycles.

Paul McCrink stars as Steven Appleby with what he laughably describes as "insights into normal, everyday life".

Written by Steven Appleby.

With:

Rosalind Paul

Ewan Bailey

Nigel Betts

Rachel Atkins

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003

**FRI 23:30 Listen Against (b00tpswr)**

Series 3

Episode 2

\* Ecological and broadcast catastrophe strikes as BBC 3 leaks in to other channels.

\* Edward Stourton and Gaby Roslin tunnel to the centre of the earth for Children in Need.

\* Previewing the new musical charting the dramatic lives of the Dimblebys: 'News Brothers'.

Another week's worth of radio and TV that never happened. It's a bit like the BBC iPlayer, only with two eyes instead of one.

And it's got ears.

Presenters:

Alice Arnold

Jon Holmes

With special guests Marcel Theroux and Julia Hartley-Brewer.

Featuring:

James Bachman

Stephen Critchlow

Sarah Hadland

David Schnieder

Written by Jon Holmes, Sam Bryant, John Luke-Roberts,

Gareth Gwynn, Jason Hazely, Joel Morris, Bill Dare and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.