

SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2023

SAT 00:00 Nick Perry - London Bridge (b02x93db)

In the Future, London is divided in two. North of the River Thames is a virtual police state and the South is a lawless no-go area ruled by criminal gangs.

When the body of young boy washes up on the banks of the river, a police detective crosses the dangerous divide in the search for his killers.

Starring Justin Salinger, Tim McMullan and Nicholas Murchie. Dystopic vision of London written by Nick Perry.

Preston Justin Salinger

Ellis Tim McMullan

Archer Nicholas Murchie

Amory Robert Blythe

Mrs Roberts Gabrielle Reidy

Paul Roberts Jerome Holder

Smith Michael Shelford

Hajee Will Howard

Pathologist Joanna Brookes

Medic Hannah Wood

Martha Philippa Stanton

Christopher Isaac Andrews

Security Guard Ben Crowe

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.

SAT 00:45 HG Wells (m001q6mr)

The Stolen Bacillus

A pale visitor with dark lank hair and a haggard expression visits a bacteriologist in London.

His plan was nothing less than the annihilation of London.

Short story written by HG Wells.

Read by Nigel Stock

Producer Jeremy Mortimer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1982.

SAT 01:00 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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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 Kriseman

Sergeant Haydn Jones

Policeman Alexander John

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1968.

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 03:15 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.

SAT 03:30 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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 Charles Dickens (b00s2zhh)

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.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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 Lefkow

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.

SAT 06:00 Wally K Daly Trilogy (b007jqz6)

A Right Royal Rip-Off

Inmates Charles and George have a nice little scam going on behind bars.

The last thing they want is to be released from prison, so they plot an outrageously daring heist - involving the Crown Jewels.

Starring Peter Jones, Charles Hawtrey, Donald Hewlett and Bernard Bresslaw.

The second of Wally K Daly's trilogy of criminal gang capers produced in the style of old British comedy films.

Charles Forbes Peter Jones

Governor Smith ... Donald Hewlett

George Evans Lockwood West

Fingers Charles Hawtrey

Bullet Head Bernard Bresslaw

Nigel John Warner

Mrs Sopworth Pauline Letts

Colonel Stephen Thorne

Basil Ronald Herdman

Winston Steve Hodson

Tommy John Bull

Chair Person Miranda Forbes

Billy David Timson

Wilkes John Rowe

Plunket John Rye

Perkins Adrian Egan

Doreen Wendy Murray

Calloni Gordon Reid

Listen out for conclusion of Wally K Daly's Trilogy - The Bigger They Are.

Producer: Martin Jenkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1982

SAT 07:30 Modern Nature by Derek Jarman (Omnibus) (m0006fwm)

Director, writer and artist Derek Jarman's chronicle of life in his remote cottage on the barren coast of Dungeness in the years after his HIV diagnosis.

Facing an uncertain future, Jarman found solace in nature, growing all manner of plants. Some perished beneath wind and sea-spray while others flourished, creating brilliant, unexpected beauty in the wilderness.

Modern Nature is both a diary of the garden and a meditation by Jarman on his own life: his childhood, his time as a young gay man in the 1960s and his renowned career as an artist, writer and film-maker.

It is at once a lament for a lost generation, an unabashed celebration of gay sexuality, and a devotion to all that is living. Rupert Everett knew Jarman personally and features in the diaries.

The programme was recorded on location at Prospect Cottage, Jarman's former home, at the very desk where much of Modern Nature was written and features a rich soundscape of the house and area where it was recorded alongside a soundtrack of music taken from works by Benjamin Britten.

Omnibus of five parts.

Produced, abridged and directed by Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2019.

SAT 08:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05sxww6)

Episode 4

Master raconteur Kenneth Williams shares memories of the Singapore Stage Club - and his favourite painter.

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 (b05s7k07)

Series 1

A Real Family Evening

Robin has won a scholarship to boarding school and this is the eve of his departure, so Jennifer is keen to make his last night at home a rather special one.

Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.

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

Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970.

Richard Waring adapted his own TV scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes.

Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig

Henry Corner Francis Matthews

Trudie Roberta Tovey

Amanda Jill Riddick

Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitecock

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1969.

SAT 09:30 Something to Shout About (b07pzj5n)

Series 3

Episode 8

Adrian's colleagues must cover for him, when DIY calamities at home force his absence from the agency.

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

Set in a London ad agency called 'Apsley, Addis, Cohen,

Barbican, Blythe, Giddy & Partners'.

Written by Myles Rudge and Ronnie Wolfe.

Michael Lightfoot Michael Medwin

Janet Harris Fenella Fielding

Maggie Tufnell Eleanor Summerfield

Mavis Willis Joan Sims

Adrian Beales Nicholas Phipps

Mr Blythe/Various Warren Mitchell

Producer: John Simmonds.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November

1961.

SAT 10:00 Down By The River (m00114rp)

1. Source

From the squelchy trickle at the source of the Tyne, to the vast

expanse of the Severn estuary.

Writer Laura Barton explores the rivers of Britain to discover

how they've shaped our stories and lives.

Flowing through the BBC Radio archives, with brand new

interviews, Laura follows these rivers closely to hear the tales

they have to share.

Featuring:

* The River

Episode 5: Flow - with Chris Watson From 2016.

* People talking about working on the River Thames and the

River Clyde. First broadcast in the 1960s

* The Wind In The Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Part 1 - read by Bernard Cribbins.

Mole first encounters a river. From 1983

Producer: Luke Doran

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in June 2020.

SAT 11:00 Wally K Daly Trilogy (b007jqz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 Modern Nature by Derek Jarman (Omnibus)

(m0006fwm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05sxxw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05s7k07)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Something to Shout About (b07pzj5n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Down By The River (m00114rp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Nick Perry - London Bridge (b02x93db)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SAT 16:45 HG Wells (m001q6mr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

SAT 17:00 Wally K Daly Trilogy (b007jqz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 Modern Nature by Derek Jarman (Omnibus)

(m0006fwm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 Kenneth Williams - Ad Lib (b05sxxw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05s7k07)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Something to Shout About (b07pzj5n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Down By The River (m00114rp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b01rgmf0)

Series 1

Episode 4

Bridget investigates women in comedy as she answers that old

chestnut

"Are Women Funny?"

Last of the stand up comedy series on the state of British

feminism today.

With Fred MacAulay

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

SAT 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme

(b0413clb)

Series 4

Episode 1

John Finnemore, (Cabin Pressure, The Now Show) returns with

a fourth series of his hit sketch show.

John creates an innovative teaching aid and eavesdrops on two

guards who really should be paying more attention.

And, well, since you asked him for a tale of honour satisfied, he

does have one such sketch.

With:

Margaret Cabour-Smith

Carrie Quinlan

Lawry Lewin

Simon Kane

Producer: Ed Morrish

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

October 2014.

SAT 23:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01cvr0t)

Series 2

Egypt

Ross entertains bewildered Bedouins in the desert and ponders

the merits of doing a wildlife show.

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 (b00sh2f1)

Series 3

Napoleon Bonaparte

A profile of the short Corsican, married to Josephine and who

goes on to declare himself emperor.

Mark Steel's comic lectures about the lives of historical figures

whose ideas and enthusiasm shaped their generation.

With:

Mark Steel

Debbie Isett

Martin Hyder

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN 00:00 Between Ballard's Ears (m001qdbm)

JG Ballard's early fiction is full of sonorous surrealism.

Two fresh, specially commissioned, binaural adaptations of his

work reveal the soundscape of one of Britain's greatest

imaginations.

In TRACK 12, adapted by Brian Sibley, two men listen in to the

fantastically amplified results of microsonics but a different,

deadlier game is under way.

Starring:

Anton Lesser

Elliot Levey

In VENUS SMILES, adapted by Frank Cottrell Boyce, an

enigmatic artist's sonic sculpture brings chaos and

transformation to the luxury resort of Vermilion Sands.

A story of death and transfiguration.

Starring:

Christine Bottomley

Carl Prekopp

Kezia Joseph

David Sterne

Director: Mark Burman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in October 2016.

SUN 00:30 Wally K Daly (b007jv1s)

The Children of Witchwood

5. The Agenda

BQ Brown of the Ministry of Defence pays a visit to the

Cranford family council – as many secrets are finally

revealed...

Starring Wendy Baxter.

The conclusion of the final drama series written by Wally K

Daly.

BQ Brown Michael Cochrane

Jackie Lamont Wendy Baxter

Mandy Lamont Emily Chenney

Sion Lamont Scott Gray

Jason Cranford Laurence Saunders

Cheever Cranford Jez Thomas

Becky Cranford Becky Wright

DC Danny Sparks Daniel Setattree

WPC Polly Bell Lorraine Coady

Mother 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 Wally K Daly Trilogy (b007jqz6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Modern Nature by Derek Jarman (Omnibus)

(m0006fwm)

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SUN 04:00 Not in Front of the Children (b05s7k07)

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SUN 04:30 Something to Shout About (b07pzj5n)

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SUN 05:00 Down By The River (m00114rp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001qdj)

Mother Tongue - Lost and Found

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects

Mother Tongue - Lost and Found.

Poet Imtiaz Dharker hears poems written in Persian, Korean

and Torwali - an endangered language, indigenous to Pakistan.

Starting with the phrase "Lost and Found", she reflects on how

ideas of memory, loss and preservation have inspired these

poets.

Imtiaz speaks to Azita Ghahreman, an Iranian poet now living

in Sweden.

Her poems address themes of loss and exile, drawing on

experiences of Iran's book-burning years and tender memories

of family and her childhood. The poems featured are from her

collection Negative of a Group Photograph, with the English

versions read by the translator, poet Maura Dooley. They were

paired by the Poetry Translation Centre. Elhum Shakerifar

produced the literal translations.

Kim Hyesoon is South Korea's leading poet.

Her latest collection, Autobiography of Death, is an intense and

startling sequence of poems, representing the forty-nine days

during which, according to Buddhist belief, the spirit roams

after death. She was driven to write them by the anger she felt

at the deaths from the sinking of the Sewol ferry in South

Korea, in 2014. Imtiaz speaks to Kim Hyesoon along with the

translator, poet Don Mee Choi.

Finally, we hear poems in the Torwali language, an indigenous

language from the Swat Valley in northern Pakistan which

appears on UNESCO's list of endangered languages.

Activist Zubair Torwali has collected several hundred ancient

Zo poems from local elders, as part of his work to preserve and

revive the Torwali language. We hear from British poet Chris

McCabe, who has translated some of them and has edited an

anthology of poetry in endangered languages, Poems from the

Edge of Extinction, in which they appear.

Producer: Caroline Hughes

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

September 2019.

SUN 06:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (Omnibus)

(m0004xvf)

Robert Macfarlane describes various journeys made in the

worlds beneath his feet.

He journeys in all manner of ways through caves and crevices,

catcombs and glaciers.

His travels take him to the Mendips and Paris, to Norway and to

Greenland.

To places mythical and extreme.

Omnibus abridged in five parts by Katrin Williams.

Read by the author.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001qjdn)

Annie Macmanus

DJ and author Annie Macmanus picks 'A Rainy Night In Soho'

by The Pogues and 'No One Knows Me' Like The Piano' by

Sampha.

SUN 07:50 Henry James: What Maisie Knew (Omnibus)

(b0bn2411)

Following her parents' divorce, six year old Maisie finds herself

at the centre of their bitter struggle.

Henry James's story about the complications of love and

marriage seen through the eyes of a child.

Omnibus of five parts 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

His wife Olive, on the other hand, is trying to cope with him her feet all day, for the first time in their marriage. The crusty old couple refer to each other as 'Mother' and 'Father'.

Starring Molly Sugden and Deryck Guyler.

Sitcom written by Anne Jones.

William Wheeler Deryck Guyler

Olive Wheeler Mollie Sugden

Jack Bailey Norman Rossington

Producers: Richard Maddock and Peter Titheradge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1974.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001qdx)

British Music Makers

Noel Gallagher

Musician Noel Gallagher is castaway by Kirsty Young.

Noel was the principal songwriter of the band Oasis – his younger brother, Liam was the lead singer.

Born to Irish parents, as a child he spent his summers visiting his mother's family in rural County Mayo, in sharp contrast to the Manchester council estate where they lived. He taught himself to play the guitar and loved music: he was road manager for the Inspiral Carpets before joining Liam in Oasis.

Their debut album in 1994 marked the beginning of the band's rise to fame as part of the Britpop movement. In 1996 they played in front of 250,000 fans over two consecutive nights at Knebworth and following the Labour landslide in 1997, Noel attended what became known as the Cool Britannia party held in Downing Street by Tony Blair.

Oasis won six BRIT Awards and two Ivor Novello Awards before disbanding in August 2009.

He's since formed his own band - Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds.

DISC ONE: Pretty Vacant - Sex Pistols

DISC TWO: Let's Dance - David Bowie

DISC THREE: Nobody Home - Pink Floyd

DISC FOUR: Hand in Glove - The Smiths

DISC FIVE: Voodoo Ray (original Mix) - A Guy Called Gerald

DISC SIX: With Or Without You - U2

DISC SEVEN: Be My Baby - The Ronettes

DISC EIGHT: Ticket to Ride - The Beatles

BOOK CHOICE: On the Road by Jack Kerouac

LUXURY CHOICE: Guitar and plectrum

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Be My Baby - The Ronettes

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mcxcx)

Series 1

The Dodo

The dodo is the caricature of extinction.

This turkey-sized flightless pigeon lived on a remote island and was slaughtered by seafarers for its meat. The same fate has met other flightless species.

Can we learn this lesson from history?

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 September 2009.

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SUN 22:00 The Hudson and Peppercorn Show (b0076f8q)

Series 3

Alternative Therapies

Gurus, spirit guides and a sweat lodge ritual - Mel Hudson and Vicki Peppercorn take the plunge into new age therapies.

Starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Peppercorn.

With:

Martin Hyder

Felix Dexter

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 (b03nt8bk)

Series 9

Frankie Boyle talks to Grant Morrison

The outspoken comedian and the comic book legend in the talk tag show where the guest becomes the next interviewer.

Frankie Boyle chats to fellow Scot, Grant Morrison MBE about Batman, where ideas come from and the future of humanity.

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 January 2014.

SUN 23:00 Spats (b007szfv)

Series 1

Religion versus Atheism (And Other Religions)

How will Religion fare against Atheism?

Luke Roberts tries to solve the big arguments using light entertainment.

Sketch series written by and starring Luke Roberts.

With:

Stephen Crichtlow

Nadia Kamil

Clare Wille

Producer: Ed Morrish

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in July 2007

SUN 23:15 The Haunting (m000nmds)

Series 3

Calculating

Travel through the bad gateway in this modern ghost story as Tom Neenan discovers what horrors lurk in our apps and gadgets.

Tom and Heidi are trapped in a terrifying situation - and have to make a horrifying decision.

Modern technology is terrifying. The average smartphone carries out three-point-three-six 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?

Written by and starring Tom Neenan.

Tom Tom Neenan

Heidi Jenny Bede

Dr Conroy Julian Rhind-Tutt

Elicia Georgie Glen

Director: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.

SUN 23:30 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b044w2t8)

Series 3

Coming of Age

Stephen K Amos sets out to compile an idiot's guide to coming of age.

With assistance from some of the comedy circuit's best stand-ups:

Mae Martin

Travis Jay

Dan Antopolski

Additional material by Christine Rose and Hugh Singleton.

Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

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MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001qdxj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (Omnibus) (m0004xvf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001qdxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 Henry James: What Maisie Knew (Omnibus) (b0bn2411)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 A Life of Bliss (m001qdxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 Home to Roost (m0004fwg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001qdxj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mcxcx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy

(b008kkj9)

1. Running Scared

Billy Hindle's given up his job as an assassin, but then his old boss Snark appears.

Starring James Aubrey and Gerald Harper.

Andrew Rissik's five-part thriller is set in 1968 and written in the style of the Bond movies.

Billy Hindle..... James Aubrey

Sir Richard Snark.....Gerald Harper

Marianne.....Lisa Rowe-Beddoe

Mr Mason Paul Downing

Mr Prendergast Malcolm Gerard

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1990.

MON 05:45 Short Works (m0009d1m)

Tide Witch by Jess Kidd

A family moves to a small Irish village only to discover, whilst renovating their cottage, a mysterious 'witch bottle' hidden within the walls.

A haunting original short work by Jess Kidd.

Read by Katherine Press.

Jess was brought up in London as part of a large family from County Mayo. Her first novel 'Himself' was shortlisted for the Irish Book Awards in 2016 and she was the winner of the Costa Short Story Award in the same year.

Her second novel 'The Hoarder' (also titled Mr. Flood's Last Resort) was shortlisted for the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award. Her third novel 'Things in Jars' was published in 2019.

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2019.

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007k440)

Wimsey - Strong Poison

6. Turkish Delight

Can Lord Peter Wimsey finally clear Harriet Vane's name and persuade her to take his?

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

Harriet Vane Anne Bell

Chief Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf

Miss Murchison Betty Huntley-Wright

Freddy Arbutnot Christopher Scouler

Norman Urquhart John Pullen

Attorney-General/Gerald, Duke of Denver Stephen Thorne

Sir Impey Biggs Robert Gillespie

Marjorie Phelps Rosalind Adams

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.

MON 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdxk)

5. Though Some May Be Black

Having picked up two tempestuous passengers by order of the Greek magnate Economides, Brett Beaumont sets sail aboard his luxury yacht, Mistral for the Persian Gulf.

Starring John Rye.

Berkely Mather's thriller serial.

Brett Beaumont John Rye

Max Stanton John Hollis

Riken Ian Dewar

Jan Biddolf Carol Marsh

Zarkas Anthony Jackson

Sarita Barbara Mitchell

Carton Brian Haines

Tony Scanlon Jonathan Scott

Bosun Antony Vaccars

Natolino John Pullen

Producer: John Tydemann.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1968.

MON 07:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkh)

1. Arrival

It's the 1760s - an infamous Italian is seeking business - and women.

Giacomo Casanova in his own words.

Taken from his book 'History of My Life'.

Adapted in five parts by Penny Leicester.

Read by Jack Klaff.

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2002.

MON 07:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gswjd)

1. Agnes

Game of Thrones star Ellie Kendrick stars in this five-part adaptation of Anne Bronte's debut novel.

This is the story of Agnes, aged 19 and determined to take care of herself and help the family finances. But what can a young girl with no money, no connections and no prospects do?

How does a young woman find her way in the world? She has to become a governess.

So begins Agnes's journey of self-discovery and a search for love...

Dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Grey Juliet Aubrey

Mr Grey John Bowler

Mrs Bloomfield Catriona McFarlane

Mr Bloomfield David Sterne

Tom Felix Lailey

Mary Ann Amy Jayne Leigh

Edward Weston George Watkins

Mr Hatfield Luke MacGregor

Rosalie Keziah Joseph

Matilda Natasha Cowley

Mrs Murray Karen Bartke

Nancy Alison Belbin

Rachel Joyce had adapted all of Charlotte and now Anne's novels.

An award-winning writer for radio, she is now a successful novelist. Books include *The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, *Perfect*, *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* and a collection of short stories, *The Snow Garden & Other Stories*.

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

MON 07:30 A Month of June (b01k28w8)

4. Shangri-La

Romance in a council beach hut is alive and well but perhaps a little cramped for our elderly couple.

Starring June Whitfield.

Last of a series of comedies written for the legendary actress by Andy Merriman and Peter Morfoot.

Annie Hopkins June Whitfield

Digby Pickering Richard Briers

Jim Kett Patrick Brennan

Martha Denny Susie Riddell

Brian Boggis Don Gilet

Jason Denny Sam Alexander

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

MON 08:00 Stop Messing About! (b00ck47d)

Series 1

Episode 11

The cast indulge in some ancestry one-upmanship - and a highway robbery romp in 'The Adventures Of Dando Tweakshaft'.

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 (m001qdw6)

5. A Moving Target

The 'hero' Eddie is even more embroiled with his young boss, Angela.

Meanwhile, a wealthy young American wants the car hire firm for escort duties, not expecting gangland complications.

Starring Harriet Walter and Gary Waldhorn.

Conclusion of 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 Maxine Audley

Nicco Neil Dudgeon

Frenchie Terence Edmond

Lawrence Jon Strickland

Marshall Junior William Hope

Slippy Norman Jones

Liam Gerard O'Hare

Director Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1991.

MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b02x514q)

Series 16

Ian Fleming

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

Team captains John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks are joined by Mark Billingham and Natalie Haynes.

This episode focuses on Ian Fleming.

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.

MON 09:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3rx)

Series 2

Just Say No

Daddy battles with hallucinogenic fungus and chips.

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 April 2004.

MON 10:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b008kkj9)

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MON 10:45 Short Works (m0009d1m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007k440)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdvk)

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MON 12:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkh)

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MON 12:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gwsjd)

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MON 12:30 A Month of June (b01k28w8)

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MON 13:00 Stop Messing About! (b00ck47d)

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MON 13:30 Radio Cars (m001qdw6)

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MON 16:00 Whodunnits (b007k440)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 16:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdvk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 17:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkh)

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MON 17:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gwsjd)

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MON 18:00 Stop Messing About! (b00ck47d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 Radio Cars (m001qdw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 The Write Stuff (b02x514q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3rx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 Radiolab (m001767c)

Series 9

Mixtape 2 - The Wandering Soul

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, continuing a special 4 part series featuring

the impact of the cassette tape

Radiolab Mixtape 2 The Wandering Soul: an exploration of the

Vietnam War and the ghosts it left behind haunting survivors

today.

As the Vietnam war dragged on, the US military began

desperately searching for any vulnerability in their North

Vietnamese enemy. In 1964, they found it. It was an old

Vietnamese folktale involving a ghost, eternal damnation and

fear - a tailor made weaponizable myth. And so, armed with

tape recorders and microphones, the military set out to win the

war by bringing this ghost story to life.

The story of these efforts and their ghosts still haunt people

today.

Radiolab Mixtape is reported, produced, scored and sound

designed by Simon Adler.

This episode was produced by Annie McEwen, with original

music by Annie. Original reporting was contributed by Trung

Dung Vo and Nguyễn Văn Hà.

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

2021.

MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000wrgc)

Alice Cooper

Singer-songwriter Alice Cooper inherits 'Train Kept A Rollin'

by The Yardbirds and passes on 'Something in the Air' by

Thunderclap Newman.

MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b06tr96k)

Series 5

Steel Pulse (the A Side)

David Hinds and Selwyn Brown talk about Steel Pulse's 1978

debut album, 'Handsworth Revolution'.

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.

The A-side, David and Selwyn talk to John Wilson.

Originally formed at Handsworth Wood Boys School in 1975,

Steel Pulse were initially refused live dates in Birmingham's

Caribbean venues because of their Rastafarian ideals. Instead

they aligned themselves With Rock Against Racism and

appeared alongside the likes of the Clash, XTC, the Stranglers,

Tom Robinson and X-Ray Specs.

It was Burning Spear who brought the group to the attention of

Island Records who in February 1978 first released Ku Klux

Klan as a single - a full five months before the album itself,

which also included Prodigal Son, Prediction and the title track,

Handsworth Revolution.

Here David Hinds and Selwyn Brown talk about the album that

is widely regarded a milestone in the development of British

Reggae, but also perform exclusive acoustic versions of some of

the key tracks.

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 January 2016.

MON 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b007k14h)

6. Robbery

As New Orleans detective Lew Griffin's investigations

continue, he reflects on meeting Deborah.

He may have a clue in the hunt for Shaun and there is more

trouble with muggers closer to home.

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.

MON 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m001q649)

Series 2

Episode 1

In each episode of Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz, the quizzier,

comedian and Rose d'Or winner Paul Sinha invites the audience

to tell him their favourite quiz questions, before offering up not

just different and surprising questions, but also the fascinating

stories behind the answers.

It's facts, jokes, stories and puns - just the way you like them.

This episode is full of things that have changed since the

previous series, including new British cities and a new British

Prime Minister, and was recorded in front of a live audience in

Brighton.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha

Additional material: Oliver Levy

Additional questions: The Audience

Original music: Tim Sutton

Sound engineer: David Thomas

Producer: Ed Morrish

A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 22:30 Small Scenes (b03dlsfc)

Series 1

Episode 1

Dipping in and out of odd stories, there's commentary from the

World Ham Shouting Championships and meet a couple who

are being harassed by a former England football hero.

A successful pilot show sparked series one of the symphonious

sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak

Sara Pascoe

Henry Paker

Written by the cast and Benjamin Partridge with additional

material from Chris Allen and Marc Jones.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001q6p4)

Series 112

Episode 1

Andy Zaltzman quizzes the week's news. Providing the answers,

hopefully, are Ian Smith, Lucy Porter, Hugo Rifkind and Zoe

Lyons.

In this episode, Andy and the panel test the state of schools, the

resilience of a reshuffle, and value of vets.

Written by Andy Zaltzman

With additional material by

Cody Dahler

Mike Shepard

and Eleri Morgan

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b00804if)

Exmouth

Back to the days of the poll tax, buying porn and true fables.

Stewart Lee and Richard Herring's mix of sharp sketches and

situations, stand up topical gags and banter.

Recorded at Plymouth University, Exmouth.

With:

Peter Baynham

Jo Unwin

Kevin Eldon

Don King

Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdvk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gwsjd)
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TUE 02:30 A Month of June (b01k28w8)
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TUE 03:00 Stop Messing About! (b00ck47d)
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TUE 03:30 Radio Cars (m001qdw6)
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TUE 04:00 The Write Stuff (b02x514q)
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TUE 04:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3rx)
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TUE 05:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1nx)
 2. Mondays Are Hell
 Billy Hindle has not only given up killing, he's also had to give up Marianne.
 He prepares for Temptation Base.
 Starring James Aubrey and Gerald Harper.
 Andrew Rissik's thriller is set in 1968 and written in the style of the Bond movies.
 Billy Hindle James Aubrey
 Tara Lightborn Joanna Lumley
 Jack Lightborn Charles Gray
 Sir Richard Snark Gerald Harper
 Maurice Browning Robert Eddison
 Marianne Lisa Rowe-Beddoe
 Stella Golding Tara Dominick
 Hugo Bailey Nigel Carrington
 Duncan Taylor Fraser Kerr
 Director Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1990.
TUE 05:45 Short Works (m000b0qz)
 My Sister Was a Dancer by Jessica Andrews
 A story about sisters, bodies and what we put them through.
 An original short work for radio by Jessica Andrews.
 Jessica writes fiction and poetry. She grew up in Sunderland and has spent time living in Santa Cruz, Paris, Donegal, Barcelona and London.
 She has been published by the Independent, Somesuch Stories, AnOther, Caught by the River, Shabby Doll House and Papaya Press, among others. She teaches Literature and Creative Writing classes and co-runs literary magazine The Grapevine, which aims to give a platform to under-represented writers.
 Her debut novel 'Saltwater' was published in 2019.
 Producer: Mair Bosworth
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2019.
TUE 06:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00scz3b)
 1. The Man from Meung
 D'Artagnan dices with death and encounters a mysterious foe.
 Alexandre Dumas's immortal swashbuckling epic.
 Starring Jamie Glover, Robert Glenister and Timothy Spall.
 Six-part star studded dramatisation by James Saunders.
 D'Artagnan Jamie Glover
 Athos Robert Glenister
 Porthos Timothy Spall
 Aramis Anton Lesser
 D'Artagnan's father James Taylor
 Jussac David Jarvis
 De Treville Malcolm Ward
 King Nicholas Boulton
 Planchet Dominic Letts
 Bonacieux Norman Bird
 Musketeer Michael Onslow
 Narrator John Rowe
 Director Martin Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.
TUE 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdmw)
 6. ... And Both are Hard to Shake
 As Brett Beaumont continues the Mistral's journey through the Persian Gulf, Economides' agent, Zarkas becomes even more furtive.
 What are the secretive meetings he's having on shore?
 Starring John Rye and Anthony Jackson.
 Berkely Mather's thriller serial.
 Brett Beaumont John Rye
 Max Stanton John Hollis
 Riken Ian Dewar
 Jan Biddolf Carol Marsh
 Zarkas Anthony Jackson
 Sarita Barbara Mitchell
 Carton Brian Haines
 Tony Scanlon Jonathan Scott
 Natolino John Pullen
 Producer: John Tydemann.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1968.
TUE 07:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkp)
 2. A Mistress
 It's the 1760s -the renowned Italian romancer describes life with his mistress Pauline.
 Giacomo Casanova in his own words.
 Taken from his book 'History of My Life'.
 Adapted by Penny Leicester.

Read by Jack Klaff.
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2002.
TUE 07:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gxndf)
 2. Rosalie
 With the family fortune lost and her father ill, Agnes is making her way in the world.
 But she's already been beset with great disappointment.
 What should she do?
 Ellie Kendrick stars in Anne Bronte's compelling debut novel telling the story of Agnes's self-discovery and her search for love.
 Adapted by Rachel Joyce.
 Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick
 Mrs Grey Juliet Aubrey
 Mr Grey John Bowler
 Mrs Bloomfield Catriona McFarlane
 Mr Bloomfield David Sterne
 Tom Felix Lailey
 Mary Ann Amy Jayne Leigh
 Edward Weston George Watkins
 Mr Hatfield Luke MacGregor
 Rosalie Keziah Joseph
 Matilda Natasha Cowley
 Mrs Murray Karen Bartke
 Nancy Alison Belbin
 Director: Tracey Neale.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.
TUE 07:30 Showstopper (b00yb41f)
 1. Organised Crime
 The Showstopper team are here to create a hilarious improvised comic musical on the spot!
 Featuring songs, plot and characters based entirely on suggestions from the live studio audience.
 So it's curtain up on the musical world of organised crime!
 The cast includes:
 Pippa Evans
 Ruth Bratt
 Dylan Emery
 Lucy Trodd
 Sean McCann
 Oliver Senton
 Producer: Sam Bryant
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00j5h2x)
 Series 9
 Ned's Atomic Dustbin
 Number 10 is keen to secure a nuclear-free rubbish capability, but so is the Kremlin...
 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 January 1959
TUE 08:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vhw41)
 Series 5
 Episode 4
 The Parish Council's school crack down on hippies - enter Ebenezer Birch.
 Political satire with John Baddeley. From July 1992.
 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 Baddeley
 Bernadine Corrigan
 Jonathan Kydd
 Daniel Strauss
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.
TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (b00762c8)
 Series 4
 Episode 1
 Debates galore from getting old – to whether the Devil has the best tunes?
 Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.
 With:
 Hugh Dennis
 Arthur Smith
 Gyles Brandreth
 Henry Naylor
 Producer: Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
TUE 09:30 No Commitments (b01mzjhq)
 Series 10

The Ring Cycle
 Roger offers a helping hand to his potential son-in-law's career, but how keen is Emily?
 Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.
 Anna Rosemary Leach
 Charlotte Celia Imrie
 Victoria Angela Thorne
 Nick Kieran Hill
 Roger Bill Nighy
 Emily Lisa Coleman
 Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.
 Written and produced by Simon Brett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0015l5b)
 Series 8
 Body Talk
 A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
 Manoush Zomorodi and physician and writer Jen Gunter explore what does it really mean to be healthy and to care for our bodies?
 First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.
TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m0011sw4)
 Robin Ince
 Comedian and writer Robin Ince chooses Geoffrey Burgon's Theme from Brideshead Revisited and Batyar by The Ukrainians.
TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b06ts0kv)
 Series 5
 Steel Pulse (the B Side)
 Following on from the A-side of this two-part programme, the audience ask David Hinds and Selwyn Brown questions about Steel Pulse's 1978 debut album, 'Handsworth Revolution'.
 With John Wilson at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios in London.
 David and Selwyn also perform exclusive live acoustic versions of some of the key tracks from the album.
 Producer: Paul Kobrak
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.
TUE 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b008f308)
 7. Contact
 Missing teenager Shaun Delaney makes contact with his doughnut boss.
 With everything else that's been going on, Lew Griffin has neglected his teaching duties and is finally sacked from the university.
 Don is once again very concerned about his son Dan.
 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 Suggs: Love Letters to London (m00051gz)
Shoreditch and Spitalfields
A side of London you've never heard before, seen through the eyes of a national treasure.
In this opening episode, Suggs gives us his unique view of Spitalfields and Shoreditch - or, as he likes to call it, the Liberty of Norton Folgate. With a couple of songs, a few surprising stories and a loving view of one of most vibrant cities on the planet.
Performed by Suggs
Written by Suggs with Owen Lewis
Directed by Owen Lewis
Musical Director: Owen Parker
Executive Producer: Richard Melvin
A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b06flmgr)
Series 3
Episode 4
A genderwar has broken out in Wonderland, the Poundland of magical realms.
Can the narrator help genderwar poet Penny Beard to bring peace between men and women?
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 October 2015.
TUE 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (m000tnr4)
Series 8
Instalment 3
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:
* Highfalutin' - his main story revolves around his sister, Amy. 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 (b00cqh5b)
Series 2
Nambitrea
The consultants attempt to advise an African finance minister - and Ryan is assigned to carry a package.
James Cary's award-winning sitcom about management consultants.
Ryan Marcus Brigstocke
Sophie Emma Kennedy
Daisy Catherine Shepherd
Owen David Mitchell
Danish man/Thai Officer Justin Edwards
Cabbie/Swiss man/Englishman/Cleaner Felix Dexter
Woman/Swiss lady/Airline ladies Olivia Colman
Music by John Whitehall.
Producer: Adam Bromley.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2023

WED 00:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1qx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:45 Short Works (m000b0qz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00scz3b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdmw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gxndf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 Showstopper (b00yb41f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b00j5h2x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]
WED 03:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vhw41)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 The Motion Show (b00762c8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:30 No Commitments (b01mzjhg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1qx)
3. Plastic Assassin
Hindle is alone on Temptation Island. His brief: to kill Jack Lightborn's wife.
Andrew Rissik's thriller is set in 1968 and written in the style of the Bond movies.
CAST:
Billy Hindle James Aubrey
Tara Lightborn Joanna Lumley
Jack Lightborn Charles Gray
Marianne Lisa Rowe-Beddoe
Larry Cosgrove Michael Cochrane
Alex Lindstrom Ed Bishop
Manolo Ben Onwukwe
Engineer Paul Rosebury
Director Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on Radio 4 in 1990.
WED 05:45 Short Works (m000b812)
In the Forest Park by Kevin Barry
Acclaimed Irish writer, Kevin Barry, reads a his story, specially commissioned for Radio 4.
In a bittersweet tale, two lovers meet again by an Irish lake - the place they broke up, decades before...
Kevin Barry is an acclaimed Irish writer, whose debut novel, City of Bohane, won the 2013 Impac Dublin literary award; his next novel, Beatebone, was the winner of the Goldsmiths prize, and his most recent novel, Night Boat to Tangier, was longlisted for the Booker Prize.
Produced by Justine Willett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2019.
WED 06:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00sdz4)
2. A Matter of Life and Death
Alexandre Dumas' immortal swashbuckling epic.
D'Artagnan falls in love and Cardinal Richelieu seeks to destroy the honour of the Queen.
Cast:
D'Artagnan Jamie Glover
Athos Robert Glenister
Porthos Timothy Spall
Aramis Anton Lesser
Planchet Dominic Letts
Madame Bonacieux Helena Breck
Duke of Buckingham Michael Cochrane
Queen Teresa Gallagher
King Nicholas Boulton
Cardinal Richelieu Julian Glover
Bonacieux Norman Bird
De Trevilk Malcolm Ward
Rochefort Michael Onslow
Magistrate John Ewitts
Warder Tom Bevan
Narrator John Rowe
Dramatised by James Saunders
Director Martin Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.
WED 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdsy)
7. No Refund if not Satisfied
Whilst Zarkas, Greek magnate Economides' agent, conducts a secretive meeting at a remote shoreline location near Aden, the rest of the landing party - Brett, Jan, Sarita and Tony - are captured by Arab bandits. But what is their motivation?
An eight-part thriller by Berkeley Mather.
The action, set in the late '60s, around the Mediterranean.
Wealthy young Brit, Brett Beaumont, is aboard his sumptuous yacht, Mistral, when its lifestyle begins to unravel.
CAST:
Brett Beaumont John Rye
Jan Biddolf Carol Marsh
Sarita Barbara Mitchell
Tony Scanlon Jonathan Scott
Ali Ben Yussaf Geoffrey Matthews
Producer: John Tydeman.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.
WED 07:00 Casanova in London (b007jkwk)
3. Love or Debt?
It's the 1760's - the Latin lover smells a rat with a friend's wife. Is he in love or debt? Giacomo Casanova in his own words.
Taken from the book 'History of My Life' by Giacomo Casanova
Adapted in five parts by Penny Leicester.
Read by Jack Klaff.
Producer: Duncan Minshall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
WED 07:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gy165)
3. Weston
Agnes has been a governess in the Murray household for two years. Her charges a pair of ignorant girls. She is lonely and desperate for a friend.
Ellie Kendrick stars in Anne Bronte's compelling debut novel telling the story of Agnes's self-discovery and her search for love.
Adapted by Rachel Joyce.
Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick
Edward Weston George Watkins
Rosalie Keziah Joseph
Matilda Natasha Cowley

Mr Hatfield Luke MacGregor
Nancy Alison Belbin
Director: Tracey Neale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.
WED 07:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b00yrfwh)
Series 1
Estate Agents
Why do we still bother with estate agents?
In another of his series of open letters, Tom Wrigglesworth 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 (b007x041)
Series 5
The New Radio Series
Big-headed from his success on TV, the Lad's had enough of radio and is set to retire - until he discovers the plan for his replacement.
Stars Tony Hancock.
With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
Producer: Tom Ronald
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1958.
WED 08:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007524c)
Series 4
Episode 6
Sofa-bound TV presenters Mike and Sue tackle the problems of breaking up relationships plus a delve into the world of money.
Starring Robert Duncan and Jan Ravens.
With Roger Blake, Alistair McGowan, Ronnie Ancona and Steve Punt.
Written by Steve Punt from a format by Bill Dare.
Music by Mark Burton.
Producer: Aled Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.
WED 09:00 Nature Table (m001lg81)
Series 3
Episode 6
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 ZSL London Zoo.
In this episode, Sue welcomes:
Jessica Jones (Lead Keeper at ZSL London Zoo), Lee Davies (Fungarium Curator at Kew Gardens) and comedian Shaparak Khorsandi.
* Lead Keeper at ZSL London Zoo Jessica Jones
* Fungarium Curator at Kew Gardens Lee Davies
* Comedian Shaparak Khorsandi
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 January 2023.
WED 09:30 His Master's Voice (b007s76v)
1. A New Editor
A political satire set in the offices of 'The Blue Touch Paper' - an archaic Tory magazine.
'The Blue Touch Paper' has become so Blue that it's lost its touch. Its readership is down due to an old approach, old age and death, so it's time to appoint a new editor who favours compassionate Cameron conservatism.
Lord Malan..... Robert Hardy
Keith.....Tony Gardner
Anna.....Amelia Bullmore
Giles.....Michael Maloney
Katrina.....Rachel Atkins
With Beth Chalmers, Simon Treves and Eve Webster.
Written by Mark Tavener
Produced by Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.
WED 10:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1qx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 10:45 Short Works (m000b812)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]
WED 11:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00sdz4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdsy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Casanova in London (b007jkwk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gy165)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 12:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b00yrfwh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007x041)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 13:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007524c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 14:00 Nature Table (m001gk81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 14:30 His Master's Voice (b007s76v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 15:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1q2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

WED 15:45 Short Works (m000b812)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

WED 16:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00sdbz4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 16:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdsy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 17:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 17:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gy165)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

WED 17:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b00yrfwh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007x041)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 18:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007524c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 19:00 Nature Table (m001gk81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 19:30 His Master's Voice (b007s76v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m000mceh)

Spitfire: From the Ashes

Historian Victoria Taylor looks back at the Spitfire, and the men and women who built it, against all odds. In September 1940, in two factories in Southampton, one of the most iconic planes of the Second World War was being painstakingly assembled, piece by piece. This sleek and beautiful fighter, with record breaking top speeds and a deadly reputation for precision, was to be Britain's most notorious weapon against the Nazi air invasion. But, the factory making them was about to be destroyed by devastating German bombing raids.

How could the Battle of Britain be fought without the Spitfire?

With the factory a smoking ruin, a plan was hatched to keep the planes coming, against some pretty extraordinary odds. Reconstructed from letters, autobiographies, oral histories and contemporary interviews, historian Victoria Taylor pieces it all together. This isn't the usual story, about the plane that saved Britain. This is a story about the ordinary men and women, in church-halls, bus depots, laundries and garages, who saved the Spitfire.

Historical Advisor: David Key

Producer: Emily Knight, for BBC Audio, in Bristol

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b06mfs7k)

Series 8

Afterlife

Josie Long presents stories of what follows after the main event; how imprisonment revealed an unlikely talent, a musical story of what follows after a dust storm has passed and the unexpected complications of standing still to watch the seasons change.

The items featured in this programme are:

John

Feat. John McAvoy and Darren Davies

Produced by Sophie Black

The Novelist

Feat. Lily Kestecher, Noel Debien, Claudia Taranto and Milan Durovic

Produced by Natalie Kestecher

Sound engineer / sound design by Russell Stapleton

The Man Who Couldn't Stop the Wind from Blowing

Produced by Cicely Fell

Original music by Smith & Watson

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2015.

WED 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b008fd56)

8. Connections

New Orleans cop Don and detective Lew Griffin go back along way. After a tragedy, Don goes to stay with Lew - he wants to help him find his son David.

Meanwhile Lew takes on some of the local robbers and becomes the hero of his neighbourhood watch.

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 Lucy Porter's Lucky Dip (m001k0wv)

Radio 4 favourite Lucy Porter is back with an examination of middle aged, suburban life. Ably assisted by her young apprentice Luke Kempner, Lucy tackles bank holiday bin collection schedules, video doorbell footage, and being a member of the 'sandwich generation'.

Apparently, human happiness peaks at 18, dips to its lowest

point between the ages of 49 and 54, then picks up again - by the age of about 65 you're as happy again as you were at 18. So this show will be a comfort to those in the dip, a warning to younger listeners, and will make the older generation feel incredibly smug.

Caravanning, lower back pain and the irresistible allure of Ken Bruce are all covered in this delightful celebration of midlife madness. This show is for you if you own at least one item of clothing that you bought in a garden centre, or if you get as much pleasure from an episode of The Repair Shop as you once did from a night of passion. Feel free to download it as something to listen to in the middle of the night when the hot flushes or prostate issues are keeping you up anyway.

Cast:

Lucy Porter

Luke Kempner

Created and written by Lucy Porter

With additional material by Gabby Hutchinson Crouch and

Mike Shephard

Recorded and edited by Jerry Peal

Production Manager: Sarah Tombling

Production Runner: Rebecca Webb

Produced and directed by Gordon Kennedy

Recorded live at Pinner Village Hall

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4

WED 22:30 World of Pub (b007v1dk)

Series 2

Episode 4

Dodgy Phil lays on an unusual awards ceremony to improve the

faded fortunes of Barry and Garry's pub.

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

East End.

Dodgy Phil John Thomson

Barry Phil Cornwall

Garry Alistair McGowan

Bob Tony Roche

With Debra Stephenson and Simon Greenall.

Special effects: Carl Phillips and Nick Romero.

Music: Bill Bailey

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

WED 23:00 The Harpoon (b007k4lf)

Series 1

Episode 2

It's a special 'Looking Ahead to Autumn' issue of your nostalgic favourite weekly paper!

With:

Julian Dutton

Peter Baynham

Alistair McGowan

Mary Elliot-Nelson

Bryonie Pritchard

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

WED 23:30 The Guns of Adam Riches (b04fz6ln)

Series 2

Victor Legit

The tale of Victor Legit, a supermarket store detective whose shop is being targeted by a mysterious shoplifter called the "Rat King."

Aided by his wingman - and live saxophonist - Tony, can Victor solve the mystery and save the day?

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

Written by Adam Riches.

With:

Cariad Lloyd

Jim Johnson

Katharine Bennett-Fox

Special guest, Pete Grogan as Tony Saxatanski.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023**THU 00:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1q2)**

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THU 00:45 Short Works (m000b812)

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THU 01:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00sdbz4)

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THU 01:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdsy)

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THU 02:00 Casanova in London (b007jwkw)

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THU 02:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08gy165)

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THU 03:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b007524c)

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THU 04:00 Nature Table (m001gk81)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 His Master's Voice (b007s76v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1r8)

4. Orange Juice and Sugar

Instead of murdering Tara, Hindle has made love to her. Jack is dying of cancer and Hindle has no taste for more killing.

Andrew Rissik's thriller is set in 1968 and written in the style of the Bond movies.

CAST:

Billy Hindle James Aubrey

Tara Lightborn Joanna Lumley

Jack Lightborn Charles Gray

Marianne Lisa Rowe-Beddoe

Alex Lindstrom Ed Bishop

Duncan Taylor Fraser Kerr

Director Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

THU 05:45 Short Works (m000c8rb)

Photos From Krakow by Elizabeth J Kuti

Celine has planned a short break to Krakow with a friend.

Before she leaves, she visits her ailing uncle, who asks her to bring something back.

Writer Elizabeth J Kuti has written award-winning stage plays including The Sugar Wife and Treehouses. Her most recent radio work was Sea Longing, for Drama on 3. She is the Head

of the Department of Literature, Film and Theatre Studies at the University of Essex.

Read by Monica Dolan.

Produced by Jeremy Osborne.

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.

THU 06:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00sf7lf)

3. A Perilous Journey

Alexandre Dumas' swashbuckling epic in six episodes.

D'Artagnan tries desperately to save the Queen's honour.

Cast:

D'Artagnan Jamie Glover

Athos Robert Glenister

Porthos Timothy Spall

Aramis Anton Lesser

Bonacieux Norman Bird

Madame Bonacieux Helena Breck

De Trevilk Malcolm Ward

King Nicholas Boulton

Queen Teresa Gallagher

Cardinal Richelieu Julian Glover

Duke of Buckingham Michael Cochrane

Planchet Dominic Letts

Bazin David Rowan

Grimaud Tom Bevan

De Wardes Kim Wall

Narrator John Rowe

With James Taylor and Paul Panting

Dramatised by James Saunders.

Director Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

THU 06:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdzl)

8. Returned to Vendor

Brett, Jan, Sarita and Tony make a dramatic escape. But why

were they captured in the first place? Brett learns who was behind the smear campaign to discredit and frame him.

The conclusion of an eight-part thriller by Berkeley Mather.

The action, set in the late '60s, around the Mediterranean. Wealthy young Brit, Brett Beaumont, is aboard his sumptuous yacht, Mistral, when its lifestyle begins to unravel.

CAST:

Brett Beaumont John Rye

Jan Biddolf Carol Marsh

Tony Scanlon Jonathan Scott

Sarita Barbara Mitchell

Max Stanton John Hollis

Riken Ian Dewar

James Lander Brian Young

Ali Ben Yussaf Geoffrey Matthews

Safaraz Wilfrid Carter

Zarkas Anthony Jackson

Benson Peter Williams

Police Sergeant Leonard Fenton

Producer: John Tydemar.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

THU 07:00 Casanova in London (b007jw14)

4. Met His Match?

It's the 1760's - has the infamous lover met his match? It certainly looks that way. Giacomo Casanova in his own words.

Taken from the book 'History of My Life' by Giacomo Casanova

Adapted in five parts by Penny Leicester.

Read by Jack Klaff.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 07:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08h0656)

4. Mirth and Mourning

Governess Agnes Grey is falling in love but she has a rival. Ellie Kendrick stars in Anne Bronte's compelling debut novel

telling the story of Agnes's self-discovery and her search for love.

Adapted by Rachel Joyce

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick
Edward Weston George Watkins
Rosalie Keziah Joseph
Matilda Natasha Cowley
Director: Tracey Neale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.
THU 07:30 Empire-ical Evidence (m0000nh8)
Episode 1
Andy Zaltzman and Anuvab Pal trace the rise and fall of the British Empire by looking at what's been left behind, in a combination of location recording and stand-up comedy.
In this first episode, Andy and Anuvab wander around London, from the docks the trading ships originally departed from in the east of London, to the final resting place of Empire in the west, via the central strongholds of power in Westminster and the City.
What and who have we chosen to remember, and what have we decided to forget? With supporting evidence from the India papers in the British library - seven miles of documents - Andy and Anuvab offer up contrasting perspectives on the shared history between Britain and India.
Andy Zaltzman is a comedian best-known for The Bugle, his weekly satirical podcast. He is a regular performer on Radio 4 both as a guest on programmes like The Now Show or as presenter of his own shows such as My Life As A...
Anuvab Pal is a comedian who first appeared on Radio 4 on an episode of Just A Minute recorded in Mumbai. In 2018 he made his debut at the Edinburgh Fringe, and appeared on Radio 4's Fresh from The Fringe and BBC Two's Big Asian Stand-Up. He is Andy's regular co-presenter on The Bugle podcast.
Written and performed by Andy Zaltzman and Anuvab Pal.
Producer: Ed Morrish
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2018.
THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jm92)
Series 1
Sorry Wrong Number
A downed German plane sees the Home Guard platoon attempting to employ Captain Mainwaring's phone box drill...
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 Snood.
Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
Private Pike Ian Lavender
Private Frazer John Laurie
Private Walker Graham Stark
ARP Warden Bill Pertwee
Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney
Lieutenant John Forrest
Telephonist Avril Angers
Announcer John Snagge
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in May 1974.
THU 08:30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2gs)
2. Juliet Stevenson
The Royal Dingle Company tackles the Verse of the Bard.
The award winning Desmond Olivier Dingle returns. Each week he's assisted by the Royal Dingle Company and a special guest star.
This week Juliet Stevenson, and Harriet Walter, help them take a look at the thorny issue Shakespearean verse.
Written by Patrick Barlow.
Desmond Olivier Dingle Patrick Barlow
Bernard Robert Austin
Maurice Duncan Preston
Beryl Mossie Smith
Kevin Kevin Allen
Harriet Walter Harriet Walter
Juliet Stevenson Juliette Stevenson
With Joanna Brookes, Sally Grace and Toby Longworth.
Producer: Liz Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
THU 09:00 Funny You Should Ask (b04st61b)
From 19/05/1981
Peter Jones hosts the entertainment quiz about comedy as he tests a panel of experts:
Charles Hawtrey - who reveals his favourite Carry On film.
Tommy Trinder
Ron Goodwin
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 May 1981.
THU 09:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k1s6)
The Hiking Holiday
John and his best friend Tony find face dodgy hotels and sinister monks, but love is in the air...
Written by John Hegley.
Starring John Hegley, Simon Munnelly, Terry Molloy, Sunny Ormonde and Andy Hockley.
Original music by Nigel Piper.
Director: Anne Edyvean.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
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THU 19:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k1s6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 20:00 Down By The River (m00114rp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
THU 21:00 Great Lives (b01s8cnz)
Bill Shankly
Mumsnet founder Justine Roberts champions the life of Liverpool's football manager Bill Shankly.
In the 1960s Bill Shankly took Liverpool from the second division to become one of the world's greatest sides.
Famous for his quip that "football is not a matter of life and death, it's much more important than that", Shankly lived and breathed football; but in his later years he felt that the Liverpool managers had frozen him out of the side he had nurtured, and betrayed him.
Shankly came from humble beginnings. After school he worked down the local coal mine until the pit was closed. He never became rich and lived in a modest semi-detached house where Liverpool fans were always welcome. His life was a far cry from that of today's top managers, but through his canny playing of the transfer market, did he anticipate their methods?
Matthew Parris chairs the discussion, with the aid of Shankly biographer Stephen Kelly.
Producer: Jolyon Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
THU 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b007k18f)
9. Lost
Detective Lew Griffin strolls through the city mulling over his life in New Orleans and seeing it through fresh eyes. At the shelter, he meets a man who recognises him.
Lew quickly gets used to life on the street, days drift into weeks
At the shelter, Lew runs into the patient that he originally met in hospital. Lew shows him his book and the notebook he had given him at the hospital, but the ex-patient has memory loss and can't really remember the incident. However after some prompting, the man does recall that Lew was looking for his son.
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 (m001q6g)
Series 11
2: Michaela Strachan
My Teenage Diary returns, with Rufus Hound meeting six more celebrities who will read from the diaries they kept during their formative years.
Michaela Strachan's diary takes us back to the 1980s, when she's starting out as a young TV presenter. She has a break up, several car breakdowns, gets a dog and finds a new job on cult music show The Hitman and Her.
Host: Rufus Hound
Guest: Michaela Strachan

Sound Production and Design: Jerry Peal
Producer: Harriet Jaene
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4
THU 22:30 Micky Flanagan: What Chance Change? (b00sg13d)
1970s
Cockney geezer Micky Flanagan regales us with the story of his journey from tabloid to broadsheet; from the street party to the dinner party; from apples and pears to stocks and shares... Well you've got the idea.
Each episode focuses on a different decade of Micky's life. Micky regales us with stories from his life told through stand up comedy. In between, the programme goes 'behind the scenes' with short interviews that give an insight into the stand up.
For starters, Micky talks about growing up in the East End in the 1970s. He chats to his school friends about their shared experiences of leaving with no qualifications to work at Billingsgate Fish Market. He also interviews Sociology Professor Paul Willis about his research on working class boys in a 1970's school.
Micky's transition from the mean streets of the East End, working as a Billingsgate Fish Porter to an entertainer living in the leafy lanes of Dulwich is a fascinating story, all the better for being told through jokes. The issue of class is a crucial theme in Micky's stand up. However it is framed less as "Do we now have a classless society?" and more as "Is it ok to ask for Tomato sauce in a fancy French restaurant?"
Written and performed by Micky Flanagan.
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.
THU 23:00 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b0076zse)
Series 3
Gambling Fever
To Dougal's dismay, Hamish becomes addicted to gambling after winning a Sporrán Cosy in the Glen MacLottery. Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.
Hamish Barry Cryer
Dougal Graeme Garden
Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman
The Laird Jeremy Hardy
Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.
THU 23:15 The In Crowd (b008p84t)
Series 2
Episode 5
Microwave meals, vacuum cleaners - and the surprising discoveries of a beachcomber.
Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.
With Robin Ince, Helen Moon, Smug Roberts and Kate Ward.
Producer: Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.
THU 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b00gl83p)
Series 3
Episode 4
A torn glove sparks a health scare for the path lab team.
Trying to guard his legacy, the professor lets Anthony and Ruth run the path lab.
Starring Peter Davison.
The third series of Laurence Howarth's black comedy set in the world of the pathology lab.
Dr Webster Peter Davison
Dr Anderson Matilda Ziegler
Professor Donaldson Geoffrey Whitehead
Gordon Tom Price
Chloe Marianne Levy
Simon Gus Brown
Music: Paul Mottram
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

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FRI 00:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1r8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:45 Short Works (m000c8rb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00s77tf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 The Hard Buy (m001qdzl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Casanova in London (b007jw14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08h0656)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Empire-ical Evidence (m0000nh8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007jm92)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]
FRI 03:30 Desmond Olivier Dingle's Compleat Life and Works of William Shakespeare (b007k2gs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Funny You Should Ask (b04st61b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 The Adventures of John and Tony (b007k1s6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1sh)
 5. Everyone's Been Burned
 Marianne has been shot. Hindle is going to put Jack down forever - but nothing is as it seems.
 Andrew Rissik's thriller is set in 1968 and written in the style of the Bond movies.
 CAST:
 Billy Hindle James Aubrey
 Sir Richard Snark Gerald Harper
 Tara Lightborn Joanna Lumley
 Jack Lightborn Charles Gray
 Maurice Browning Robert Eddison
 Marianne Lisa Rowe-Beddoe
 Jill Vardy Jane Whittenshaw
 Interrogator Brian Miller
 Defector David Bannerman
 Code Room girl Elizabeth Mansfield
 Director Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.
FRI 05:45 Short Works (m000d7k4)
 A Proper Couple by Naomi Ishiguro
 A young woman meets her girlfriend's parents for the first time in this specially commissioned work for Radio 4 about love, masochism and cake.
 Writer Naomi Ishiguro's debut short story collection "Escape Routes" is released in February 2020. Described as "delightfully fresh and contemporary", her magical and sometimes disquieting stories originated during her time working as a bookseller at Mr. B's Emporium in Bath. She is a graduate of the Creative Writing MA at the University of East Anglia.
 Read by Olivia Ross.
 Produced by Ciaran Bermingham.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.
FRI 06:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00sfbg)
 4. The Mark of Satan
 Alexandre Dumas' epic in six episodes.
 D'Artagnan is seduced by a friend.
 Cast:
 D'Artagnan Jamie Glover
 Athos Robert Glenister
 Porthos Timothy Spall
 Aramis Anton Lesser
 Bonacieux Norman Bird
 De Tretme Malcolm Ward
 Milady de Winter Imelda Staunton
 With Julian Glover, Rachel Atkins, Dominic Letts, Tom Bevan and John Rowe.
 Dramatised by James Saunders.
 Director Martin Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.
FRI 06:30 Death Speaks Another Language (m00113jn)
 1. Felix Bontemps Must Die
 It's the late '60s. A French student on-the-run in England has to take drastic measures.
 Starring David Valla.
 A thriller serial for radio in six parts by Peter Ling.
 Nico Gachet David Valla
 Karen Engstrom Patricia Gallimore
 Mrs Benson Hilda Kriseman
 Neil Benson Derek Seaton
 Andrew Plessey Geoffrey Wincott
 Miss Hathaway Hilda Schroder
 Garage Mechanic Roger Gale
 Producer: Ronald Mason
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1969.
FRI 07:00 Casanova in London (b007jwld)
 5. Hornpipe Memories
 It's the 1760's - the womanizer loses his cool - and dancing the hornpipe as never before. Giacomo Casanova in his own words.
 Taken from the book 'History of My Life' by Giacomo Casanova
 Adapted in five parts by Penny Leicester.
 Concluded by Jack Klaff.
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.
FRI 07:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08h0c9f)
 5. Seaside
 Agnes's father is seriously ill so she returns home with a heavy heart.
 Conclusion of Anne Bronte's compelling debut novel starring Ellie Kendrick.
 Adapted by Rachel Joyce
 Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick
 Mrs Grey Juliet Aubrey
 Edward Weston George Watkins
 Rosalie Keziah Joseph
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.
FRI 07:30 The Break (m000k908)
 Series 3
 3. The Haunting of Jeffrey Whittaker
 Jeff is having one of his occasional dark afternoons of the soul. Andy decides he needs a project. As luck would have it, the local pub landlord Phil Loynes needs a gimmick to boost his flagging sales.

Jeff wonders if a ghost would help: "Every pub needs a ghost" and he tells the story of the mysterious Grey Lady of Sharpwater Green. Even though the story is completely invented by Jeff, he and Andy go out of their way to make it real, with the help of veteran ghost-faker Fish Shop Frank Bridgewater.
 While our heroes are grappling with forces they do not comprehend, their friend Joyce is struggling with a creature she cannot control - a large dog called Goliath.
 Will the Flamford False Phantom Fakers fall victim to the most inexorable power of all - social media?
 Jeff Philip Jackson
 Joyce Alison Steadman
 Frank Bridgewater Mark Benton
 Dr Singh Shobna Gulati
 Phil Loynes Rasmus Hardiker
 Andy James Northcote
 Created and Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie
 Produced and directed by Gordon Kennedy
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2020.
FRI 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04pnhqx)
 Series 1
 There's No Place Like a New Place
 George and Kate get itchy feet when their neighbours hint at moving.
 Starring Richard Briers as George Starling and Prunella Scales as Kate Starling.
 Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.
 George Richard Briers
 Kate Prunella Scales
 Nora Heather Chasen
 Peter Geoffrey Matthews
 George's Father Geoffrey Sumner
 Kate's Mother Joan Sanderson
 Mr Cartwright Wallas Eaton
 Written by Richard Waring.
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1965.
FRI 08:30 Charles Dickens (b00s51bl)
 Sketches by Boz - Series 2
 Sentiment
 The arrival of an MP's daughter at Miss Crumpton's finishing school seems a cause for celebration until a romantic attachment comes to light.
 Gloriously comic stories of London Life by Charles Dickens - dramatised by Stephen Wyatt.
 Boz Nicholas Farrell
 Maria Cumpston Patience Tomlinson
 Maria Cumpston Jane Booker
 Amelia Cumpston Jane Booker
 Cornelius Brook Dingwall Esq MP Gerard Murphy
 Lavinia Tilly Gaunt
 Footman Harry Myers
 Theodosius Butler Michael Mueller
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.
FRI 09:00 Whispers (b00b0hml)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Discover the truth about how Bram Stoker broke Oscar Wilde's heart.
 Gyles Brandreth hosts the scandals quiz show that puts naughty before nice, dishing the dirt on the bad boys and girls in history. The regular team captains are writer and critic, Anthony Holden and actor and writer, Stella Duffy.
 Joining them to test their wits are writer and broadcaster, Lynne Truss and former Erotic Review editor, Rowan Pelling.
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.
FRI 09:30 The Great Pursuit (m001qf22)
 4. The Truth
 Can literary agent Frederick Frensic find the author of the steamy bestseller before it's too late?
 It all seemed so easy: a little mild deception to land a \$20m publishing contract.
 Riots, arson, death and destruction weren't supposed to be part of the deal.
 Literary agent Frederick Frensic is 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 Lefkow
 Hutchmeyer John Guerrasio
 Baby Hutchmeyer Sandra Dickinson
 Cynthia Bogden Susan Jameson
 Dr Loathe Susan Engel
 Geoffrey Corkadale Nicholas Boulton
 Bank Teller/Girl Bank Teller/Girl
 Director: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
FRI 10:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1sh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
FRI 10:45 Short Works (m000d7k4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]
FRI 11:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers

(b00sfbg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 11:30 Death Speaks Another Language (m00113jn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 12:00 Casanova in London (b007jwld)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 12:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08h0c9f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
FRI 12:30 The Break (m000k908)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Marriage Lines (b04pnhqx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Charles Dickens (b00s51bl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 14:00 Whispers (b00b0hml)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 14:30 The Great Pursuit (m001qf22)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 15:00 Andrew Rissik - The Psychedelic Spy (b007k1sh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
FRI 15:45 Short Works (m000d7k4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]
FRI 16:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Three Musketeers (b00sfbg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 16:30 Death Speaks Another Language (m00113jn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 17:00 Casanova in London (b007jwld)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 17:15 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08h0c9f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
FRI 17:30 The Break (m000k908)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 18:00 Marriage Lines (b04pnhqx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Charles Dickens (b00s51bl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 19:00 Whispers (b00b0hml)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Great Pursuit (m001qf22)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Six Degrees of Connection (b0717kvf)
 Julia Hobsbawm investigates the idea, originating in social psychology, that we are all connected by only six links.
 Is everyone in the world really connected by only six links?
 A famous experiment by social psychologist Stanley Milgram in the 1960s claimed that it took on average only six steps for a message to pass between two strangers in America. Since then the idea has become part of popular culture. But is it true? And if so, does it matter?
 Julia Hobsbawm investigates how social networks work, whether we should all pay more attention to our network connections, and whether governments can use social networks to promote - for instance - messages about health. Maybe, she discovers, it's not the six degrees of separation that matter, but the three degrees of influence.
 Presenter: Julia Hobsbawm
 Producer: Jolyon Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
FRI 20:30 Soul Music (m0006lr8)
 Series 28
 Back to Black
 Amy Winehouse died in July 2011 aged just 27.
 'Back to Black' - the title track of her second and final album - is a torch song to tragic love, addiction and loss.
 People who loved her and her music talk about how she helped them cope with their own struggles.
 Lesley Jamison is now a successful writer but at 27 she was an alcoholic. She stopped drinking the same year that Amy died. Lesley reflects on how her own life could have followed the same path had she gone further into the darkness or the black of drinking and self destruction.
 Daisy Buchanan tells her story of addictive love and how Back to Black helped her break free. Umaru Saidu was a vulnerable teenager with mental health issues who lost a dear childhood friend when he was 17. He later trained at the Amy's Yard programme and is grateful for the inspiration she gave him. As a young teenager Amy Charles too identified with the pain expressed in Back to Black and says it helped her deal with depression brought on by a spinal injury.
 Donald Brackett is the author of Back to Black: Amy Winehouse's Only Masterpiece and believes performing the song may have become traumatic for her in the end as it forced her to relive the emotional pain.
 Elizabeth Kesses was visiting her terminally ill father at the same hospital where Amy Winehouse was being treated. She recalls seeing her there and hoping she would recover. Sadly it was not to be. But these stories reveal a legacy that goes beyond the music.
 Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.
 Producer: Maggie Ayre
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2019.
FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0010xp)
 Series 18
 The Painless Heart
 Why does my heart not ache after exercise? asks listener Keith. Rutherford and Fry explore how and why heart muscle cells are special.

Dr Mitch Lomax is a sports scientist at the University of Portsmouth. She helps actual Olympic swimmers get faster. She explains how most of the muscles attached to our skeletons work: Tiny fibres use small-scale cellular energy, which, when all these fibres work in concert, turns into visible muscular movement. Mitch also explains how the dreaded Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness, or DOMS, can hit, taking a stair-wincing 48-72 hours to peak after exercise.

But skeletal muscles turn out to be quite different to heart muscles, as consultant cardiologist Dr Robin Francis explains. Heart cells are more efficient and don't get fatigued like skeletal muscle cells. They are extremely energetic and "just want to beat". He also explains that the sensory feedback from the heart muscles is different too. They have a different sort of nerve supply, with fewer sensory nerves, so that there is less chance of pain signals being sent to the brain.

However, heart cells' incredible abilities are counterbalanced by one Achilles-like flaw: They cannot easily heal. Professor Sanjay Sinha is a British Heart Foundation (BHF) Senior Research Fellow and a Professor in Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine at the University of Cambridge. His job is to fix broken hearts and he explains to Adam how new research into stem cells could be used to fix normally irreparable heart cells.

Presenters: Hannah Fry and Adam Rutherford
Producers: Jennifer Whyntie and Fiona Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2021.

FRI 21:30 Lew Griffin - Eye of the Cricket (b007k19p)

10. The Stranger

New Orleans detective and writer - Lewis Griffin - turns to begging and ends up in hospital.

Detective novel written by James Sallis.

Concluded by Ray Shell and Joel Karie.

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? (m0016hgz)

Series 1

Episode 3

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. Selina's close personal ex-husband Andrew has died and – much to Florence's rage and fury – left her a small Picasso. Meanwhile the murky waters of daughter Lucy's parentage are stirred as Florence's PA Mrs Ragnarrok has a mysterious meeting with Jonathan, who happens to be Lucy's father. Unaware of any of this, Lucy continues to plan the round-the-world yacht voyage that everyone has completely forgotten she is about to undertake.

Critical reaction to the first episode, 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 (b01mf7ng)

Series 3

The New Best Friend

Beauty, our outspoken African careworker has a new best friend who encourages her to branch out.

Jay charms Karen and Sally in the office too, but are they all ready to go with Jay's ambitious schemes?

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

Jay Colin Hout

Mrs. Pleat Anne Reid

Sally Felicity Montagu

Karen Nicola Sanderson

Mrs. Gupte Indira Joshi

Anil Phaldut Sharma

WPC White Llewella Gideon

Shop Assistant Rachel Atkins

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

FRI 23:00 2000 Years of Radio (b007jng1)

Series 1

Crusade Roadshow

Join DJ Steve in the Afternoon on his AD 1200 Christian Crusade Roadshow.

He's out to gather up an army of children and the plague-ridden to find salvation and a suntan in the Holy Land.

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 November 2000.

FRI 23:15 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00snqqs)

Series 2

Normal Sleep

The cartoonist searches for the secret meaning of life, said to be written on a sausage.

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

With:

Rosalind Paul

Ewan Bailey

Nigel Betts

Rachel Atkins

Written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003

FRI 23:30 Listen Against (b00tt5mb)

Series 3

Episode 3

Michael Burke becomes trapped in the Moral Maze, and Any

Answers gets a game show makeover.

Another week's worth of radio and TV that never happened.

Presenters:

Alice Arnold

Jon Holmes

Featuring: James Bachman, Stephen Critchlow, Sarah Hadland,

David Schnieder and David Mara.

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

Gareth Gwynn, Jason Hazely, Joel Morris, Bill Dare, Carl

Carter and Jon Hunter.

Producers: Sam Bryant & Jon Holmes.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.