

2019.
SAT 08:45 Could Do Better (b03lbzfg)
 Kenneth Williams
 Robert Booth summons Kenneth Williams to his study for a quiet word about his school reports.
 Summer 1941. General remarks of Principal: Kenneth has worked very successfully on his allotment.
 Series in which Robert Booth talks to famous comics about their school days.
 Producer: Nigel Acheson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1987.
SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b013dzmy)
 Food for Thought
 The antics of the bungling bureaucrats attract some sinister interest from abroad...
 A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
 Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
 Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
 Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler
 Lamb Richard Murdoch
 Mildred Norma Ronald
 Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddiley
 With:
 John Graham
 The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1973.
SAT 09:30 Something to Shout About (m000k9t1)
 Series 3
 Episode 17
 Shirley the temp sees trouble ahead when she reads the tea leaves in Michael's cup.
 "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
 MacLeish Warren Mitchell
 Shirley Sheila Hancock
 Producer: John Simmonds
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1962.
SAT 10:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0016xkn)
 Alternative Comedy...and Beyond
 1. Lenin of the Rovers
 BBC Comedy Controllers from across the decades look back at radio shows from the past.
 Clocking up over 150 years on the job between them, Paul Jackson, Beryl Vertue, John Lloyd and Jimmy Mulville reveal what they do, why they do it and what makes them laugh.
 From London's iconic BBC Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House - the home of British Radio comedy.
 In the first of three programmes, they travel back to the 1980s to celebrate alternative comedy.
 Featuring:
 Extracts from BBC TV's NOT THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and THE YOUNG ONES.
 * LENIN OF THE ROVERS – first episode first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on 13/02/1988.
 Sadly Beryl Vertue passed away, aged 90, in 2022.
 Series Producers: Paul Kobrak and Dixi Stewart.
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in April 2017.
SAT 11:00 David Pownall (m001rpnj)
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SAT 16:00 Algernon Blackwood - The Nemesis of Fire (m000tvp9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]
SAT 16:45 Edgar Allan Poe (m0007xyr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]
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Made Us Laugh (m0016xkn)
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SAT 22:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b09hw51h)
 Series 2
 Festivals
 Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows. Unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, her wife says she's going to be unbearable.
 Susan decided her best bet was to try to immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity.
 So now she's taking a trip to the Latitude Festival with Robin Ince, to try and understand why all her friends think a weekend of noisy camping is a relaxing way to spend their time.
 In this audience stand up show, Susan reveals how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts.
 Written by Susan Calman and Jon Hunter.
 Producer: Lyndsay Fenner
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.
SAT 22:30 Cowards (b00fbkz5)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Step inside the strange and happy world of the Cowards.
 The return of the sketch comedy with a comic slant on human frailties
 Written by and starring:
 Tom Basden
 Stefan Golaszewski
 Tim Key
 Lloyd Woolf
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.
SAT 23:00 Fred at The Stand (m0003qyl)
 Series 2
 Ria Lina, Eshaan Akbar, Susan Riddell and Hal Cruttenden
 Fred MacAulay is back at The Stand Comedy Club in Glasgow doing what he does best - making people laugh.
 The series brings another selection of some of the best of stand-up comedians working in the UK right now. Some you'll know and some you won't - yet.
 Fred introduces:
 * The incredible Ria Lina who celebrates her favourite child with her unique parenting style.
 * The challenging Eshaan Akbar sees through thinly-veiled racism on public transport.
 * The self-confessed underdressed Susan Riddell wants part of her body to be dishwasher friendly.
 * One of the country's favourite stand-ups Hal Cruttenden is planning his own funeral down to the gristly end.
 Fred At The Stand is the closest thing your ears are going to get to an actual night in a comedy club.
 A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2019.
SAT 23:30 Seekers (b0612hk1)
 Series 2
 The Boy With the Wogan Tattoo
 It's the morning after Stuart's stag night, his back hurts, and Mr Big is looking for him...
 Starring Mathew Horne, Daniel Mays, Tony Way and Zahra Ahmadi.
 Sitcom set in an Essex job centre written by Steve Burge.
 Stuart ----- Mathew Horne
 Joseph ----- Daniel Mays
 Terry ----- Tony Way
 Nicola ----- Zahra Ahmadi
 Vanessa ----- Natalie Walter
 Gary Probert ----- Steve Oram
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

SUN 00:00 Carey Harrison - A Call From The Dead (b01nf2h9)
 It's good to talk - or so they say - but not when you're called from beyond the grave...
 Deathly drama written by Carey Harrison
 Dr Edward Elmore John Shrapnel
 Stephen Warburton Nick Dunning
 Rev Neville Barber Christopher Scott
 Martha Carolyn Jones
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.
SUN 00:30 The Price of Fear (b01nt4qh)
 Cat's Cradle
 A small party of tourists visit an old castle in Bavaria – unaware of a horrifying series of events awaiting them in a dank and dismal torture chamber...
 Fright master Vincent Price introduces a tale of horror.
 Bram Stoker's story 'The Score' dramatised by Richard Davis.
 Starring:
 Kenneth J Warren
 Frederick Schreckler
 John Samson

Bonnie Hurren
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1973.
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SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001rpnj)
 A Manual For Dreaming Womxn
 Poet Dajlit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects A Manual for Dreaming Womxn - in which poet Rachel Long demonstrates how to turn dreams into poetry.
 What's the most compelling dream you've ever had?
 Poet Rachel Long, in this workshop-for-radio, leads the listener in a dreamy guide – how to turn our night-time sequences into a poetic form.
 With the help of poet and psychoanalyst Nuar Alsadir, poet and playwright Caroline Bird and literary editor Kishani Widiyaratna, Rachel explores the links between dreams and poetry, including her own. How might we transform our sleep-time wanderings into something more than just a funny story for the morning?
 Dreams can be many things - they are narratives constructed and experienced in image; a portal into our unconscious and, more simply, a way to keep our mind occupied while sleeping.
 But Rachel argues, we can also harness their metaphoric capabilities to deepen our understanding of poetry, and the process of writing poems. Not only that, but poets really can use their unconscious as a guide for their writing.
 Rachel Long is a poet and founder of Octavia Poetry Collective for Women of Colour, which is housed at Southbank Centre, in London. Her debut collection, My Darling from the Lions, was nominated for the Forward Prize for best first collection.
 Presented by Rachel Long
 Produced by Eliza Lomas
 Mixed by Olga M Reed
 A Boom Shakalaka production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.
SUN 06:30 The Camomile Lawn by Mary Wesley (Omnibus) (m001rpnj)
 Episode 2
 Sophie tells all, and Calypso has a secret for Hector, but where is he?
 A house, with a fragrant lawn stretching down to the Cornish cliffs, is the link between five cousins - Oliver, Calypso, Polly, Walter and Sophy - which neither the Second World War nor adulthood can break.
 Conclusion of Mary Wesley's novel, first published in 1984.
 Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury.
 Read by Sian Phillips.
 Producer: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.
SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001rpnj)
 Lou Sanders
 Comedian, writer and Taskmaster champ Lou Sanders picks 'Dido Bendigo' by The Waterstones and 'Mr Tambourine Man' by Bob Dylan.
SUN 07:50 Shakespeare's Restless World (Omnibus) (m001rpnj)
 Episode 1
 Object-based history series presented by Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum.
 Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.
 With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed.
 He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.
 Omnibus of the first five of 20 episodes.
 Beginning with Sir Francis Drake's circumnavigation of the globe and how it changed the way Shakespeare's audiences viewed the world and their country's place on it.
 For the first time, England was engaging with the whole world.
 Producer: Paul Kobrak
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.
SUN 09:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b01c6h6v)
 1. Setting Off
 George, Harris and J holiday on the River Thames from Kingston to Oxford - with Montmorency the dog.
 "We arranged to start on the following Saturday. Harris and I would take the boat up to Chertsey, and George, who would not be able to get away from the city till the afternoon, would meet

us there. (George goes to sleep at the bank from ten to four each day, except Saturdays, when they wake him up and put him outside at two)."

Adapted and performed in three episodes by Jeremy Nicholas. Music by Jeremy Nicholas.

Performed by The Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1984.

SUN 09:30 Tony's (b007jsz2)

Series 1

Putting on the Style

Tony's misadventures get under way with a battle against his rival, Boris the Russian.

The life and times of a corner-shop barber.

Starring Victor Spinetti as Tony.

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Tony Victor Spinetti

Hector John Laurie

Maisie Deborah Watling

Mama Norma Ronald

Guest Bill Pertwee

Guest Joanna Wake

Guest David Tate

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001rpxl)

Black American Icons

George Foreman

Former heavyweight champion, George Foreman is castaway by Sue Lawley.

George was born in Texas into a large but poor family. His earliest memories are of being hungry. He found school difficult and felt he was written off because of his scruffy clothes. He had a short temper and would often get into fights as a child, sometimes beating people up for no reason. Soon he discovered that mugging was an easy way to get funds and terrorised his neighbourhood, although he never used knives - just his fists.

Heading nowhere fast, George was saved by The Job Corps, a project started by President Lyndon Johnson which aimed to get training and jobs for young people with few opportunities in life. It introduced him to boxing and he began to train seriously. George won the gold medal for heavyweight boxing at the Mexico City Olympics in 1968 and became a professional boxer. He defeated Joe Frazier in 1973 and became heavyweight champion at the age of 24.

After being defeated by Muhammed Ali at the infamous Rumble in the Jungle in 1974, George took up religion and became a preacher, giving up boxing for good, or so he thought. By the mid-1980s George was short of money: he was building a community centre and wanted it to be well stocked with equipment. So he returned to the only honest way he knew of making money. Ten years out of practice in 1987 when he was 38, George started to train again.

Remarkably, on 5 November 1994, at the age of 45, George won the heavyweight title for the second time - this time against Michael Moorer, aged 26, by a knockout in the 10th round.

DISC ONE: You Send Me - Sam Cooke

DISC TWO: William Tell Overture - Gioachino Rossini

DISC THREE: Don't Be A Dropout - James Brown

DISC FOUR: I Wish It Would Rain - The Temptations

DISC FIVE: George Foreman's Little Girls - Vienna Boys' Choir

DISC SIX: Mamma Say Knock You Out - LL Cool J

DISC SEVEN: All You Need Is Love - The Beatles

DISC EIGHT: Strangers in the Night - Frank Sinatra

BOOK CHOICE: An anthology of poems which include the poem Waiting by John Burroughs

LUXURY CHOICE: A pillow

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: All You Need Is Love - The Beatles

Producer: Lisa Jenkinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39)

Series 1

Collecting

Why do we collect things? Is it a male response to ancient hunting instincts to provide food for the family? Today, collecting by children is in decline, and with it the development of an early fascination with the natural world around them.

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 October 2009.

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SUN 20:30 Tony's (b007jsz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001rpxl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 Start/Stop (b07nrzjd)

Series 3

4. Cathy's Dad

Cathy's Dad is in a nursing home but Cathy wants him to come and live with them, especially since he's just developed a condition where the wrong words come out all the time. Barney is not keen but then realises he can use looking after Cathy's Dad to make him seem more caring and, as it turns out, more attractive to Alice.

Meanwhile David gives his daughter a big role in the school play. And Evan finds there are some plusses to Fiona losing her voice after a throat operation.

But will Cathy's Dad ever be able to tell Barney what he thinks of him?

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

Starring:

Couple 1:

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman

Couple 2:

Evan John Thomson

Fiona Fiona Allen

Couple 3:

David Charlie Higson

Alice Laura Aikman

Cathy's Dad John Sparkes

Producer: Claire Jones

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

SUN 22:30 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b09tdz8n)

Series 4

Under the Stars

Comic poet Tim Key is on a double-date, on a houseboat in Hertfordshire.

He has a well-planned itinerary for a romantic evening under the stars, but his date has other ideas.

Written and presented by Tim Key.

With musical support from Tom Basden, while his wife Megan attempts to catch dinner.

Producer: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2018.

SUN 23:00 Andy Hamilton Sort of Remembers (m0007kjd)

Series 2

Class

More potentially misremembered anecdotes from Andy Hamilton.

Andy concludes his series by considering class.

As a middle-class child of working-class parents he recalls some of his bumps up against the class system at university and at work, and suggests comedy is a better mirror of class than drama ever has been.

Andy was born in Fulham in 1954, read English at Cambridge and then in 1976 began writing comedy for BBC Radio, on programmes like Week Ending and The News Huddlines. In 1990, he and Guy Jenkin created Drop the Dead Donkey for Channel 4.

Andy has spent much of his working life making acute observations about politics and family life.

In 2007, again with Guy Jenkin, he created the massive TV hit, Outnumbered, which celebrated the chaos of life with young children. More recently they created the highly topical Ballot Monkeys for Channel 4, which charted the absurdities of the General Election and then the EU Referendum.

For over 20 years he has been playing the part of Satan in his Radio 4 sitcom, Old Harry's Game. Andy is also a popular panellist on shows such as The News Quiz and Have I Got News

For You.

Producer: Claire Jones

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

SUN 23:30 Clayton Grange (b047zk79)

Series 2

Episode 4

Spurred on by Saunders, our weary scientific team tries to impress a visiting Nobel Prize judge with their self-replicating killer robo-ants.

But this is Clayton Grange. When do things ever go right? Anthony Head leads the team thinking the unthinkable. Comedy by Neil Warhurst with additional material by Paul Barnhill.

Professor Saunders Anthony Head

Geoff Prowe Neil Warhurst

Roger Bucks Paul Barnhill

Anders Bjornstad Simon Kunz

Alice Jameson Stephanie Racine

Gwynnie Heather Craney

Announcer Clive Hayward

Director: Marion Nancarrow

Anthony Head returns for the finale of this sparkling comedy series, described by The Observer as "brilliantly funny".

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001rpxe)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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MON 03:30 Tony's (b007jsz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001rpxl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Tull (m001rpxq)

The remarkable life of Walter Tull: footballer, First World War hero and the British Army's first black officer.

Follow his battles against racism from his turbulent time at Tottenham Hotspur and the revival of his career at Northampton Town, through to his army years.

Starring Paterson Joseph and Peter de Jersey.

Dramatist Andy Merriman and historian Rod Wickens' collaborate to tell Tull's story.

Walter Tull Paterson Joseph

Edward Tull Peter de Jersey

Cissie Tull Sian Blake

Alf Hudson Trevor Fox

Pendlebury Ioan Meredith

Mrs Warnock Jenny Lee

Edward as a child Tomas Hunt

Walter as a child Benjamin Minkah

Director: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

MON 05:45 This Dog's Life by Kate Atkinson (m001rpx4)

Gerald and his dog both muse on their predicaments, as they wait interminably at the vets.

Bob Peck reads Kate Atkinson's short story.

Producer: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

MON 06:00 Deep Six (m000fx14)

6. Battle

Terry Prince lurks in the darkness near an Oxford mansion - the setting for the deed he's been blackmailed into carrying out. The ex-SAS agent is preparing to do battle, with whatever forces await him....

Starring Freddie Lees.

The gripping conclusion of John Fletcher's thriller serial.

Terry Freddie Lees

Thompson John Abineri

Sir James Simpson Conrad Phillips

Fortescue Hubert Rees

Manny Silverman Arnold Diamond

Linda Taylor Madeleine Cemm

Radio voice Roger Leach

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1984.

MON 06:30 Inspector Purbright - Lonelyheart 4122 (m001rpx4)

6. Outconned

Miss Huddlestone has a flash of inspiration while weeding - but has it come in time?

Conclusion of Colin Watson's Flaxborough mystery.

Why are lonely, well-off middle-aged women disappearing from the sleepy, small market town?

John Rowe stars as Inspector Walter Purbright.

Dramatised by Christopher Denys.
Inspector Purbright John Rowe
Lucy Teatime Linda Gardner
Detective Sergeant Love Paul Downing
Maddox Peter Rylands
Sulvia Staunch Ann Rye
Jack Trelawney John Branwell
Lintz Nigel Carrington
Miss Huddleston Daphne Oxenford
Chief Constable Geoffrey Banks
Directed at BBC Manchester by: Tony Cliff.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.
MON 07:00 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (m0007qb6)
1. Betrayal
Nora Ephron's tabasco-spiked and bittersweet novel about a marriage on the rocks.
Seven months into her pregnancy, irrepressible food writer Rachel Samst discovers that her husband Mark - a man who 'would be capable of having sex with a Venetian blind' - is in love with another woman.
In between trying to work out what went wrong, trying to win him back and loudly wishing him dead, Rachel offers us her favourite recipes.
Nora Ephron was the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of *When Harry Met Sally* and *Sleepless in Seattle*.
The breakdown of Ephron's own marriage to Carl Bernstein proved the perfect fuel for her only novel. Packed with snappy, hilarious, endlessly quotable one-liners – the stock-in-trade of her award-winning screenplays - *Heartburn* is a rollercoaster of love, betrayal, loss and - most satisfyingly - revenge.
The novel was later made into a successful film starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson. Nora Ephron died aged 71 in 2012.
Abridged in five parts by Antonia Hodgson.
Read by Julianna Jennings
Producer: Justine Willett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.
MON 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gf5t0)
6. Europe: Triumphs of the Past
As a tourist attraction in Westminster Abbey, Henry V's instruments of battle reflect the view of English history as depicted on the Elizabeth stage.
Object-based history series presented by Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum.
Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.
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Producer: Paul Kobrak
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.
MON 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r0fv7)
Series 1
Taking Overs
A successful pilot sparked the first of two series of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village.
Starring Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt.
Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, where she grew up, to borrow cash from her parents. But when she tried to return to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village - refusing to let anyone in or out.
Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to this alien menace, so Katrina has no choice but to start the resistance movement herself, in the cricket pavilion.
In this episode, the force field around the village is keeping out all the rain, so the villagers can no longer moan about the weather.
Uljabaan realises this means they're moaning about him instead. So he distracts villagers with a cricket match - aliens versus humans - whilst trying to build a device to simulate rain.
Katrina sees an opportunity to sabotage Uljabaan's computer - if she can keep the match going long enough...
Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan
Field Commander Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt
Margaret Lyons Jan Francis
Richard Lyons Peter Davison
Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray
Computer John-Luke Roberts
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2013.
MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t3tws)
Series 2
Sunday for Seven Days
Harold lives to regret taking his dad Albert to the cinema.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H Corbett

With:
Peter Hawkins
Nigel Clayton.
Marianne Stone
Beth Boyd
The 1962 BBC TV comedy pilot 'The Offer' sparked a run of 8 series.
Adapted for BBC radio from the TV script by Gale Pedrick.
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.
MON 08:30 Semi Circles (b0962xwz)
Series 1
A Bit on the Side
What is the connection between Bagpuss and Beethoven's Fifth and what does it have to do with the Controller of BBC1?
Ben and Helen wonder if they're missing out on adventures beyond the marital bed.
The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.
Starring Paula Wilcox and David Wood.
Sitcom written by Simon Brett.
Helen Paula Wilcox
Ben David Wood
Mrs Kelly Pay Heywood
Alastair Bruce Alexander
Nigel James Griffiths
Blythe Bryan Coleman
Linda Jill Lidstone
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1982.
MON 09:00 It's Your Round (b01b8zw3)
Series 2
Episode 6
Another panel of comedians endeavour to beat each other at their own games, watched over by Angus Deayton.
Trying to beat each other at their own games:
Alex Horne
Roisin Conaty
Paul Sinha
Rufus Hound
Featured rounds:
Alex Horne's "Font, Fighter or Fragrance" in which panellists are given a word and they must guess whether that word refers to a typographical font, the name of a Gladiator from ITV's show "Gladiators" or a "Lynx deodorant" fragrance.
Roisin Conaty's "Four Second Pitch" in which panellists have but four seconds to pitch Angus the elements of an idea for a blockbuster film and a new religion.
Paul Sinha's "World Record Recall" in which panellists have to fill in the missing details from the description of a real record from the Guinness Book of World Records.
And Rufus Hound's "Which Lady Done Say That Thing" in which panellists must guess which audience member said a certain phrase. As the title suggests.
Producer: Sam Michell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.
MON 09:30 Snap (b00tvql2)
Series 2
Episode 4
A problem aired is a problem shared, but will Ryan find a way to deal with being bullied on his own?
And Molly doesn't care who Doug goes out with now they're divorced, but she'd still like to know all the details...
Starring Rebecca Lacey and Paul Venables.
Paul Mendelson's sitcom about life for a couple after they've split.
Molly Rebecca Lacey
Doug Paul Venables
Kaz Soumaya Keynes
Ryan Jessie Sullivan
Annie Marlene Sidaway
Dawn Samantha Spiro
Raymond Jonathan Taffler
Producer: David Ian Neville
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
MON 10:00 Tull (m001rpx4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
MON 10:45 This Dog's Life by Kate Atkinson (m001rpx4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]
MON 11:00 Deep Six (m000fx14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Inspector Purbright - Lonelyheart 4122 (m001rpx4)
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MON 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t3tws)
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MON 13:30 Semi Circles (b0962xwz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 14:00 It's Your Round (b01b8zw3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 14:30 Snap (b00tvql2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 Tull (m001rpx4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
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MON 19:00 It's Your Round (b01b8zw3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 19:30 Snap (b00tvql2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 20:00 Radiolab (m00189gf)
Series 9
Life In A Barrel
Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience. The Radiolab team investigate a strange world. Radiolab explores the chaos of life through a barrel of seawater, a 70s era computer, and underwater geysers.
With Latif Nasser.
From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2022.
MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000fn21)
Frank Skinner
Comedian Frank Skinner chooses 'Winter Wonderland' by Dean Martin and 'Why Women Don't Like Me?' by George Formby.
MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b088f9zq)
Series 6
Shirley Collins (A-side)
Shirley Collins discusses her 1971 classic album, 'Love, Death and the Lady'.
Series in which leading performers and songwriters talk about the album that made them or changed them.
Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios, each edition includes two episodes - the A-side and B-side.
In the A-side, Shirley talks to John Wilson.
Released on the Harvest label (also home to Deep Purple, Kevin Ayers and Pink Floyd), *Love Death & the Lady* exuded a darkness that reflected Shirley's own personal loneliness at the time. With tracks like *The Outlandish Knight*, *The Oxford Girl* and *Geordie*, the album revolves around the themes of murder, class conflict and betrayal.
Shirley Collins began the 1970s releasing what is now regarded by many as one of her finest albums... and she ended the decade by losing her singing voice through dysphonia.
Yet she remains revered today by the likes of Graham Coxon, Billy Bragg, Stewart Lee, Jonny Greenwood and Angel Olsen.
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 2017.
MON 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqb9)
The Red Planet
11. The Desperate Search
Captain Jet Morgan and the crew reach freighter number two after it crash landed, but they fear they're not alone on Mars...
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.
CAST:
Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
Lemmy David Kossoff
Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter
Mitch Bruce Beeby
Announcer/Various David Jacobs
Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.
Producer: Charles Chilton
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.
MON 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m001rgxh)
Series 2
Episode 7 - Manchester
Which monkey, in the words of Winston Churchill, "caused the death of a quarter of a million people"? Which chimpanzee had the most commendably honourable attitude towards democracy? And what's wrong with the Um Bongo advertising jingle? This week, Paul Sinha is in Gorilla, Manchester to test his audience's knowledge on these questions, and more.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Additional material: Oliver Levy
Additional questions: The Audience
Original music: Tim Sutton
Sound engineer: Jerry Peal
Producer: Ed Morrish
A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4

MON 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01m5n7s)
 Series 2
 Gravinia and Plumpf
 Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have experienced a succession of bizarre adventures.
 More memories as Brian relives his adventures in Gravinia, a land where the military are revered above everything.
 Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.
 A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.
 Brian Gulliver Neil Pearson
 Rachel Gulliver..... Mariah Gale
 Fillick Marcus Brigstocke
 Chaplain Adrian Scarborough
 Guest Tracy Wiles
 Host..... Patrick Brennan
 Stegga Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Barista..... Harry Livingstone
 Dragit Nick Mohammed
 Glugas Hold Dan Tetsell
 Producer: Steven Canny
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001rrpt)
 Laura Smyth 1/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Rob Deering talks to Laura Smyth.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001rh7x)
 Series 112
 Episode 7
 Andy Zaltzman quizzes the week's news. Providing the answers, hopefully, are Ian Smith, Lucy Porter, Anushka Asthana, and Simon Evans.

 In this episode Andy and the panel discuss the language of war, our crumbling infrastructure, and massive rats!

 Written by Andy Zaltzman

 With additional material by

Jade Gebbie, Simon Alcock and Cameron Loxdale

 Producer: Sam Holmes
 Executive Producer: James Robinson
 Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini
 Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

 A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b008gdcr)
 Episode 2
 Dan Freedman and Nick Romero push the pun count beyond the pain threshold.
 Recorded at the Edinburgh Festival.
 Including:
 An American guide to 'Scotland'
 A song about Roget's Thesaurus
 Sherlock Holmes handles a case in which a man is attacked with a large fruit. Cue pun.
 Music is performed by the Gents.
 Producers: Julian Mayers & Jayne Gibson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023

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TUE 04:30 Snap (b00tvql2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Evelyn Waugh - A Handful of Dust (m000h6c7)
 1. The Affair
 Brenda Last embarks on an affair that is the talk of London society.
 Bu there are tragic consequences for all those involved...
 Starring Tara Fitzgerald and Jonathan Cullen.
 Evelyn Waugh's novel was first published in 1934.
 Dramatised in two parts by Bill Matthews
 Brenda Last Tara Fitzgerald

Tony Last Jonathan Cullen
 Beaver Ronan Vibert
 Mrs Beaver Sally Grace
 Jock James Simmons
 Marjorie Victoria Carling
 John Andrew Nathan Grower
 Milly Dariel Pertwee
 Ambrose..... Kim Wall
 Babs Jane Whittenshaw
 Polly Colleen Prendergast
 Veronica Patience Tomlinson
 Jenny Alice Arnold
 Ben Keith Drinkel
 Nanny Ann Beach
 Director Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.
TUE 06:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51yyp)
 1. The Kind Man
 "I don't dig you and I don't dig your tone."
 Steve Gardiner - a hip Londoner and Korean War veteran - arrives in a small Scottish seaside town where locals are all under threat from a serial killer dubbed 'The Kind Man'.
 Starring Teddy Johnson.
 Edward Boyd's six-part serial thriller is reminiscent of American radio thrillers of the era, as our hero also addresses us directly.
 Steve Gardiner Teddy Johnson
 Jimmy Morton Jimmy Logan
 Miss Wylie Marjorie Dalziel
 PC McKenzie John Young
 Police Sergeant Kalman Glass
 Detective Inspector Gordon Moultrie R. Kelsall
 Mrs McGann Helen Norman
 Stella Isobel Gardner
 Albert Paul Young
 Porter Eric Wightman
 Tramp Douglas Murchie
 Delia Dewar Effie Morrison
 Wilfred Morton Leonard Maguire
 As well as acting, Teddy Johnson sang with his wife Pearl Carr - coming second in the 1959 Eurovision Song Contest with 'Sing Little Birdie'. Johnson was also a DJ on Radio Luxembourg and later BBC Radio 2.
 Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service Scotland in March 1954.
TUE 06:30 The Dark Island (m000b0hy)
 1. Escape
 Lonely and withdrawn, the mist-veiled islands of the Outer Hebrides stand like a breakwater off Britain's north-west coast. Beyond them, out in the Atlantic, foreign trawlers maintain constant patrol, keeping an eye on the rocket range on South Uist - and more besides...
 A strange discovery is made. Could it be the sign of a plot that leads all the way to the Iron Curtain?
 Starring Edward De Souza.
 Robert Barr's six-part story of espionage in the remote islands of the Outer Hebrides.
 Jim Nicholson Edward De Souza
 Bill Grant Geoffrey Frederick
 Ian McLeod Bryden Murdoch
 Lieutenant Ritchie Roy Spencer
 Major Williams Peter Hawkins
 Brigadier Michael Kilgarriff
 Producer: Peter Titheridge.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.
TUE 07:00 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (m0007qyz)
 2. Memories
 Nora Ephron's tabasco-spiked and bittersweet novel about a marriage on the rocks. Nora Ephron was the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of When Harry Met Sally and Sleepless in Seattle.
 Seven months into her pregnancy, irrepressible food writer Rachel Samstat discovers that her husband Mark - a man who 'would be capable of having sex with a Venetian blind' - is in love with another woman. In between trying to work out what went wrong, trying to win him back and loudly wishing him dead, Rachel offers us her favourite recipes.
 In this episode, Rachel recalls meeting her husband-to-be at a Washington party.
 The breakdown of the late Ephron's own marriage to Carl Bernstein proved the perfect fuel for her only novel. Packed with snappy, hilarious, endlessly quotable one-liners - the stock-in trade of her award-winning screenplays - Heartburn is a rollercoaster of love, betrayal, loss and - most satisfyingly - revenge. The novel was later made into a successful film starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson.
 Nora Ephron was the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of When Harry Met Sally and Sleepless in Seattle. This is her only novel. She died in 2012.
 Read by Julianna Jennings
 Produced by Justine Willett
 Abridged by Antonia Hodgson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.
TUE 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gg7dt)
 7. Ireland: Failures in the Present
 A rare woodcut offers an equally rare visual impression of the troubles and tragedies of Elizabethan Ireland.
 Object-based history series presented by Neil MacGregor,

former Director of the British Museum.
 Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.
 With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed.
 He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.
 Producer: Paul Kobrak
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.
TUE 07:30 Making the Best of It (b03ttg81)
 Shock Jock
 DJ Asif has dragged Barry out of his room to act as on air 'posse' in his Lake Vista Care Home radio show.
 But can Barry and Asif hold it together in the cupboard next to the vending machine, and make the kind of radio magic which will propel Asif all the way to a photocopying placement with Chris Evans?
 Starring Adil Ray and Roy Hudd
 The first in a series of comedies developed with the Comedians Theatre Company.
 Asif Adil Ray
 Barry Roy Hudd
 Norman Peter Polycarpou
 James Peter Polycarpou
 Rupert Peter Polycarpou
 Leonard Steve Toussaint
 Anish Anil Desai
 Kevin Anil Desai
 Vlad Anil Desai
 Doris Priyanga Burford
 Emily Carolyn Pickles
 Marie Carolyn Pickles
 Written by Dave Florez
 Director: Jonquil Panting.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jz4z)
 Series 9
 The Gold Plate Robbery
 Neddie Seagoon goes overseas to pursue some stolen booty, but can Bloodnok be far behind?
 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
 Starring:
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan
 Peter Sellers
 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 February 1959.
TUE 08:30 Growing Pains (m001rpyg)
 5. Better Luck Next Time
 Will Pat and Tom be able to deal with the emotions of fostering their first baby?
 Steve Wetton's six-part series featuring the Hollingsworth family. Carpet salesman Tom and wife Pat have three children, Mark [15], Lisa [14] and Simon [12]. Pat, her older sister, Miriam - a lecturer - and their mother moved south from Yorkshire 25 years previously.
 With no plans to have more children of her own, and no means of income, Pat feels that fostering may be the way forward.
 Tom Hollingsworth Ray Brooks
 Pat Hollingsworth Sharon Duce
 Gran Jean Heywood
 Miriam Jacqueline Tong
 Caroline Thorneley Susan Sheridan
 Mark Richard Pearce
 Lisa Tika Viker-Bloss
 Simon Nicholas Delve
 Miss Crabbe Melinda Walker
 Nurse Eva Stuart
 Careers officer Simon Cuff
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.
TUE 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000bvwz)
 Ken Cheng, Helen Lewis, Luke Jennings
 Nigel Rees quizzes his celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes and quotes.
 With:
 Stand up comedian Ken Cheng
 Journalist and author Helen Lewis
 Author and dance critic Luke Jennings
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2019.
TUE 09:30 The Change (b0076cp6)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 George is trying to persuade Carol to let him move back in but

she's having none of it. All she wants is a new haircut - and a new life.

Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison star as troubled hormonal wife Carol whose husband George revealed he's a transvestite - and she's kicked him out.

Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.

Carol Lynda Bellingham
George Chris Ellison
Violet Sylvia Syms
Maureen Maureen Beattie
Dave Mark Powley
Ken James Vaughan
Jerry Barnaby Kay
Sonia Emma Kennedy
Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

TUE 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - A Handful of Dust (m000h6c7)
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TUE 19:00 Quote... Unquote (m000bvwz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 19:30 The Change (b0076cp6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0016jch)
Series 9
Far Flung Places
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

Manoush Zomorodi talks to journalist Saleem Reshamwala about the surprising people and places that have inspired him. Journalist Saleem Reshamwala gives us a tour of surprising people and places — Lima, Nairobi, and prehistoric New Jersey — to inspire new perspectives on travel and cultures.

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

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000pw61)
Tony Hadley
Singer and ex-Spandau Ballet frontman Tony Hadley chooses My Boy Lollipop by Millie Small and Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen.

TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b088fg44)
Series 6
Shirley Collins (B-side)
Shirley Collins answers audience questions about her classic 1971 album, 'Love, Death and the Lady'.
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.
B-side: Shirley Collins - 'Love, Death and the Lady'
Having discussed the making of "Love, Death and the Lady" (in the A-side of the programme) Shirley Collins responds to questions from the audience and performs acoustic live versions of songs from her new album, the first she has released in 38 years.
Producer: Paul Kobrak
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

TUE 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqdn)
The Red Planet
12. Mysterious Lights and More...
An alien ship disturbs the space crew - and is Captain Jet Morgan's childhood dream becoming a reality on Mars?
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.
CAST:
Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff
Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter
Mitch Bruce Beeby
Announcer/Various David Jacobs
Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.
Producer: Charles Chilton
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.

TUE 22:00 Best Medicine (m001rgyt)
Series 1
Cytosponge, Fresh Air, Showmanship, Alkaline Breathing
Best Medicine is your weekly dose of laughter, hope and incredible medicine. Award-winning comedian Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined by funny and fascinating comedians, doctors, scientists and historians to celebrate medicine's inspiring past, present and future.

Each week, Kiri challenges her guests to make a case for what they think is 'the best medicine', and each of them champions anything from world-changing science to an obscure invention, an every-day treatment, an uplifting worldview, an unsung hero or a futuristic cure.

Whether it's micro-robotic surgery, virtual reality syringes, Victorian clockwork surgical saws, more than a few ingenious cures for cancer, world-first lifesaving heart operations, epidurals, therapy, dancing, faith or laughter - it's always something worth celebrating.

Joining Kiri this week are Professor Rebecca Fitzgerald OBE who demonstrates the Cytosponge test which detects throat cancer with a revolutionary pill on a string, Dr Jack Hartnell brings tales of surgical showmanship from the middle ages, comedian Thanya Moore extols the virtues of alkaline breathing, and Dr Tolullah Oni explains how you treat an entire city like a patient.

Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Featuring: Professor Rebecca Fitzgerald OBE, Dr Jack Hartnell, Thanya Moore and Dr Tolullah Oni

Written by Laura Claxton, Edward Easton, Pravanya Pillay, Kiri Pritchard-McLean, Nicky Roberts and Ben Rowse

Producer: Ben Worsfield

Assistant Producer: Tashi Radha

Executive Producer: Simon Nicholls

Theme tune composed by Andrew Jones

A Large Time production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 Mr and Mrs Smith (b01bgp22)

Pilot Episode - The Anniversary

A weekend break to celebrate their anniversary ends in disaster for Will and Annabelle.

Will's terrible anniversary present is the last straw so Annabelle signs them up for marriage counselling.

Guy mediates between Will and Annabelle, with flashbacks to the events that spawned the argument. By the end, the couple find marital equilibrium once more. Sort of.

Pilot for the following series written by and starring Will Smith.

Will Smith Will Smith

Annabelle Smith Sarah Hadland

Guy, Darryl Paterson Joseph

John, TV repairman Geoffrey Whitehead

Receptionist, Sally Morwenna Banks

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2010.

TUE 23:00 The Pin (b08yqb9k)

Series 3

Stocks

In a bid to diversify, Alex and Ben are attempting to enter the world of high finance...

More of double-act, The Pin's trademark offbeat nonsense.

Written and performed by Ben Ashenden and Alex Owen.

With:

Liam Williams

Producer: Sam Bryant.

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

TUE 23:30 Elvenquest (b01r5lmp)

Series 4

The Bard

The Questers find themselves in possession of the magical

Dagger of Razzak-Dar, which kills anyone it touches, and

realise this might be a golden opportunity to use it on Lord

Darkness. The problem is, Lord Darkness' castle is

impenetrable.

Luckily, Lord Darkness is looking for a new bard to soothe his

nerves, so decides to hold a talent contest so throws open the

doors of his castle to welcome applicants.

If only one of the Questers had any musical or acting

experience.

Enter Penthisleia, stage left...

Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by James Cary.

Vidar Darren Boyd

Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon
Amis/The Vet/Grunter Dave Lamb
Sam Stephen Mangan
Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan
Penthisleia Ingrid Oliver
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2023

WED 00:00 Evelyn Waugh - A Handful of Dust (m000h6c7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

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WED 04:00 Quote... Unquote (m000bvwz)

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WED 04:30 The Change (b0076cp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Evelyn Waugh - A Handful of Dust (m000h6c7)

2. Consequences

Tony's life is shattered by Brenda's revelation of adultery.

Starring Tara Fitzgerald and Jonathan Cullen.

Conclusion of Evelyn Waugh's 1934 novel dramatised by Bill Mathews

Brenda Last Tara Fitzgerald

Tony Last Jonathan Cullen

Beaver Ronan Vibert

Jock James Simmons

Milly Dariel Pertwee

Mrs Beaver Sally Grace

Dr Messinger Robert Glenister

Rosa Vivienne Rochester

Mr Todd Jack Klaff

Teddy Last Daniel Philpott

Reggie David Timson

Ambrose ... Kim Wall

Babs Jane Whittenshaw

Polly Colleen Prendergast

Tony's Solicitor Denys Hawthorne

Senior Detective Geoffrey Whitehead

Winnie Jade Williams

Jenny Alice Arnold

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

WED 06:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyr)

2. The Voice

As the terror intensifies in the town, Steve Gardiner is drawn in

to the search for the Scottish seaside serial killer now dubbed

'The Kind Man'.

Teddy Johnson stars in Edward Boyd's serial thriller.

Steve Gardiner Teddy Johnson

Jimmy Morton Jimmy Logan

Romily Foster Douglas Murchie

Wilfred Morton Leonard Maguire

Detective Inspector Gordon Moultrie R. Kelsall

The Librarian Leslie Blackcater

Lindy Marshall Hannah Gordon

Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.

First broadcast in April 1954 on the BBC Regional Home

Service - Scotland

WED 06:30 The Dark Island (m000b0dx)

2. Risk

Officer Jim Nicholson risks his life investigating the spy

torpedo.

Could it be the sign of a plot that leads all the way to the Iron

Curtain?

Starring Edward De Souza.

Robert Barr's espionage serial set in the remote islands of the

Outer Hebrides.

Jim Nicholson ... Edward De Souza

Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick

Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch

Mary Somers ... Rosemary Miller

Colonel Jamieson / Hotel Manager ... Alaric Cotter

Alec Thompson ... John Graham

Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins

Producer: Peter Titheridge.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

WED 07:00 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (m0007qdf)

3. One More Chance

Nora Ephron's tabasco-spiked and bittersweet novel about a

marriage on the rocks. Nora Ephron was the Academy Award-

nominated screenwriter of When Harry Met Sally and Sleepless

in Seattle.

Seven months into her pregnancy, irrepressible food writer

Rachel Samstat discovers that her husband Mark - a man who

'would be capable of having sex with a Venetian blind' - is in love with another woman. In between trying to work out what went wrong, trying to win him back and loudly wishing him dead, Rachel offers us her favourite recipes.
In this episode, Mark tries to persuade Rachel to give him one more chance...

The breakdown of the late Ephron's own marriage to Carl Bernstein proved the perfect fuel for her only novel. Packed with snappy, hilarious, endlessly quotable one-liners – the stock-in-trade of her award-winning screenplays - *Heartburn* is a rollercoaster of love, betrayal, loss and - most satisfyingly - revenge. The novel was later made into a successful film starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson.
Nora Ephron was the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of *When Harry Met Sally* and *Sleepless in Seattle*. This is her only novel. She died in 2012.
Read by Julianna Jennings
Produced by Justine Willott
Abridged by Antonia Hodgson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.
WED 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gg8h6)
8, City Life, Urban Strife
The life of London's apprentices and Shakespeare's groundlings told through a rare woollen cap.
Object-based history series presented by Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum.
Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.
With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed.
He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.
Producer: Paul Kobrak
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.
WED 07:30 Relativity (m000ltrs)
Series 3
Episode 6
Holly and Jane are both back at home, as Pete and Jane try to work things out.
Ian and Chloe have made it up, Ken and Margaret are relieved to have their house back. So celebrations for Holly's 18th birthday look set to go swimmingly- until the vegan cake debacle.
Even a brief appearance by Richard Osman can't lighten the mood.
The third series of Richard Herring's comedy drama builds on the warm, lively characters and sharply observed family dynamics of previous series.
His affectionate observation of inter-generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone who has ever gone back to live at home, after the age of 40.
Richard Herring is a comedian, writer, blogger and podcaster and the world's premier semi-professional self-playing snooker player.
Margaret Alison Steadman
Ken Phil Davis
Jane Fenella Woolgar
Ian Richard Herring
Chloe Emily Berrington
Pete Gordon Kennedy
Holly Tia Bannon
Mark Fred Haig
Nick Harrison Knights
George Danny Kirrane
Richard Osman Richard Osman
Produced by Polly Thomas
Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner.
An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqy)
Series 5
Around the World in 80 Days
The Lad accepts a bet when challenged to copy Phileas Fogg's trip - but in far less time.
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 March 1958.
WED 08:30 King of Bath (b049f20z)
The Clockwork Man
Beau Nash turns detective to track down a highwayman, but all the clues point back at him.
Conclusion of the comedy drama series by Arnold Evans casting the 18th-century dandy Richard 'Beau' Nash in a series of adventures.
Beau Nash David Bamber
Daniel Brewster Simon Ludders
Ned Stephen Thorne
Annie Eiry Thomas
Sir Percy Andrew Wincott

Sophia Claire Cage
Composer: John Hardy.
Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.
WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b01gvlfp)
Series 26
2012 Heat 2
Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz
The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop
The first trio of 27 competitors are in the BBC Radio Theatre in London for the opening heat of the 26th series
James Leggott from Gateshead
Clive Summers from Bow in London
Charlie Wakely from Hitchin in Hertfordshire
Producer Paul Bajoria
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.
WED 09:30 The Right Time (b00c0btz)
Series 3
Episode 3
Vengeful parents, school day memories - and an unusual police stop and check...
The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.
Stars Eleanor Bron, Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Clive Swift, Roger Blake and Paula Wilcox.
Written by Tony Bagley, Julie Baloo, Colin Bostock Smith, Jan Etherington, Graeme Garden, Mike Haskins, Emma Kennedy, Bob Sinfield, David Spicer, Peter Usher, Chris Thompson and Pete Reynolds.
Script Editor: Jed Parsons.
Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Neil Innes.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
WED 10:00 Evelyn Waugh - A Handful of Dust (m000h6q1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 11:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 The Dark Island (m000b0dx)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 18:30 King of Bath (b049f20z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 19:00 Counterpoint (b01gvlfp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 19:30 The Right Time (b00c0btz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 20:00 Redcar: Made of Steel (b00t5zp5)
Felicity Finch - 'Ruth' in the Archers - returns home to witness the end of 170 years of steelmaking on Teesside.
As the last blast furnace on Teesside is mothballed, Felicity Finch - who plays Ruth in The Archers - returns to her home town of Redcar to mark the end of 170 years of steelmaking in the area. Iron and Steel from Teesside helped build the world - the name is stamped on structures from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Canary Wharf. At one time there were more than a hundred blast furnaces lining the River Tees from Stockton to Redcar.
Now, with the decommissioning of Redcar's Corus plant, it means the end of an industry which defined the region and defined its people. It also means a bleak future for jobs on Teesside.
It was the discovery of huge deposits of iron ore under the Cleveland Hills in the 1840's which prompted a mini-Klondyke and brought migrant workers from across the country and the continent to dig for "rusty gold". Communities sprang up virtually over-night and Middlesbrough became known as "Ironopolis", and was christened by Gladstone, "An Infant Hercules".
The deposits of iron ore ran out in the middle of the twentieth century - but by then, the steel making industry was well established. The last of the Cleveland iron miners were

recorded for posterity 20 years ago by a local film maker, Craig Hornby, who was curious to know more about his own history and heritage. The men - then in their 80's and 90's - told stories of life underground in an industry which had been overshadowed by coal mining. Hornby was determined that their story should be heard - and released a film - about their lives and the way they'd helped build Teesside, which played to packed houses across the region. Archive of the old iron miners from Hornby's film "A Century in Stone" is included in the programme.
Felicity Finch - who spent her childhood years in Redcar - revisits the region to see how much it's changed ; she climbs Eston Nab with Craig Hornby, visits the iron-rush settlement of California - named after the US gold rush city - and goes underground to see the old iron workings; she hears from workers at Corus who started - and finished - their careers at the Redcar blast furnace; and discovers how much identity is tied up with heavy industry in Teesside - a region often overshadowed by its more assertive neighbours, Yorkshire to the south, Durham and Newcastle to the north.
Producer: Lindsay Leonard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
**** Update: The steelworks were demolished in October 2022.
WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b07jysdq)
Series 9
Illuminations
A mysterious character offering to illuminate a course of action, an activist thrust into a glaring spotlight and the dull glow of car tail lights - presenter Josie Long looks for stories featuring illuminations in the darkness.
Featuring the actress and activist Sacheen Littlefeather walking onstage to collect Marlon Brando's oscar, a singing medium and Laura Barton on driving at night.
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4
First broadcast in 2016.
WED 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqgg)
The Red Planet
13. Dream or Reality?
In the Martian city from Captain Jet Morgan's childhood dream, Lemmy is under telepathic attack...
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.
CAST:
Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
Lemmy David Kossoff
Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter
Mitch Bruce Beeby
Announcer/Various David Jacobs
Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.
Producer: Charles Chilton
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.
WED 22:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m001rh6h)
Series 4
2. '... so I decided to date an AI...'
In this new series, Daliso is in a more philosophical mood. We find him working through his thoughts, feelings, and opinions by sharing his stories with a live audience in his hometown of Manchester.

Episode 2 - 'So I decided to date an AI'

Unlucky in love, Daliso tries dating an AI. In this second episode Daliso takes us on a journey through his relationship history whilst sharing his thoughts on how technology and Artificial Intelligence are changing our lives.

Writer... Daliso Chaponda
Additional Material... Meryl O'Rourke
Production Coordinator... Katie Baum
Sound Manger... Jerry Peal

Theme music by Lawi
Image by Steve Ullathorne

Producer... Carl Cooper

This is a BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

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Daliso Chaponda shot to fame on Britain's Got Talent, making it to the final of the 2017 series and establishing himself as a firm favourite with the judges and the British public. He became a Facebook and YouTube star amassing over 200 million views of his performances. He's also appeared on the Royal Variety Performance.

He has performed around the world and at the Edinburgh, Melbourne, Singapore, and Cape Town comedy festivals. He has also toured the UK and Africa to sell out audiences and rave reviews.

In addition to stand-up comedy, Daliso is also a prolific fiction writer. He has published science fiction, murder mysteries and fantasy fiction in numerous magazines, and anthologies. He is currently working on his new novel and a children's book.

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THU 12:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01ghc4h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 12:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b03m7pzs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jrp0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Second Thoughts (b007jx5j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 14:00 Jest a Minute (b0183rrm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr5m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnn1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

THU 16:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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THU 20:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0016xkn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

THU 21:00 Great Lives (p00glw5k)
Robin Day
News presenter Krishnan Guru-Murthy chooses the illustrious political interviewer, Robin Day.
During the height of his career, Day was regarded as Britain's finest political interviewer, the "great inquisitor".
Some salute him for breaking the mould of deferential interviewing but others think he bullied his subjects and stole the limelight himself with his mannered performances.
Presenter Matthew Parris and Krishnan Guru-Murthy are joined by the journalist, Max Hastings, to discuss the career of Robin Day.
Producer: Tim Dee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

THU 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqj1)
The Red Planet
14. Lost in Time
As the crew of Discovery explore Mars, Captain Jet Morgan and Doc must rescue Lemmy - but what about Mitch?
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.
CAST:
Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
Lemmy David Kossoff
Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter
Mitch Bruce Beeby
Announcer/Various David Jacobs
Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.
Producer: Charles Chilton
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1954.

THU 22:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (m0006s9b)
Series 3
Episode 2
The Rev. McMinn encounters the European political elite in his local Minimart, Frank Hovis fondly remembering his holidays we also find out far too much about Gwynned's previous boyfriends.
From the archive we have never before heard footage from Dunkirk rescuers and four- and three-quarter year-old Jack gives the eulogy at his Grandpa's funeral.
The cast of TV's hugely popular sketch show return for series three.
Revisiting some of their much-loved sketch characters, while also introducing some newcomers.
Starring:
Pete Baikie
Morwenna Banks
Moray Hunter
Gordon Kennedy
John Sparkes
In 2013, the group that made their name on Channel Four in the 1980s and 90s got back together for Radio 4's Sketchorama: Absolutely Special - which won the BBC Audio Drama Award for Best Live Scripted Comedy. The first series of The Absolutely Radio Show picked up a Celtic Media Award nomination for Best Radio Comedy.
Producers: Gordon Kennedy & Gus Beattie
An Absolutely/Gusman production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2019.

THU 22:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m0001f14)

Series 2
Political
American comedian Alex Edelman's second series in which he takes a comic look at what it's like being a millennial today.
Alex's "peer group" are on hand to assist - comedians Alfie Brown, Brandon Wardell, journalist Rebecca Nicholson and cultural commentator David Burstein
Written and presented by Alex Edelman, with additional material by Ivo Graham
Producer: Sam Michell
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2018.

THU 23:00 Friends Like These (m000hpjg)
Equal Ops
Whilst attempting a sponsored pedalo ride, work colleagues Bernice and Jen sink and are marooned on an island Duck Sanctuary.
Part of a collection of comic plays about friendship, each featuring a different comedy partnership.
Written by Cicely Giddings and Abigail Burdiss
Bernice.....Cicely Giddings
Jen.....Abigail Burdiss
Director: Claudine Toutoungi.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

THU 23:15 Life With Lederer (m00131jg)
Series 1
5. The Holiday
It's something longed for, but will Helen Lederer actually enjoy going on holiday?
Written by Helen Lederer, Roger Planer and Richard McBrien.
With:
Malcolm Raeburn
Nigel Carrington
Barbara Dryhurst
Sandra Maitland
Produced at BBC Manchester by Paul Z Jackson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1990.

THU 23:30 Ectoplasm (b007wwd6)
The Adventure of the Stupid Ignorant Americans
Lord Zimbabwe faces his greatest challenge yet - a voyage to the moon to rescue an American who has been subject to a cruel alien snatch.
This could only mean one thing...
Comedy series about the swashbuckling exploits of Lord Zimbabwe, occultist and adventurer.
Written by and starring Dan Freedman and Nick Romero.
Lord Zimbabwe Nick Romero
Dr Lilac Dan Freedman
Cletus Owen Oakeshott
Marylou Coyotecock Sophie Aldred
Vicar Colin Guthrie
Theremin Peter Donaldson
Other parts played by the cast.
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2023

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[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]

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FRI 01:30 The Dark Island (m000b0x9)
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FRI 02:00 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (m0007r16)
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FRI 02:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b03m7pzs)
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FRI 03:30 Second Thoughts (b007jx5j)
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FRI 04:00 Jest a Minute (b0183rrm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr5m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Oscar Wilde (b007jnnk)
The Picture of Dorian Gray
2. Retribution
Aristocrat Dorian Gray is living a life of selfish pleasure. But is retribution on the horizon?
Starring Jamie Glover.
Conclusion of Oscar Wilde's classic novel.
Dramatised by Nick McCarty.
Dorian Gray Jamie Glover
Lord Henry Wotton Ian McDiarmid
Basil Hallward Steven Pacey
Woman Tilly Gaunt
Jim Harry Myers
Duke Geoffrey Edward de Souza
Thornton Stephen Critchlow
Campbell Geoffrey Beavers
Lord Gavin Muir
Woman in Opium Den Elizabeth Bell
Lady Narborough Tessa Worsley

Francis Tom George
Duke John Brett Usher
Duchess Alice Arnold
Director: Gordon House.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in January 2000.

FRI 06:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyw)
4. The Latest Victim
Steve Gardiner witnesses the Kind Man's latest deadly attack and hears the dying words of the victim...
Teddy Johnson stars in Edward Boyd's serial thriller.
Steve Gardiner Teddy Johnson
Jimmy Morton Jimmy Logan
Delia Dewar Effie Morrison
Romily Foster Douglas Murchie
Wilfred Morton Leonard Maguire
Detective Inspector Gordon Moultrie R. Kelsall
Lindy Marshall Hannah Gordon
Diana Wheeler-Sproat Eileen McCallum
PC McKenzie John Young
Mr Dunnsniur Michael Elder
Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.
First broadcast in April 1954 on the BBC Regional Home Service - Scotland

FRI 06:30 The Dark Island (m000b0y9)
4. Suspects
Intelligence offers Jim Nicholson and Bill Grant battle to uncover who is in the spy ring that leads all the way to the Iron Curtain - and beyond...
Starring Edward De Souza.
Robert Barr's espionage serial set in the remote islands of the Outer Hebrides.
Jim NicholsonEdward De Souza
Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick
Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch
Mary Somers ...Rosemary Miller
Colonel Jamieson ... Alaric Colter
Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins
Producer: Peter Titheridge
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

FRI 07:00 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (m0007rtd)
5. Revenge
Nora Ephron's tabasco-spiked and bittersweet novel about a marriage on the rocks. Nora Ephron was the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter of When Harry Met Sally and Sleepless in Seattle.
Seven months into her pregnancy, irrepressible food writer Rachel Samstat discovers that her husband Mark - a man who 'would be capable of having sex with a Venetian blind' - is in love with another woman. In between trying to work out what went wrong, trying to win him back and loudly wishing him dead, Rachel offers us her favourite recipes.
In this episode, Rachel makes a grand gesture of her own...
The breakdown of the late Ephron's own marriage to Carl Bernstein proved the perfect fuel for her only novel. Packed with snappy, hilarious, endlessly quotable one-liners - the stock-in-trade of her award-winning screenplays - Heartburn is a rollercoaster of love, betrayal, loss and - most satisfyingly - revenge. The novel was later made into a successful film starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson.
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Concluded by Julianna Jennings.
Produced by Justine Willett
Abridged by Antonia Hodgson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

FRI 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01ghgk3)
10. Toil and Trouble
The differences between Scottish and English witches are revealed by a model ship, made to be hung in a church.
Object-based history series presented by Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum.
Taking artefacts from William Shakespeare's time, he explores how Elizabethan and Jacobean playgoers made sense of the unstable and rapidly changing world in which they lived.
With old certainties shifting around them, in a time of political and religious unrest and economic expansion, Neil asks what the plays would have meant to the public when they were first performed.
He uses carefully selected objects to explore the great issues of the day that preoccupied the public and helped shape the works, and he considers what they can reveal about the concerns and beliefs of Shakespearean England.
Producer: Paul Kobrak
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.

FRI 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b05w000p)
Series 10
My Companion
In his continuing quest for somewhere to live, Ed finds himself living in an empty phone shop, the occupation of which the council hopes will encourage the stakeholders to engage with their creativity.
Far from enticing people in to attend 'slam poetry events', Ed has other things on his mind when he and his ex-wife Janet decide to attend the funeral of an old friend - together. Their children are not happy at this prospect, and neither is Elgar when he's left at a cattery called 'Southpaws'.
Cast:
Ed Reardon..... Christopher Douglas

Cattery Woman..... Joanna Brookes
Olive..... Stephanie Cole
Eli..... Lisa Coleman
Pearl..... Brigit Forsyth
PingBarunka O'Shaughnessy
Janet..... Nicola Sanderson
JakeSam Pamphillon
Stan..... Geoffrey Whitehead
Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.
Produced by Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 08:00 Marriage Lines (b04xn1vr)

Series 1

A Nice Surprise

Can Kate and George cope with an unexpected arrival?

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 and 1965 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Richard Briers

Kate Prunella Scales

Miles Derek Waring

Arthur Frederick Treves

Denis Peter Hawkins

Kate's Mother..... Joan Sanderson

George's Parents Geoffrey Sumner & Diana King

Doctor Bennett Frederick Treves

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1965.

FRI 08:30 Kathmandu or Bust (b01pkmq0)

The Truck Stops Here

The travellers have reached.....um, well, actually they're lost in the middle of Uzbekistan and the truck has broken down, again.

The five travellers battle on with their expedition to Kathmandu

Series written by Mike Yeaman and David Naphthine.

Simon David Haig

Mechanic Peter Serafinowicz

Petra Michelle Chadwick

Callum Forbes Masson

Trigger Richard Ridings

Joan Sarah Crowden

Ellie Lolly Susi

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

FRI 09:00 The Food Quiz (b0728z3b)

Series 1

Episode 4

Jay Rayner puts well-known gastronomes through their culinary paces.

On the menu:

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

Heston Blumenthal

Jekka McVicar

Clarissa Dickson Wright

Producer: Rebecca Wells

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

FRI 09:30 Plum House (b044j94v)

Pilot

Every year thousands of tourists flock to the Lake District. But one place they never go to is Plum House - the former country house of minor 18th century poet George Pudding. Now a crumbling museum, it struggles to stay open under its eccentric curator, Peter Knight.

Eager young museum administrator Tom Collyer arrives determined to turn the place round, but finds the incompetent staff very resistant to the C-Word - change.

Peter Simon Callow

Julian Miles Jupp

Maureen Jane Horrocks

Tom Tom Bell

Alan Pearce Quigley

Emma Louise Ford

Des/Charles Rob Jarvis

Written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna

Directed by Paul Schlesinger

Produced by Sarah Cartwright

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast as a pilot for following series in May 2014.

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FRI 17:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01ghgk3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 17:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b05w000p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Marriage Lines (b04xn1vr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Kathmandu or Bust (b01pkmq0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:00 The Food Quiz (b0728z3b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Plum House (b044j94v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Pony Tales (b07wgkz8)

Writer Meg Rosoff explores the enduring appeal of ponies, and pony books, to girls and some post-menopausal women.

Pony books are generally considered a rather minor literary genre - pulp-fiction for a certain type of pre-adolescent girl. In spite of being one of the most seriously-rated of authors for young people, Meg Rosoff begs to differ.

She tells the story of her own lifelong passion for pony books and explores the reasons why girls - and some menopausal women - are drawn to them.

In a programme which gallops between the riding stables in Suffolk where Meg used to keep her own horse to a conference on pony books in Cambridge and back to her own book-lined study, Meg considers some of the tired old arguments about ponies as a sort of erotic transitional object for girls and some women. She also looks into them as a form of romantic preparation and an escape into a world of physical freedom.

But this is a programme which takes ponies and pony books far beyond the reading habits of small girls in jodhpurs. Meg's personal conclusion about the appeal of these books is surprising. She relates the idea of "thoroughness" in riding (a connectedness between horse and rider most often referred to in dressage but essential to all good riding) to her own experience as a writer - with the rider representing the conscious mind and the horse being the far more powerful unconscious. And she links rider, writer and reader in a thought-provoking arc that lifts the very best books in the pony genre to a whole new level.

Meg Rosoff is the winner of numerous awards, including the 2016 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, the biggest cash prize in the world for a writer of books for children and young people.

Presenter and Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 20:30 Soul Music (m000d850)

Series 29

Days

"It's a goodbye song, but it's also an inspirational song. It could also mean a new beginning" - Ray Davies

Written by Ray Davies and released by the Kinks in 1968 'Days' had a very different sound to the rest of their repertoire.

Sorrowful but uplifting it's been embraced by listeners across the world who have found solace and hope in it's lyrics.

Having been covered by numerous artists (most notably Kirsty MacColl), it speaks to people of all generations and captures moments in their lives.

For Sim Wood it's an anthem to great friendships and discovery whilst for actor Gabriel Vick it's a song that has journeyed with him from a place of fond memories to heartfelt remembrance.

John Slater, who was born the same year that it was released, has his own celebratory take on 'Days' and for Laura and John Mapes it's the song that gave them the words they so needed to express.

Produced By Nicola Humphries

With contributions from rock critic and writer Barry Miles

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First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.

FRI 21:00 Monsters of Music with Tom Allen (p0gb44sn)

Franz Liszt The First Rockstar with Jack Steadman

Franz Liszt was a monk, a sex symbol, and a dazzling virtuoso pianist who made fans faint in ecstasy. With his long luscious hair, generous wealth, and spectacular compositions, he became one of the world's first rock stars and the eccentric composer responsible for Lisztomania.

From making nuns forget their chastity vows to cutting his hair to give away to his most ardent fans, in this episode we'll hear stories from Liszt's life as Jack Steadman, the frontman of Bombay Bicycle Club, decides whether Franz was a musical monster or an angelic virtuoso.

Produced by Audio Always

Producer: Rufaro Faith Mazarura

Exec Producer: Jo Meek

Sound Design: Charles Edmondson

FRI 21:30 Craig Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqlg)

The Red Planet

15. Hypnosis

Cold-handed Maclean attacks Lemmy, but the plucky radio operator fights back...

Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

CAST:

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy David Kossoff

Doc Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch Bruce Beeby

Announcer/Various David Jacobs

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.

FRI 22:00 Desolation Jests (b085wj8b)

Episode 3

David Jason stars with Jan Ravens, Rory Bremner and John Bird in David Renwick's dark and original comedy.

Interviewer JP Doom asks cultural icons of our times what sketches would bring a smile to their faces with oblivion just around the corner.

Lucian Bile, aka Rot Caries, Britain's first and only punk dentist chooses his favourite moments from a not-altogether-accurate history of comedy, including most of an announcement from the Ministry of Unfinished Business, a clock shop with a Rabbi in the window, and a sinister case from the files of Offcom Squad.

With:

David Jason

John Bird

Jan Ravens

Rory Bremner

Producer: Gareth Edwards

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

FRI 22:30 4 Stands Up (b00k4g55)

Series 3

Episode 6

Chris Addison hosts the stand-up comedy series.

Featuring some of the top names on the circuit.

With:

Matt Kirshen

Tim Vine

Pippa Evans

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001rrpy)

Laura Smyth 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Rob Deering talks to Laura Smyth.

FRI 23:00 Nick Mohammed in Quarters (b00h8qk5)

Episode 3

Sheba the travel agent likes Cyprus best but is freaked out by Egypt and Africa while TV presenter Daniel is in the hot and humid jungle learning how to spell orangutan and make smoothies - the rest of what he gets up to is not legal.

Sketches written and performed by Nick Mohammed

With Anna Crilly and Colin Hault

Producer Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

FRI 23:15 Bunk Bed (m0003r4y)

Series 6

Episode 3

Everyone craves a place where their mind and body are not applied to a particular task. The nearest faraway place. Somewhere for drifting and lighting upon strange thoughts which don't have to be shoed into context, but which can be followed like balloons escaping onto the air.

Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander.

This is the nearest faraway place for Patrick Marber and Peter Curran.

Here they endeavour to get the heart of things in an entertainingly vague and indirect way. This is not the place for typical male banter.

From under the bed clothes, they wrestle life's challenges. Now they're discussing childhood sightings of wigs and the revival of the Sedan Chair to make Britain great again.

Plus archive of film legend Bette Davis destroying an interviewer.

Producer: Peter Curran

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

FRI 23:30 The Boosh (b007jmf4)

Stolen

Zookeepers Howard Moon and Vince Noir try to catch an animal thief at Bob Fossil's Zoo - with the help of a deer costume.

Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt, The Boosh is a surreal adventure based on the Perrier Award-winning comedy show, featuring Howard and Vince's battles with zoo manager Bob Fossil.

Vince is a regular 'Mowgli in flares' due to his affinity with animals and adoration for all things Seventies, whereas Howard likes to think he's more the brains of the duo, destined for better things.

Howard Moon Julian Barratt

Vince Noir Noel Fielding

Bob Fossil Rich Fulcher

Graham Lee Mack
Bloke Simon Evans
After BBC radio gave them their big break with this series, they transferred to BBC TV where The Mighty Boosh ran for three series.
Producer: Danny Wallace.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.