

## SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 2023

**SAT 00:00 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (m001rr9h)**

## 1. The Village

John Wyndham's sci-fi masterpiece, first published in 1957, is the tale of an English village where a mysterious alien force takes its toll on the woman.

Starring Bill Nighy and Sarah Parish.

Dramatised by Dan Rebellato.

Richard .... Bill Nighy

Janet .... Sarah Parish

Zellaby .... Clive Merrison

Alan .... Nicholas R Bailey

Ferrelleyn .... Katherine Tozer

Dr Willers .... Mark Chatterton

Mrs Willers .... Barbara Marten

Reverend Leebody .... Malcolm Raeburn

Miss Lamb .... Christine Brennan

Miss Ogle .... Rebecca Bridle

Director: Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

**SAT 01:00 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 Beever

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.

**SAT 02:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyw)**

## 4. The Latest Victim

Steve Gardiner witnesses the latest deadly attack by 'The Kind Man' - and hears the dying words of the victim...

Starring Teddy Johnson.

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 Dunnsmiur ..... Michael Elder

Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service Scotland in March 1954.

**SAT 02:30 The Dark Island (m000b0v9)**

## 4. Suspects

Intelligence officers 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 Nicholson ...Edward De Souza

Bill Grant ... Geoffrey Frederick

Ian McLeod ... Bryden Murdoch

Mary Somers...Rosemary Miller

Colonel Jamieson ... Alaric Cotter

Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins

Producer: Peter Titheridge

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.

**SAT 03:00 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (m0007rtd)**

## 5. Revenge

Nora Ephron's tabasco-spiked and bittersweet novel about a marriage on the rocks.

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.

Rachel makes a grand gesture of her own...

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 by Antonia Hodgson.

Concluded by Julianna Jennings.

Producer: Justine Willott

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

**SAT 03:15 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.

**SAT 03:30 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

Ping .....Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Janet..... Nicola Sanderson

Jake .....Sam Pamphillon

Stan..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.

Produced by Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in 2015.

**SAT 04:00 Marriage Lines (b04xn1vr)**

## Series 1

## A Nice Surprise

Can Kate and George cope with an unexpected arrival?

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

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.

**SAT 04:30 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 Napthine.

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.

**SAT 05:00 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.

**SAT 05:30 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.

Successful pilot episode for the following series.

Written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna.

Peter ..... Simon Callow

Julian ..... Miles Jupp

Maureen ..... Jane Horrocks

Tom ..... Tom Bell

Alan ..... Pearce Quigley

Emma ..... Louise Ford

Des/Charles ..... Rob Jarvis

Director: Paul Schlesinger

Producer: Sarah Cartwright

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2014.

**SAT 06:00 The Alderman (m001ry94)**

Influential Alderman Vernon Vaughan has been nominated parliamentary candidate for the smallest Welsh town of Belmont. His course seems set fair for Westminster - until the arrival of a rugby player with quite a tale to tell...

Listeners were originally advised that two days elapse between Act 1 and Act 2: three months between Act 2 and Act 3.

Starring Donald Houston and Mary Wimbush.

Written by Gwyn Thomas.

Alderman Vaughan .... Donald Houston

Violet Vaughan .... Mary Wimbush

Phil Gould .... Ray Smith

Ron Jarvis .... Aubrey Richards

The Major .... Eynon Evans

Sam Smedley .... Douglas Blackwell

Alwyn Molloy .... Bill Ingram

Tessie Taylor .... Emily Davies

The Doctor .... Norman Wynne

Simon Hamberley .... Leuan Rhys Williams

Eric Marsh .... John Dillon

Adapted and produced by Herbert Davies.

First broadcast on the BBC Welsh Home Service in January 1966.

**SAT 07:30 Adrian Mole: The Prostrate Years (Omnibus) (m0006fwp)**

## Episode 1

The sixth and final instalment of Adrian Mole's diaries by Sue Townsend, one of our most celebrated comic writers.

It starts in 2007 when Adrian has reached the age of 39. Having fallen into debt, Adrian and his wife Daisy are forced to move into a semi-detached converted pigsty next door to his parents.

Adrian worries that the passion has gone out of his relationship and that his five-year-old daughter Gracie is turning into a tyrant. On top of this, he is having to empty his bladder several times in the night - and getting a doctor's appointment is far from easy...

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes abridged by Sara Davies.

Read by Harry McEntire.

In an interview, Sue Townsend once said that The Prostrate Years was her favourite of the Adrian Mole books. Having suffered significant health problems herself, she wanted to write about serious illness while maintaining her inimitable sense of humour.

Producer: Alexa Moore

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

**SAT 08:45 Could Do Better (b007znr4)**

## Stephen Fry

Robert Booth summons the writer and comic actor Stephen Fry to his study for a quiet word about his school reports.

Series in which Robert Booth talks to famous comics about their school days.

Producer: Nigel Acheson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

**SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b013qzgj)**

## Safe and Unsound

The bungling bureaucrats spark fears of a top level security leak...

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 Murfin .... Norma Ronald

Sir Gregory Pitkin .... Ronald Badditley

'Creepy' Crawley/Commander Strange .... John Graham

Mrs Bunting .... Patricia Hayes

Newsreader .... John Cole

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 (m000kgv7)**

## Series 3

## Episode 18

In the depths of winter, the agency works on promoting struggling Siltford-on-Sea.

"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

Adrian Beales .... Nicholas Phipps

Mr Harper/Mr Blythe .... 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 (m00175j7)**

Alternative Comedy...and Beyond

2. The Mary Whitehouse Experience

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 second of three programmes, they travel back to the 1980s to celebrate alternative comedy.

Featuring:

THE MARY WHITEHOUSE EXPERIENCE - from 6th January 1990 - BBC Radio 1.

THE YOUNG ONES: University Challenge sketch - from 12th June 1984

Series Producers: Paul Kobrak and Dixi Stewart.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in April 2017.

**SAT 11:00 The Alderman (m001ry94)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 12:30 Adrian Mole: The Prostrate Years (Omnibus) (m0006fwp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 13:45 Could Do Better (b007znr4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 14:00 The Men from the Ministry (b013qzgj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 Something to Shout About (m000kgv7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m00175j7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 John Wyndham - The Midwich Cuckoos (m001rr9h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

**SAT 17:00 The Alderman (m001ry94)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 18:30 Adrian Mole: The Prostrate Years (Omnibus) (m0006fwp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 19:45 Could Do Better (b007znr4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 20:00 The Men from the Ministry (b013qzgj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 Something to Shout About (m000kgv7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m00175j7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b09jgk1b)**

Series 2

Baking

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 learning how to bake with Great British Bake Off star Selasi Gbormittah.

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 (b00fhtml)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Meet a greedy darts player and an irritating rower. Plus a visit to a video rental shop...

More from inside the strange and happy world of the Cowards. 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 (m0003zvv)**

Series 2

Justin Moorhouse, Gareth Waugh, Ninia Benjamin and Gary Little

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 four hand picked favourites.

\* Gareth Waugh makes a triumphant return to the show, only to discover that the games he played as a child were perhaps not quite the same as everyone else.

\* The explosive Ninia Benjamin has strong views on European politics.

\* Justin Moorhouse has even stronger views on the extravagance that his kids now expect on holiday.

\* To close the show, Fred's invited fellow Scot Gary Little

down to The Stand - and if anyone can do an entire set about a frying pan, it's Gary.

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 2019.

**SAT 23:30 The Shuttleworths (b007jm35)**

Series 2

Wireless Wanderings (Part 1)

Sheffield's aspiring singer/songwriter John Shuttleworth and his agent Ken roam the radio airwaves.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Featuring:

\* Alistair Cook's Letter From America

\* Timothy Bentinck and Norman Painting from 'The Archers'

\* Sue Lawley from 'Desert Island Discs'

With Charlotte Green.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1995.

**SAT 23:45 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrkw)**

A Switch in Time

Tackling time-wasting and greetings cards

Producer, writer and performer Armando Iannucci presents his own collection of humorous essays.

Compiled by Jenny Baynes.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

## SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023

**SUN 00:00 MR James (b007jxyb)**

A Mass of Cobwebs

Out for revenge on the recipients of his estate, a conniving old man causes havoc from beyond the grave.

Stars Peter Howell.

Based on MR James' short story, 'The Tractate Middoth'.

Dramatised by Brian Batchelor.

William Garrett .... Peter Howell

John Eldred .... Edgar Norfolk

Hodgson .... Charles Simon

George Earle .... Derek Martinus

Mrs Simpson .... Sheila Keith

Mary Simpson .... Armine Sandford

Dr Rant .... Norman Claridge

The Coroner .... John Saunders

The Maid .... Audrey Craig-Brown

The Railway Porter .... Norman Bird

Producer: Robin Midgley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1959.

**SUN 00:30 The Price of Fear (b01Intk4)**

Meeting in Athens

A young film director mysteriously disappears while holidaying in Greece.

But when his girlfriend enlists Vincent Price to help her find him, they only succeed in uncovering the latest commodity on the black market - death...

Fright master Vincent Price introduces a tale of horror.

Adapted from Maurice Travers story 'So Cold, So Pale, So Fair' by Charles Birkin.

Starring:

Kate Coleridge

Steve Plytas

Robin Browne

Michael Deacon

Charles Birkin

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in September 1973.

**SUN 01:00 Koji Suzuki - Ring (b06g63fk)**

'Listen. Watch. Until the end. You will be consumed by the lost.'

British journalist Mitchell Hooper lives in Tokyo with his wife Toni. When he begins investigating the mysterious deaths of four teenagers, he discovers a nightmarish secret. They all died after watching the same video tape.

When Mitchell watches the tape himself, he is cursed to die in seven days. And so as the countdown to death begins, he must solve the riddle of the curse.

Ring is Japanese horror at its best - a radio adaptation of the classic novel by Koji Suzuki, which inspired the infamous 1998 film.

Starring Matthew Gravelle (Broadchurch), Eve Myles

(Torchwood), Akira Koieyama (Rush) and Naoko Mori (Torchwood).

Written by Koji Suzuki.

Adapted by Anita Sullivan.

Mitchell ..... Matthew Gravelle

Ryugi ..... Akira Koieyama

Toni ..... Eve Myles

Narrator ..... Naoko Mori

Sadako ..... Naoko Mori

Doctor Nagao ..... Masashi Fujimoto

Tomoko ..... Yuriri Naka

Mai ..... Yuriri Naka

Yuna ..... Heather Emmanuel

To turn up the horror put on your headphones and listen to the immersive 'binaural' mix of the programme for a unique 3D listening experience.

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2015.

**SUN 01:00 The Alderman (m001ry94)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:30 Adrian Mole: The Prostrate Years (Omnibus) (m0006fwp)**

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**SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001rwx5)**

The Refuge Box

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses Between the Ears: The Refuge Box with poet Katrina Porteous.

Half way between Holy Island and the mainland of Northumbria a flight of steps leads to a wooden cabin on stilts - the Refuge Box.

It was built to save people cut off by the tide from being swept away and drowned.

This is the focus of a radio poem by Katrina Porteous; the physical embodiment of sanctuary, the power of this idea, and its fragility.

Her poetry, recorded all over Holy Island and in the Refuge Box itself, is interspersed by other voices: island fishermen who remember rescues and tragedies, the coastguard and lifeboat crew, the bird warden, the Franciscan vicar of Holy Island, and a refugee who fled her west African homeland to seek sanctuary in Britain.

Beyond the human voices is the poetry of the place itself, the seals singing, the wheeze of swans flying over Holy Island, sudden jet fighters protecting this sanctuary yet violating its peace and, always, the wind and the sea.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**SUN 06:30 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (Omnibus) (m0007y05)**

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Omnibus of five parts abridged by Antonia Hodgson.

Read by Julianna Jennings

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

**SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001rwx7)**

Rose Matafeo

New Zealand actor and comedian Rose Matafeo picks

'Ramblin' Rose' by Nat King Cole and 'Where Am I Going?' by Barbra Streisand.

**SUN 07:50 Shakespeare's Restless World (Omnibus) (m001rwx9)**

Episode 2

Object-based history series presented by Neil MacGregor, former Director of the British Museum.

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Omnibus of eps 6-10 of 20 episodes.

Neil MacGregor shows what Henry V's armoury tells us about the depiction of history on the Elizabeth stage and the differences between Scottish and English witches are revealed by a model ship, made to be hung in a church.

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.

**SUN 09:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b01cj229)**  
2. Pineapple

"I woke at six the next morning and set to work to wake up Harris with a scull. The third prod did it: and he turned over to the other side, and said he would be down in a minute."

A tin of pineapple takes on a starring role, as George, Harris and J's holiday on the River Thames continues - with Montmorency the dog.

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 (b007j10)**

Series 1

Charles

The misadventures of a corner-shop barber, Tony. Money starts to go missing from the corner-shop barber's till, so who is the thief?

Starring Victor Spinetti as Tony.

Tony .... Victor Spinetti

Hector .... John Laurie

Maisie .... Deborah Watling

Charles .... Royce Mills

Mr White .... David Ryall

Sid .... Gerald Wells

Customers.....Deirdre Costello

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

**SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001rwx)**

Black American Icons

Wendell Pierce

Actor Wendell Pierce shares his castaway choices with Lauren Laverne.

Wendell is an American actor best known for his role as Bunk Moreland in the TV series *The Wire*. Since the series ended in 2008, he has made around 40 film and television appearances, including *Treme*, *Selma* and the legal drama *Suits*, in which he played Robert Zane, the father of Rachel Zane, played by Meghan Markle. His theatre credits range from *The Cherry Orchard* to *Death of a Salesman*.

Born in 1963, the youngest of three sons, Wendell grew up in the Pontchartrain Park area of New Orleans, which was the first middle-class African-American suburban-style development in the city. He graduated from the prestigious Julliard School in New York and his career got off to a flying start with a small part opposite Tom Hanks in a film called *The Money Pit*. He hasn't been out of work since.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed Wendell's childhood home in New Orleans and he was instrumental in rebuilding his parents' house in Pontchartrain Park.

He also built 40 new homes and staged a production of *Waiting for Godot* on an empty street corner in one of the most devastated districts of the city.

DISC ONE: Jim Henson - Bein' Green (Featuring Kermit The Frog)

DISC TWO: Wynton Marsalis - Green Chimneys

DISC THREE: Funkadelic - One Nation Under a Groove (Part 1)

DISC FOUR: Mahalia Jackson - Take My Hand, Precious Lord

DISC FIVE: Joni Mitchell - Both Sides Now

DISC SIX: Solomon Burke - Don't Give Up on Me

DISC SEVEN: Aaron Copland - Appalachian Spring (Doppio Movimento), performed by New York Philharmonic

DISC EIGHT: John Coltrane - A Love Supreme Part 1:

Acknowledgement

BOOK CHOICE: *The Omni-americans: Black Experience And American Culture* by Albert Murray.

LUXURY ITEM: A multi-burner barbecue grill

CASTAWAY'S CHOICE: *Take My Hand, Precious Lord* by Mahalia Jackson

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2019.

**SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)**

Series 2

Cuckoo

The Cuckoo is one of the iconic brood parasites of the world - the bird that cons another species into taking its egg as its own and rears the chick to fledging.

In the single frame of the Cuckoo you have a long distance migrant, travelling from Africa to breeding grounds in the temperate north, and back again.

The Cuckoo does not raise its own chick and across a range of Cuckoo individuals, they parasitise several species of bird - all much smaller than they are.

Sir David Attenborough explores the world of the Cuckoo and not only marvels at their natural history but tells the story of

how a wildlife cameraman resolved a scientific mystery - and how the Cuckoo itself harbours yet more secrets to science and natural history.

Producer: Julian Hector.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

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**SUN 15:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001rwx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 15:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 16:00 MR James (b007jxyb)**

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**SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m001rwx5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 17:30 Heartburn by Nora Ephron (Omnibus) (m0007y05)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**SUN 18:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001rwx7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]

**SUN 18:50 Shakespeare's Restless World (Omnibus) (m001rwx9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 today]

**SUN 20:00 Jerome K Jerome - Three Men in a Boat (b01cj229)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 20:30 Tony's (b007j10)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001rwx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 22:00 Start/Stop (b07pjkr)**

Series 3

5. BnB

Barney decides to become an Uber driver to boost his income - and to 'bump into' Alice more often - and Cathy decides to rent their spare bedroom out on Air BnB.

Meanwhile Evan and Fiona are arguing, and David writes a raunchy bestseller based - to her horror - around Alice.

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

Producer: Claire Jones

A BBC Studio Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.

**SUN 22:30 Tim Key's Late Night Poetry Programme (b09v3f78)**

Series 4

Cars

Comic poet Tim Key is broadcasting from a car, as he drives his friend and musician, Tom Basden, to meet his wife for a romantic getaway.

But when they pick up a mysterious hitchhiker, the plans begin to unravel.

Written and presented by Tim Key.

With musical support from Tom Basden.

Producer: James Robinson

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

**SUN 23:00 Small Scenes (b040y2l)**

Series 2

Episode 1

A man uncovers a great Australian conspiracy and a financial advisor starts up a sideline as an assassin's assistant.

Small Scenes is back with more excerpts from odd lives.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Sara Pascoe

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

**SUN 23:30 The Skivers (b00hr7g8)**

Series 3

Michael Winner

Calm down, dear! Special guest Michael Winner joins Nick and Tim.

Skilful sketch show written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.

With:

Peter Bradshaw

Sally Phillips

Special guests: Michael Winner and Patrick Allen.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

## MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2023

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)**

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**MON 05:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jp8z)**

1. A Cursed Diamond

A large diamond given to Rachel Verinder on her 18th birthday vanishes.

Often described as the first and best English detective novel. "The Moonstone" takes its title from the name given to a mysterious diamond, stolen from the Hindus and turning up at the Verinder house on the wild Yorkshire coast in 1848.

In its new life, the moonstone is a present for Rachel on her 18th birthday, but is it destined to remain hers? Some trouble seems to accompany the Moonstone wherever it goes. When Mr Franklin brought it to Rachel in Yorkshire he was followed by three Brahmin priests dedicated to getting the diamond back - by any means.

Novel written by Wilkie Collins and first published in 1868.

Dramatised in six parts by Brian Gear

Gabriel Betteredge ..... John Sharp

Franklin Blake ..... John Telfer

Rachel Verinder ..... Sally Baxter

Godfrey Ablewhite ..... Geoffrey Beever

Lady Verinder ..... Petra Davies

Rosanna Spearman ..... Tammy Ustinov

Penelope ..... Josie Kidd

Mr Murthwaite ..... Gordon Dulieu

Mr Candy ..... Danny Schiller

The Indian ..... Geoffrey Serle

The Boy ..... Crispian Balmer

Felicity Ablewhite ..... Lisa Penny

Georgia Ablewhite ..... Deborah Jane Sharpe

Music composed and conducted by Sidney Sager.

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

**MON 06:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyy)**

5. The Angry Mob

After Delia Dewar implicates him, an angry mob turns on Jimmy Morton.

Meanwhile Steve Gardiner discovers his friend's war actions.

Starring Teddy Johnson.

Edward Boyd's serial thriller.

Steve Gardiner .... Teddy Johnson

PC McKenzie .... John Young

PC Robertson .... Kalman Glass

Lindy Marshall .... Hannah Gordon

Jimmy Morton .... Jimmy Logan

Wilfred Morton .... Leonard Maguire

Detective Inspector Gordon .... Moultrie R. Kelsall

Louisa Matthews .... Nancy Mitchell

Romily Foster .... Douglas Murchie

Bill Williams .... Glenn Michael

Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service Scotland in March 1954.

**MON 06:30 The Dark Island (m000b15z)**

5. Escalation

Intelligence offers Jim Nicholson and Bill Grant battle to uncover who's behind the Cold War spy ring....

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  
Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins  
Producer: Peter Titheridge.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.  
**MON 07:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036nb75)**  
1. The Three Notebooks  
Some of the extraordinary events that occurred during his travels are revealed by Sir James Monmouth, at a gentleman's club...  
Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story.  
Abridged in five parts by Oliver Reynolds.  
Read by Gareth Armstrong  
With John Moffatt as the Narrator.  
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.  
**MON 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvkwh)**  
11. Treason and Plots  
A tabloid history of Shakespeare's England, told through a collection of contemporary accounts of plots to murder Elizabeth I and James I.  
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.  
**MON 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r4yvc)**  
Series 1  
Minimum Volume  
Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, the village where she grew up, to borrow some money from her parents. But when she tried to head back 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 them, so Katrina's had to start the resistance movement herself.  
Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village.  
Starring Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt.  
In this episode, Uljabaan is working on an education programme for after the invasion, creating a list of books suitable for children to read. His chosen advisor is Mrs Leeson from the charity shop.  
Katrina is confident she could do a better job, and hopes she could use it for subversive purposes - so she volunteers. But can she sneak anything past Uljabaan? And can she convince Lucy she's not really being a traitor?  
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 (b00t4d75)**  
Series 2  
The Piano  
Harold and Albert strike the wrong chord with a grand piano in a top-floor flat.  
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  
Man .... Brian Oulton  
Policeman .... Alan Simpson  
Adapted for radio from Galton and Simpson's TV script by Gale Pedrick.  
Producer: Bobby Jaye  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1967.  
**MON 08:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007js4t)**  
Series 1  
Episode 1  
An Everyday Story of Towering Genius.  
Sue Limb's four-part soap opera set in and around the Lake District at the turn of the 18th century  
Dorothy is worried about William. Stinking Iris concocts herbal remedies.  
The Leechpedlar delivers a letter and Samuel Tailor Cholericke arrives....  
Dorothy Wordsmith ..... Denise Coffey  
William Wordsmith ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Samuel Tailor Cholericke ..... Simon Callow  
Stinking Iris ..... Miriam Margolyes

The Leechpedlar ..... Chris Emmett  
Music by Stephen Oliver and sung by Cantabile  
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.  
**MON 09:00 The Write Stuff (b04k7kbn)**  
Series 17  
John Osborne  
James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness.  
Team captains John Walsh and Sebastian Faulks are joined by Mark Billingham and Lynne Truss.  
This episode focuses on John Osborne, the creator of 1956's Look Back in Anger.  
Reader: Beth Chalmers  
Producer: Alexandra Smith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.  
**MON 09:30 Snap (b00tz0w0)**  
Series 2  
Episode 5  
Doug is dating Kaz's PE teacher but just when the relationship gets a bit more intimate he begins to feel uncomfortable.  
Grannie Annie and Ernie are hunky dory so that just leaves Kaz on her own. If Kaz is cool with that why isn't anyone else happy?  
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 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jp8z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**MON 11:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 11:30 The Dark Island (m000b15z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 12:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036nb75)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 12:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvkwh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]  
**MON 12:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r4yvc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t4d75)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 13:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007js4t)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 14:00 The Write Stuff (b04k7kbn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 14:30 Snap (b00tz0w0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**MON 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jp8z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**MON 16:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 16:30 The Dark Island (m000b15z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 17:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036nb75)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 17:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvkwh)**  
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**MON 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r4yvc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b00t4d75)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 18:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007js4t)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 19:00 The Write Stuff (b04k7kbn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 19:30 Snap (b00tz0w0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**MON 20:00 Radiolab (m00186b0)**  
Series 9  
Dusty Docs  
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 explores British imperial rule in Kenya, and the power documents to prove grave historical wrongs  
Jad Abumrad and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.  
From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2015 and 2021.  
**MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0004fw6)**  
Shakin' Stevens  
Singer Shakin' Stevens chooses 'Brother Can You Spare A Dime' by Ronnie Lane's Slim Chance and 'We'll Meet Again' by Johnny Cash.  
**MON 21:00 Mastertapes (b08bfz4g)**  
Series 6

Sir Tom Jones (A-side)  
Sir Tom Jones talks about 'Praise & Blame', his 2010 album that saw a return to his musical roots.  
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, Tom talks to John Wilson about 'Praise and Blame' - the first of a trilogy of albums that would take him back to his musical roots.  
Described as a musical "shape shifter" who could "slide from soulful rasp to pop croon, with a voice as husky as it was pretty" (The New York Times), Tom Jones' career has spanned six decades, selling over 100 million records.  
In 2010, he released an album of largely unknown gospel covers, including Sister Rosetta Tharpe's Strange Things, Pop Staples' Don't Knock and John Lee Hooker's Burning Hell. The album's stripped-down, live production (by Ethan Johns) led one critic to declare "at last Jones the artist is the match of Jones the entertainer" (The Guardian)  
A rare opportunity to hear Sir Tom together with Ethan Johns talk and play their way back to an album that "with its loose, spontaneous sound and... all-pervasive sense of artistic rebirth... is a revelation" (Daily Telegraph)  
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 (b007jqp2)**  
The Red Planet  
16. Strange Farm  
With Mitch still missing, Captain Jet Morgan, Doc and Lemmy set off to find him, with hopes of finding the engineer rapidly diminishing...  
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.  
Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds  
Lemmy .... David Kossoff  
Doc .... Guy Kingsley Poynter  
Mitch .... Bruce Beeby  
Wife .... Madi Hedd  
Announcer/Various .... David Jacobs  
Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.  
Producer: Charles Chilton  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1954.  
**MON 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m001rqr6)**  
Series 2  
Episode 8 - Andover  
Who's the most famous man to have been educated in Andover? What was the QE2 supposed to be called? And who is the only actor to appear in all of the top-three highest-grossing movie of all time? This week, Paul Sinha is in Andover 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: David Thomas  
Producer: Ed Morrish  
A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4  
**MON 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01mdg8l)**  
Series 2  
Anidara  
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 experiences in Anidara where he finds himself put out to stud.  
Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.  
A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.  
Brian Gulliver ..... Neil Pearson  
Rachel Gulliver ..... Mariah Gale  
Computer ..... Duncan Wisby  
Gem ..... Gerard McDermot  
Markl ..... Harry Livingstone  
Dorka ..... Vicki Pepperdine  
Liberator ..... Duncan Wisby  
Master ..... Patrick Brennan  
Producer: Steven Canny  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.  
**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001rqzm)**  
Series 112  
Episode 8  
Andy Zaltzman quizzes the week's news. Providing the answers, hopefully, are Ian Smith, Ria Lina, Hugo Rifkind, and Robin Morgan  
In this final episode of the series Andy and the panel discuss some problematic protests, the looming general election, and BRITIS IN SPACE!  
Written by Andy Zaltzman  
With additional material by  
Cody Dahler  
Mike Shephard  
and Adam Greene  
Producer: Sam Holmes  
Executive Producer: Richard Morris  
Production Co-ordinator: Dan Marchini

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox  
A BBC Studios Production  
**MON 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b007k0yk)**  
Episode 3  
Dan Freedman and Nick Romero push the pun count beyond the pain threshold.  
Including:  
'Another Gritty Police drama'  
A song from 'Very Frank Sinatra'.  
Music is performed by the Gents.  
Producers: Julian Mayers & Jayne Gibson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

**TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2023**

**TUE 00:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jp8z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b51vyy)**  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:00 The Write Stuff (b04k7kbn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:30 Snap (b00tzw0w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 05:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jp9d)**  
2. The Police Take Action  
Rachel is presented with a precious moonstone when she turns 18, but by the end of her birthday, it has gone missing.  
Superintendent Seegrave suspects that an insider is responsible...  
Novel written by Wilkie Collins and first published in 1868.  
Dramatised by Brian Gear.  
Gabriel Betteredge ..... John Sharp  
Godfrey Ablewhite ..... Geoffrey Beavers  
Franklin Blake ..... John Telfer  
Rachel Verrinder ..... Sally Baxter  
Penelope Betteredge ..... Josie Kidd  
Lady Verinder ..... Petra Davies  
Superintendent Seegrave ..... Rex Holdsworth  
Nancy ..... Jo Scott Matthews  
Rosanna Spearman ..... Tammy Ustinov  
Duffy ..... Debby Cumming  
Yolland ..... Tom Eastwood  
Sergeant Cuff ..... John Franklyn-Robbins  
Samuel ..... Matthew Adams  
Music composed and conducted by Sidney Sager.  
Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.  
**TUE 06:00 The Candle of Darkness (b0b5t0pp)**  
6. Who Is 'The Kind Man'?  
With locals terrorised by a homicidal maniac in the small Scottish town - can Steve Gardiner finally unravel the identity of 'The Kind Man'?  
Meanwhile Steve discovers his friend's war actions.  
Starring Teddy Johnson.  
Conclusion of Edward Boyd's six-part serial thriller.  
Steve Gardiner .... Teddy Johnson  
Wilfred Morton .... Leonard Maguire  
Romily Foster .... Douglas Murchie  
Lindy Marshall .... Hannah Gordon  
Detective Inspector Gordon .... Moultrie R. Kelsall  
Jimmy Morton .... Jimmy Logan  
The Porter .... Eric Wightman  
Produced in Glasgow by Eddie Fraser.  
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service Scotland in March 1954.  
**TUE 06:30 The Dark Island (m000b8bx)**  
6. Capture  
Will intelligence officers Jim Nicholson and Bill Grant be able to finally uncover the identity of the deadly double-agent?  
Starring Edward De Souza.  
Conclusion of 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  
Major Williams ... Peter Hawkins  
Producer: Peter Titheridge.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1969.  
**TUE 07:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036nm98)**  
2. The Ragged Boy  
Sir James Monmouth is obsessed by Conrad Vane.

As he continues his research into the explorer, mysterious events unfold as the mirror mists up...  
Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story.  
Abridged by Oliver Reynolds.  
Read by Gareth Armstrong  
With John Moffatt as the Narrator.  
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.  
**TUE 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvn29)**  
12. Sex and the City  
A delicate glass goblet reveals the twin seductions of Venice: it sought after luxuries and its equally sought after lecherous women.  
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 May 2012.  
**TUE 07:30 Making the Best of It (b03vh0ch)**  
Eking It  
After losing his job in Urban Planning, Matt's been eking out the last of his money.  
Luckily for him, his ex-partner has a stable job and is still fond of him. Possibly.  
Starring Alan Francis, Jo Caulfield and Ewan Bailey.  
Series of comedies developed with the Comedians Theatre Company.  
Written by Alan Francis and Richard Turner.  
Matt ..... Alan Francis  
Lisa ..... Jo Caulfield  
Doug ..... Ewan Bailey  
Henson ..... Ewan Bailey  
Dad ..... Ewan Bailey  
Policewoman ..... Carolyn Pickles  
Mum ..... Carolyn Pickles  
Graham ..... Richard Turner  
Hayley ..... Carys Eleri  
Clive ..... David Seddon  
Gregory ..... David Seddon  
Director: Jonquil Panting  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.  
**TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jr24)**  
Tales of Men's Shirts  
It is 1942, and Neddie Seagoon must stop the Germans' secret weapon.  
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.  
Starring:  
Spike Milligan  
Peter Sellers  
Harry Secombe.  
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.  
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.  
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.  
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade  
Producer: John Brownell  
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1959.  
**TUE 08:30 Growing Pains (m001rxdt)**  
6. Room For One More  
A new fostering challenge for Pat and Tom.  
Not a baby, but a 13 year old boy called Jason.  
Starring Ray Brooks and Sharon Duce.  
Steve Wetton's series featuring the Hollingsworth family, who feel fostering may be their way forward.  
Tom Hollingsworth .... Ray Brooks  
Pat Hollingsworth .... Sharon Duce  
Gran .... Jean Heywood  
Miriam .... Jacqueline Tong  
Caroline Thornley .... Susan Sheridan  
Mark .... Richard Pearce  
Lisa .... Tika Viker-Bloss  
Simon .... Nicholas Delve  
Jason .... Christian Robinson  
Producer: Lissa Evans  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.  
**TUE 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000c4w7)**  
Sir Tim Rice, Robin Stevens, Shazia Mirza  
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:  
Lyricist and author Sir Tim Rice  
Novelist Robin Stevens  
Stand-up comedian and writer Shazia Mirza  
Producer: Victoria Lloyd  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.

**TUE 09:30 The Change (b0076cs6)**  
Series 2  
Episode 2  
Carol can't enjoy spending time alone away from George, as her family seem to need her more than ever.  
Comedy about troubled, hormonal Carol whose husband George has revealed that he's a transvestite.  
Starring Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison.  
Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.  
Carol .... Lynda Bellingham  
George .... Chris Ellison  
Violet .... Sylvia Syms  
Maureen .... Maureen Beattie  
Ken .... James Vaugnan  
Sonia .... Emma Kennedy  
Jerry .... Barnaby Kay  
Dave .... Mark Powley  
Man .... Andrew Westfield  
Producer: Elizabeth Freestone.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.  
**TUE 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jp9d)**  
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**TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0016pb4)**  
Series 9  
The Beauty Ideal  
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.  
Manouche Zomorodi and journalist Elise Hu explore the idea of beauty – and how it can be shaped by global norms and vested interests.  
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.  
**TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b05vjj7t)**  
Lulu  
Singer Lulu chooses 'Night Time Is the Right Time' by Ray Charles and 'Uptown Funk' by Mark Ronson & Bruno Mars.  
**TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (b08bzm3)**  
Series 6  
Sir Tom Jones (B-side)  
Following on from the A-side of this two-part programme, the audience ask Sir Tom Jones questions about 'Praise & Blame', his 2010 album that saw a return to his musical roots.  
Series in which leading performers and songwriters talk about the album that made them or changed them.  
With John Wilson at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios in London.  
Sir Tom Jones also performs acoustic live versions of some tracks from the album that led one critic to declare "at last Jones the artist is the match of Jones the entertainer" (The Guardian)  
Producer: Paul Kobrak  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.  
**TUE 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqrd)**  
The Red Planet  
17. Escape!  
With Mitch conditioned at a 'sheep station', Captain Jet Morgan and his crew must work out how to plan their escape.  
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.  
Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds

Lemmy .... David Kossoff  
 Doc .... Guy Kingsley Poynter  
 Mitch .... Bruce Beeby  
 Various .... John Cazabon  
 Announcer/Various .... David Jacobs  
 Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.  
 Producer: Charles Chilton  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1954.  
**TUE 22:00 Best Medicine (m001lqr2)**  
 Series 1  
 3. Breast Medicine  
 Joining Kiri are friend of the show historian Dr Lindsey Fitzharris who shares her own breast cancer recovery story with a detour via Victorian breast cancer surgery, comedian Jordan Gray champions boob jobs, Sarah Kerruish unveils the life-saving power of AI with MIA, an algorithm that can read 80,000 mammograms in a weekend, and Dr Samantha Terry puts forward a case for injectable radioactive therapies that can destroy cancer cells you can't even see.  
 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.  
 This week, it's a themed show - all the medicines featured have something in common. For one week only it's...Breast Medicine.  
 Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean  
 Featuring: Dr Lindsey Fitzharris, Jordan Gray, Sarah Kerruish and Dr Samantha Terry  
 Written by Charlie George, Kiri Pritchard-McLean 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 (b019rpw8)**  
 Series 1  
 The Dinner Party  
 A year into married life and already things are a little creaky. So, following Will's unimaginative anniversary present (a draining rack), Annabelle's signed them up for a course of marriage counselling.  
 Following a successful pilot, series one begins written by and starring Will Smith.  
 Sitcom about a couple in marriage counselling.  
 Counsellor Guy mediates a recent dispute between Will and Annabelle, with flashbacks to the events that spawned the argument. Sort of.  
 Will Smith .... Will Smith  
 Annabelle Smith .... Sarah Hadland  
 Guy .... Paterson Joseph  
 Katrina .... Tracy Wiles  
 Doug .... Simon Bubb  
 Heather .... Morwenna Banks  
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.  
**TUE 23:00 The Pin (b08zdfq)**  
 Series 3  
 Christmas  
 Alex and Ben are putting out a Christmas special - in the height of summer, to avoid competition...  
 More of double-act, The Pin's trademark offbeat nonsense.  
 Written and performed by Ben Ashenden and Alex Owen.  
 With:  
 Mark Benton  
 Margaret Cabourn-Smith  
 Liam Williams  
 Producer: Sam Bryant.  
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2017.  
**TUE 23:30 Elvenquest (b01r9erh)**  
 Series 4  
 The Great Escape  
 The Questers discover the Sword of Asnagar but no sooner has Amis had time to wield it than they fall into one of Lord Darkness' evil traps and are marched off to the most escape-proof prison camp in all of Lower Earth.  
 Meanwhile, with the Sword of Asnagar finally in his hands, Lord Darkness will soon be declared supreme Ruler and commander of the Forces of Evil. But first, he has to organise a festival...  
 Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto  
 Sam ..... Stephen Mangan  
 Vidar ..... Darren Boyd  
 Dean/Kreech ..... Kevin Eldon

Amis/The Vet/Grunter ..... Dave Lamb  
 Lord Darkness ..... Alistair McGowan  
 Penthiselea ..... Ingrid Oliver  
 Penthiselea's Mother ..... Louise Delamere  
 Bunny ..... Mike Wozniak  
 Producer: Sam Michell.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

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**WED 05:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jp9t)**  
 3. Sunrise Suspect  
 The Moonstone has been stolen, and all suspicion points to Rachel.  
 The great Sergeant Cuff of the London Detective Police prepares to make his report to her mother, Lady Verinder.  
 Novel written by Wilkie Collins and first published in 1868.  
 Dramatised by Brian Gear.  
 Sergeant Cuff ..... John Franklyn-Robbins  
 Gabriel Betteredge ..... John Sharp  
 Franklin Blake ..... John Telfer  
 Rachel Verrinder ..... Sally Baxter  
 Godfrey Ablewhite ..... Geoffrey Beavers  
 Mr Bruff ..... Nat Brenner  
 Miss Clack ..... June Barrie  
 Lucy Yolland ..... Liza Flanagan  
 Rosanna Spearman ..... Tammy Ustinov  
 Samuel ..... Matthew Adams  
 Director: Brian Miller  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.  
**WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b069ww2b)**  
 Miss Marple's Final Cases  
 1. Tape-Measure Murder  
 Gossip spreads through St Mary Mead of a murdered wife and a husband under suspicion.  
 Then Miss Marple is called as an alibi...  
 June Whitfield returns as Miss Marple.  
 Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1941.  
 The first of three dramatisations of the best short stories by Joy Wilkinson.  
 Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield  
 Bunch ..... Rosie Cavaliero  
 Inspector Slack ..... Stephen Critchlow  
 Miss Hartnell ..... Jessica Turner  
 Miss Politt ..... Alison Pettit  
 Mr Spenlow ..... Sam Dale  
 Ted Gerard ..... Chris Pavlo  
 Director: Gemma Jenkins  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.  
**WED 06:30 Bill Murphy - Hallows End (b007kzce)**  
 Wealthy Dubliner Dermot McPhail misguidedly buys a Gothic mansion on the wild coast of west Cork.  
 But things start going dramatically wrong when the unscrupulous property developer and his pampered wife Clodagh move in during the renovation.  
 Is someone sabotaging Dermot's dream, or is the ancient curse of Hallows End at work?  
 Bill Murphy's whodunnit.  
 Dermot .... Gerry O'Brien  
 Clodagh .... Ann Marie Horan  
 Patrick .... Darragh Kelly  
 Aoife .... Helen Norton  
 Martin/Barman .... Simon Delaney  
 Produced at BBC Northern Ireland by Lawrence Jackson.  
 Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007  
**WED 07:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036pqz8)**  
 3. Close to Home  
 As he obsesses over explorer Conrad Vane, a startling connection comes to light for Sir James Monmouth...  
 Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story.  
 Abridged by Oliver Reynolds.  
 Read by Gareth Armstrong  
 With John Moffatt as the Narrator.  
 Producer: Jocelyn Boxall  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.  
**WED 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvrxk)**

13. From London to Marrakech  
 Sunken gold from West Africa sheds light on the complex relationship Elizabethan England had with the Moors of the Mediterranean.  
 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 May 2012.  
**WED 07:30 Shush! (b06b36w6)**  
 Series 1  
 Top Shelf  
 Alice and Snoo have to resort to some rather unconventional means to get people into the library.  
 A very low shelf, a book about zombies, a hosepipe ban and some hummingbirds bring the public flocking in.  
 Meet Alice, a former child prodigy who won a place at Oxford aged 9 but, because Daddy went too, she never needed to have any friends. She's scared of everything - everything that is, except libraries and Snoo, a slightly confused individual, with a have-a-go attitude to life, marriage, haircuts and reality. Snoo loves books, and fully intends to read one one day.  
 And forever popping into the library is Dr Cadogan, celebrity doctor to the stars and a man with his finger in every pie.  
 Charming, indiscreet and quite possibly wanted by Interpol, if you want a discrete nip and tuck and then photos of it accidentally left on the photocopier, Dr Cadogan is your man.  
 Their happy life is interrupted by the arrival of Simon Nielson, a man with a mission to close down inefficient libraries.  
 Fortunately, he hates his mission. What he really wants to do is once, just once, get even with his inexhaustible supply of high-achieving brothers.  
 Written by Morwenna Banks, Rebecca Front and Arthur Mathews  
 Alice ..... Rebecca Front  
 Snoo ..... Morwenna Banks  
 Simon Nielson ..... Ben Willbond  
 Dr Cadogan ..... Michael Fenton Stevens  
 Dean ..... Simon Greenall  
 Deaf Action Man ..... Gus Brown  
 Wifi Customer ..... Philip Pope  
 Vikram Seth Customer ..... Georgie Fuller  
 Based on an idea developed with Armando Iannucci.  
 Producer: David Tyler  
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2015.  
**WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jnrq)**  
 Series 5  
 The Americans Hit Town  
 Some visiting servicemen get Griselda Pugh all excited - and Sid all keen to rent out the Lad's rooms.  
 Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.  
 Starring Tony Hancock.  
 With:  
 Sidney James  
 Bill Kerr  
 Kenneth Williams  
 Hattie Jacques  
 Theme and incidental music composed and conducted by Wally Stott.  
 Producer: Tom Ronald  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1958.  
**WED 08:30 Ballylenon (b007fns3)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 1  
 Trouble brews when the McConkey sisters join forces with hotel owner, Phonsie Doherty to campaign for the demolition of the Georgian courthouse to make way for a car park.  
 Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1953, before the days of mass tourism in Ireland - and proper plumbing in every home.  
 Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.  
 Phonsie Doherty ..... TP McKenna  
 Muriel Maconchy ..... Margaret D'Arcy  
 Vera Maconchy ..... Stella McCusker  
 Vivienne Boal ..... Aine McCartney  
 Guard Gallagher ..... John Hewitt  
 Stumpy Bonner ..... Gerard McSorley  
 Rev Samuel Hawthorne ..... Gerard Murphy  
 RL Watson ..... Roma Tomely  
 O'Brollochchain ..... Kevin Flood  
 Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes  
 Director: Eoin O'Callaghan  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.  
**WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b01h6465)**  
 Series 26  
 2012 Heat 3  
 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 third trio of 27 competitors are in Salford for the third heat of the series.

Margaret Clewett from Birmingham  
Trevor Davys from Nottingham

Donald Stokes from Berwickshire

Producer Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

**WED 09:30 The Right Time (b00c34ks)**

Series 3

Episode 4

A country house weekend, friends reunited and a dinner party surprise...

The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.

Starring:

Graeme Garden

Eleanor Bron

Neil Innes

Clive Swift

Roger Blake

Paula Wilcox

Written by Colin Bostock Smith, John Dowie, Graeme Garden, Jan Etherington, Mike Haskins, Ged Parsons, David Spicer and Peter Usher.

Script Editor: Ged Parsons.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Neil Innes.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

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**WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m000h7cr)**

The Hubble Legacy

Astronaut and artist Nicole Stott celebrates the scientific and cultural legacy of the Hubble Space Telescope.

It's a mission that's influenced art, music and science-fiction. Launched on 24 April 1990 and built to last 15 years, the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope was a disaster. Most serious among a catalogue of flaws was a fault with the primary mirror.

Fortunately, the telescope had always been designed to be serviced in space and, after one of the most challenging and complex space walks in history, scientists downloaded the first new Hubble images.

The results were astounding.

Every week, Hubble delivers 140 gigabytes of science data back to Earth, transforming our view and knowledge of the universe.

But what NASA didn't foresee when it launched the telescope was its cultural legacy. Images from Hubble have appeared on album covers, video games, in movies and on clothing and jewellery.

In sci-fi films and TV shows released before Hubble, space was black with scattered stars. Now, movies are alive with swirling colours.

Pictures from the space telescope can be found on t-shirts, leggings and on desktop screensavers in almost every office across the world. U2, Pearl Jam and the Royal Philharmonic have used Hubble images to inspire their music.

Featuring composer Eric Whitacre and one of the astronauts

who launched Hubble, Kathy Sullivan.

Plus archive interviews with astronauts and a wealth of newly remastered NASA archive.

Hubble has changed how we think of ourselves and our place in the universe. The telescope has given humanity a sense of the vastness of the cosmos but, nevertheless, connected us to it like never before.

Producer: Richard Hollingham

A Boffin Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.

**WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b07kpy42)**

Series 9

Rivals

Josie Long presents stories about rivalry.

Fights for territory, standing your ground and petty feuds

From a bitter battle conducted in a laundrette to an ongoing argument between academics on either side of the world.

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.

**WED 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqv2)**

The Red Planet

18. Invasion Plans

With Lemmy and Doc at the mercy of the Martians, can

Captain Jet Morgan come to their rescue?

Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds

Lemmy .... David Kossoff

Doc .... Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch .... Bruce Beeby

Various .... John Cazaban

Announcer/Variou... David Jacobs

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

**WED 22:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m001rq77)**

Series 4

3. "...comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable..."

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 3 - 'comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable' After experiencing the threat of arrest for a joke he once made about Malawi, and as he sometimes gets in trouble for talking about certain topics, this week Daliso is contemplating attitudes towards censorship and freedom of speech, and he's trying to work out where he stands. He gives examples of the kind of things that have caused controversies in the past and asks the audience what they think.

Writer... Daliso Chaponda

Additional Material... Meryl O'Rourke

Production Co-Ordinator... 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 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 standup 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.

This is his fourth series of his Rose D'Or nominated Radio 4 series.

**WED 22:30 Agendum (m0009bp4)**

Series 2

Good Luck Everybody

A current affairs parody and stupidly feasible visit to the

24-hour Hall Of Opinion Mirrors, helmed by helmster

Alexandra Palisades, in this parody created by Jason Hazeley

and Joel Morris. Because there are two stories to every story.

In this show, we save some succulents, stir the financial soup

and discover whether Britain will be better off under a cheese

and tomato sandwich.

With Carrie Quinlan as Alexandra Palisades and, at the very

least, the voices of:

Justin Edwards

Melanie Hudson

Simon Kane

Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

Jess Robinson

Kerry Shale

Luke Sumner

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 23:00 The Harpoon (b007m747)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Yes, Madam! The Empire's favourite weekly is back on the shelves!

Nostalgia galore in the first of four lovingly hand-tooled issues

of this acclaimed comedy series awaits your collection - this

one a bumper summer edition.

Written by Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Performed by:

Susie Brann

Alistair McGowan

Mary Elliot-Nelson

Julian Dutton

Peter Baynham

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.

**WED 23:30 The Skewer (m001rq84)**

Series 10

Episode 3

Fresh from winning Gold for Best Comedy at the British

Podcast Awards (and Highly Commended as Podcast of the

Year), Jon Holmes's comedy current affairs concept album

returns for its 10th series to remix the news into satirical shapes.

This week - 'Umble Starmer, Planet Earth III presents All Out

War, and The Fall of The House of Sunak.'

The Skewer: Three Twisted Years, a brand new TV version of

The Skewer looking back over the last three years is now

available on BBC iPlayer.

Creator / Producer: Jon Holmes.

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

**WED 23:45 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b00g4t1)**

Series 2

Insecurity

You should talk about your problems - after all, a problem

shared is a problem halved.

Unless you've got a trust phobia, in which case it opens a whole

other can of worms.

Written by and starring Adam Bloom.

With Stefano Paolini.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

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4. A Marriage Proposal

Still under suspicion by public opinion for having stolen her

own jewel, the Moonstone, Rachel turns for consolation to the

arms of Godfrey Ablewhite, and has just accepted a proposal of

marriage from him.

Victorian drama by Wilkie Collins.

Cast:

Gabriel Betteredge.....John Sharp

Sergeant Cuff.....John Franklyn-Robbins

Godfrey Ablewhite.....Geoffrey Beevers

Franklin Blake.....John Telfer

Rachel Verrinder.....Sally Baxter

Rosanna Spearman.....Tammy Ustinov

Mr Bruff.....Nat Brenner

Lady Verinder.....Petra Davies

Miss Clack.....June Barrie

Samuel.....Matthew Adams

Aunt Ablewhite.....Margot Boyd

Ablewhite.....Godfrey Kenton

Indian.....Geoffrey Serle

Luker.....Adrian Egan

Murthwaite.....Gordon Dulieu

Lucy.....Liza Flanagan

Duffy.....Debby Cumming

Written by Wilkie Collins

Dramatised by Brian Gear

Music composed by Sidney Sager

Directed by Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.

**THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b06bp2vp)**

Miss Marple's Final Cases

2. The Case of the Perfect Maid

Miss Marple uncovers a mystery when she looks into the curious sacking of a lady's maid.  
Her investigative skills are also required when her nephew, crime writer Raymond West, arrives on the doorstep with a severe case of writer's block...

June Whitfield stars as Miss Marple  
Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1942.  
Short story dramatised by Joy Wilkinson.  
Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield  
Raymond West ..... Raymond Coulthard  
Lavinia Skinner ..... Claudie Blakley  
Emily Skinner ..... Tracy Wiles  
Inspector Slack ..... Stephen Critchlow  
Miss Hartnell ..... Jessica Turner  
Edna ..... Alex Tregear  
Director: Gemma Jenkins  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.  
**THU 06:30 What Do You Think? by Francis Durbridge (m0013b2n)**  
Felix Layton is a successful crime novelist, but he's inclined to confuse fact with fiction.  
Now wonder this sparks confusion for the police.  
Starring Rolf Lefebvre.  
A one-off crime mystery by Paul Temple creator, Francis Durbridge.  
Felix Layton .... Rolf Lefebvre  
Charles Melford .... Frank Partington  
Victor Wade .... Lewis Stringer  
Carol Layton .... Sheila Grant  
Mildred Wade .... Peggy Butt  
PC Smith .... Jonathan Scott  
Sergeant .... William Eedle  
Constable .... Lee Fox  
Producer: Martyn C Webster  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1962.  
**THU 07:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036pw9z)**  
4. The Familiar Surroundings  
Another eerie visitation leads Sir James Monmouth north to a grim appointment...  
Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story.  
Abridged by Oliver Reynolds.  
Read by Gareth Armstrong  
With John Moffatt as the Narrator.  
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.  
**THU 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvtwh)**  
14. Disguise and Deception  
Deception and religion, cross-dressing and travelling salesmen are all unpacked via a pedlar's trunk.  
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 May 2012.  
**THU 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b03mhvqf)**  
Series 1  
Tell Them About the Dream, Martin  
Young Stephen looks for a hero that he can tell his class about.  
Stephen K Amos's sitcom about his teenage years, growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s South London.  
Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.  
Stephen K Amos ..... Stephen K Amos  
Young Stephen ..... Shaquille Ali-Yebuah  
Stephanie Amos ..... Fatou Sohna  
Virginia Amos ..... Ellen Thomas  
Vincent Amos ..... Don Gilet  
Miss Collins ..... Gemma Whelan  
Jayson ..... Frankie Wilson  
Random Bloke ..... Harry Jardine  
Producer: Colin Anderson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.  
**THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jmrn)**  
Series 2  
If the Cap Fits  
When Captain Mainwaring decides to promote fractious Private Frazer, there are some unexpected results...  
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.  
Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad.  
Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe  
Sgt Wilson .... John Le Mesurier  
Cpl Jones .... Clive Dunn  
Pt Pike .... Ian Lavender  
Pt Frazer .... John Laurie  
Pt Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley  
Warden Hodges .... Bill Pertwee

Col Square .... Geoffrey Lumsden  
The Verger .... Edward Sinclair  
Gen Menzies/Sgt McKenzie .... Fraser Kerr  
Announcer/Newsreader .... John Snagge  
Producer: John Dyas  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1975.  
**THU 08:30 Second Thoughts (b007jx69)**  
Series 2  
Youth and Consequences  
Bill's new young image leaves Faith feeling old on her birthday.  
Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill MacGregor and Faith Greyshott trying to forge a relationship whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife, Liza and her teenage children, Hannah and Joe.  
Series two of four inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.  
A TV version made by LWT for ITV appeared in 1991 and ran for four series, with a spin-off 'Faith in the Future'.  
Bill .... James Bolam  
Faith .... Lynda Bellingham  
Hilary .... Celia Imrie  
Liza .... Belinda Lang  
Hannah .... Kelda Holmes  
Joe .... Mark Denham  
Rachel .... Rebecca Front  
Gideon .... Ian Targett  
Producer: Sioned William  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.  
**THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000k2td)**  
Series 24  
Episode 1  
David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies.  
They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.  
The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as guitars, tinder and Richard Gere.  
With:-  
Holly Walsh  
Miles Jupp  
Sara Pascoe  
Frankie Boyle  
Producer: Jon Naismith  
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020.  
**THU 09:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)**  
Series 1  
Dib Dib Dib  
Lovelorn Jason must face life without Debbie. Can Michael and the Sweater Girls' first gig take his mind off being single?  
The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family - in series 1 of Jim Poyser and Damian Lanigan's comedy drama.  
Jason .... Dominic Monaghan  
Michael .... Jason Done  
Dave .... Stefan Escree  
Eddie .... John McArdle  
Collete .... Emma Clarke  
Maureen .... Beverley Callard  
Debbie .... Jo-Anne Knowles  
Mr Bickerstaff .... Dan Maier  
Music: Big George  
Producer: Neil Mossey  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.  
**THU 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jpb6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
**THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b06bp2vp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 11:30 What Do You Think? by Francis Durbridge (m0013b2n)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 12:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036pw9z)**  
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**THU 12:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gvtwh)**  
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**THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jmrn)**  
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**THU 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000k2td)**  
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**THU 14:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**THU 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jpb6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]  
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**THU 19:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**THU 20:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m00175j7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]  
**THU 21:00 Great Lives (m001rxf8)**  
Burt Lancaster  
Broadcaster Gerry Anderson chooses a circus performer who became a Hollywood legend, Burt Lancaster.  
Burt Lancaster started as a circus performer and became the biggest Hollywood star of his time. He could be as sinister as Cagney, as sensitive as Brando and as swashbuckling as Flynn - but the only role he ever played was himself.  
Broadcaster Gerry Anderson - also famous for being himself - discusses the star's complex talent and complicated life with biographer Kate Buford and presenter Humphrey Carpenter.  
Presenter: Humphrey Carpenter  
Producer: Peter Everett  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.  
**THU 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqxb)**  
The Red Planet  
19. The Fifth Column  
As Lemmy and Doc master a Martian sphere - Captain Jet Morgan gets a mysterious offer of help...  
Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.  
CAST:  
Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds  
Lemmy .... David Kossoff  
Doc .... Guy Kingsley Poynter  
Mitch .... Bruce Beeby  
Various .... John Cazabon  
Announcer/Variou... David Jacobs  
Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.  
Producer: Charles Chilton  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.  
**THU 22:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (m000700w)**  
Series 3  
Episode 3  
Calum Gilhooley visits his optician and makes a good point for possibly the first time ever. The Rev McMinn saves his Minimart from chemical attack, and we meet Social Media Blogger and Influencer Susie Twip. From the archive, we hear the "See it. Say it. Sort it." campaign in action.  
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  
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 (m0001hx0)**  
Series 2  
Personal  
American comedian Alex Edelman's second series in which he takes a comic look at what it's like being a millennial today.  
How does Alex feel personally about growing up? - living as a rootless millennial with no home and no family. At 29, is he an adult yet? When will he become an adult? Or indeed feel like one? Is he part of a generation that's increasingly stunted emotionally? And is the internet responsible? He also looks at modern relationships, both in terms of what one expects from one's parents as well as modern attitudes to picking your partner.  
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 State of the Nations (b085xcfk)**  
Wales  
Elis James hosts four stand-up shows from the four nations of the United Kingdom.  
He's exploring what it means to be variously Welsh, English, Scottish and Northern Irish today.  
Elis kicks off at the Lyric theatre in his home town of Carmarthen to share thoughts on Wales and Welshness.  
With:  
Tudur Owen  
Mike Bubbins  
Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Producer: Richard Morris  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.  
**THU 23:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01rh3wq)**  
2001  
From the World Cup to the future NHS.  
Recorded in 1994, the futuristic show recalls the turbulent upheaval of 2001 - that was yet to happen.:  
Starring:  
Brian Perkins  
Kate Robbin  
Jeremy Hardy  
Series revealing everything you wanted to know back then, about the future 21st century.  
Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.  
Producer: Caroline Leddy  
First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

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**FRI 00:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jpb6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (b06bp2vp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:30 What Do You Think? by Francis Durbridge (m0013b2n)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036pw9z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gthvw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b03mhvqf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007jmrn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:30 Second Thoughts (b007jx69)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000k2td)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b007jr8f)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jpb6)**  
5. An Appalling Discovery  
Franklin Blake makes an appalling discovery at Shivering Sands - and questions who has been responsible for the theft of the Moonstone.  
Victorian drama by Wilkie Collins.  
Cast:  
Gabriel Betteredge.....John Sharp  
Sergeant Cuff.....John Franklyn-Robbins  
Godfrey Ablewhite.....Geoffrey Beavers  
Franklin Blake.....John Telfer  
Rachel Verrinder.....Sally Baxter  
Rosanna Spearman.....Tammy Ustinov  
Mr Bruff.....Nat Brenner  
Penelope.....Josie Kido  
Rosanna Spearman.....Tammy Ustinov  
Jennings.....Philip Sully  
Mr Bruff.....Nat Brenner  
Candy.....Danny Schiller  
Written by Wilkie Collins  
Dramatised by Brian Gear  
Music composed by Sidney Sager  
Directed by Brian Miller  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.  
**FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b06d8h0y)**  
Miss Marple's Final Cases  
3. Sanctuary  
Miss Marple and her god-daughter, Bunch, arrive at the local church to discover a dying man.  
His last words provide the clues to unlock an unsolved crime.  
June Whitfield stars as Miss Marple  
Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1954.  
Short story dramatised by Joy Wilkinson.  
Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield  
Bunch ..... Rosie Cavaliero  
Inspector Slack ..... Stephen Critchlow  
Edna ..... Alex Tregear  
Mrs Eccles ..... Sally Orrock  
Edwin Moss ..... Michael Shelford  
Director: Gemma Jenkins  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.  
**FRI 06:30 Agatha Christie (b00jzckf)**  
Magnolia Blossom  
The 20th century Queen of Crime can still seem astonishingly adult in the 21st century, and when a woman's adultery is exposed it can pale beside the crimes and arrogance of men.  
Starring Emilia Fox and Julian Rhind-Tutt.  
Mike Walker's revamp of Agatha Christie's whodunit.  
Theo ..... Emilia Fox  
Vincent ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
Richard ..... Alex Jennings  
TV News Reader ..... Ewan Bailey  
Director: Ned Chaillet  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2002.  
**FRI 07:00 The Mist in the Mirror by Susan Hill (b036q7t8)**

5. Waves of Evil  
Sir James Monmouth's eerie obsession reaches a terrifying conclusion, but is that the end of the story?  
Conclusion of Susan Hill's atmospheric and chilling ghost story.  
Abridged by Oliver Reynolds.  
Read by Gareth Armstrong  
With John Moffatt as the Narrator.  
Producer: Jocelyn Boxall  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.  
**FRI 07:15 Shakespeare's Restless World (b01gwwxr)**  
15. The Flag That Failed  
The problems in uniting Scotland and England and in creating a Great Britain are encapsulated in a set of designs for a common flag.  
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 May 2012.  
**FRI 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b05wyhmv)**  
Series 10  
Joan of the Junction  
Ed tramps along the canal trying to find someone to take him, and Elgar, in.  
When he fortunes upon the somewhat colourful Joan he hits the jackpot in more ways than one as not only does he gain a rather comfortable cabin bed, but the pair chat about Joan's rather picaresque life over a can of cider.  
Ed discovers she has lived her life in the manner for a perfect Sunday night TV drama. Cue a call to his agent, Ping.  
Ed Reardon ..... Christopher Douglas  
Suzan ..... Raquel Cassidy  
Olive ..... Stephanie Cole  
Joan ..... Pam Ferris  
Pearl ..... Brigit Forsyth  
Bill ..... Geoff McGivern  
Ping ..... Barunka O'Shaughnessy  
Stan ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.  
Produced by Dawn Ellis.  
First broadcast on Radio 4 in June 2015.  
**FRI 08:00 Albert and Me (b007jv04)**  
Series 1  
Pilot Episode  
Single dad Bryan Archer struggles to work as well as bringing up his baby son, Albert.  
Stars Richard Beckinsale and Pat Coombs.  
The struggles of single parent Bryan Archer to find work while raising his baby son, Albert.  
Written by Jim Eldridge.  
Bryan Archer .... Richard Beckinsale  
Mum/Albert .... Pat Coombs  
Dad .... John Comer  
Vernon Wordsworth .... Frank Thornton  
Anna Jameson .... Sharon Duce  
Alice .... Anne Cunningham  
Patrick .... Douglas Blackwell  
Incidental music by Max Harris.  
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1977.  
**FRI 08:30 Kathmandu or Bust (b07rhlzg)**  
A Sticky Wicket  
Nepal is almost in sight and the travellers are in a mellow mood - until their truck is stolen by bandits.  
Series written by Mike Yeaman and David Naphtine.  
Simon .... David Haig  
Petra .... Michelle Chadwick  
Callum .... Forbes Masson  
Trigger .... Richard Ridings  
Joan .... Sarah Crowden  
Ellie .... Lolly Susi  
Bandit .... Lyndam Gregory  
Bandit .... Shiv Grewal  
Producer: Lissa Evans  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.  
**FRI 09:00 The Food Quiz (b0076mlq)**  
Series 2  
Episode 1  
Journalist and food critic Jay Rayner gives his four contestants a good grilling on their knowledge of food and drink.  
On the menu:  
\* Devour the secret of Stephen Fry's home-made mayonnaise  
\* The song that keeps Joceline Dimbleby happy while cooking  
\* The store cupboard staple of food writer Elisabeth Luard  
\* The best way to catch an eel, according to Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall  
Producer: Dixi Stewart  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.  
**FRI 09:30 Plum House (b07fg2q7)**

Series 1  
Why Why WI?  
Comedy about the inept staff at an historic house. Starring Simon Callow and Jane Horrocks.  
Every year, thousands of tourists flock to the Lake District. But one place they never go to is Plum House - the former country home of terrible poet George Pudding (1779-1848). Now a crumbling museum, losing money hand over fist, it struggles to stay open under its eccentric curator Peter Knight (Simon Callow).  
Can anyone save Plum House from irreversible decline?  
Tom Collyer, sent from the Trust to do just that, seems to be the most likely candidate but the challenge is huge as he confronts the reality of winning round Peter Knight's handpicked team - the hopelessly out of touch deputy Julian (Miles Jupp), the corner-cutting gift shop manager Maureen (Jane Horrocks) intent on making profit from extremely cheap plum-themed merchandise, and maintenance man Alan (Pearce Quigley) who has heard the words "health" and "safety" but never in the same sentence.  
In this opening episode, the museum's preparations for the annual WI visit include hiding away valuable artefacts as, according to Peter, some members are prone to stealing them.  
And Julian gives a disastrous lecture on the life and work of George Pudding.  
Written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna  
Peter ..... Simon Callow  
Maureen ..... Jane Horrocks  
Julian ..... Miles Jupp  
Tom ..... Tom Bell  
Alan ..... Pearce Quigley  
Emma ..... Louise Ford  
Mary ..... Kate Anthony  
Jean ..... Sandra Maitland  
Directed and Produced by Paul Schlesinger  
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2016.  
**FRI 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Moonstone (b007jpb6)**  
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**FRI 19:30 Plum House (b07fg2q7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**FRI 20:00 Beware the Star! (m001rxk2)**  
Alan Dein explores the impact of John Wyndham's *Midwich Cuckoos*, and its 1960 film version, *Village of the Damned*. The Cuckoos are coming. The cuckoos are coming!  
Blonde-haired, shiny-eyed and ready to stare mankind into oblivion.  
John Wyndham's *Midwich Cuckoos* and its 1960 film version, *Village of the Damned*, have spooked generations with their quietly terrifying tale of alien invasion in middle England. Reuniting the cast and crew from the *Village of the Damned* is just the beginning for Alan Dein as he goes in search of *Midwich* on film and in print.  
What inspired John Wyndham to pen this tale of extra-terrestrial rape, mass infanticide and suicide bombing?  
How can we know so little about the man who puts Triffids in the backyard and Cuckoos in our homes?  
Producer: Mark Burman  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.  
**FRI 20:30 Soul Music (m000qlwg)**  
Once In A Lifetime  
Stories from people about how 'Once In A Lifetime', Talking Heads' existential hit from 1980, touched their lives.

Talking Heads emerged out of the post punk scene of the late 1970s. 'Once In A Lifetime' is the iconic single taken from their album Remain In Light. With its looped synthesizer and Afrobeat inspired by Fela Kuti it seemed to pre-empt the consumerism and ennui of the 1980s.

Writer Ian Gittins interviewed David Byrne and later wrote his book Once In A Lifetime. He says David Byrne had in mind people of a certain middle class existence who seemingly breeze through life with ease when he wrote the lyrics. They may get to middle age or reach a crisis point and ask "How did I get here?" For a song that invites us to question our lives it has a surprisingly emotional core that encourages people to be grateful and make positive changes in their lives where necessary.

For Glaswegian Gerry Murphy that meant becoming more present for his family after serious illness forced him to reconsider the amount of time he devoted to his career. He went on to write a book about his experience - And You May Find Yourself: A Guided Practice To Never Fearing Death Again.

Ian Peddie was inspired by the song to leave his dead end existence in Wolverhampton in the mid 1980s to 'find himself in another part of the world' following his dreams.

Kelly Waterhouse says the song symbolises gratitude for all the things she takes for granted and sometimes struggles with in her life as a busy working mother.

And singer Angelique Kidjo recorded her own version of Once In A Lifetime in 2018 after coming full circle with the song from her arrival in Paris in 1983 after fleeing the dictatorship in her home country of Benin. She heard the song at a student party and recognised the Afrobeats adopted by David Byrne and Brian Eno that made her feel both joyful and homesick at the same time.

Producer: Maggie Ayre  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

**FRI 21:00 Monsters of Music with Tom Allen (p0gb53lv)**

The Divine Maria Callas with Arielle Free  
Maria Callas lived a life dramatic enough to have been an operatic storyline in its own right. From ending up in a love triangle with Jackie Kennedy to being served with legal papers in the middle of a performance, Maria's life was filled with scandal, betrayal and heartbreak.

But was the singer who started her life quite literally singing for her supper the Diva her contemporaries made her out to be? Did the tragedies she faced throughout her life eclipse her musical legacy? In this episode radio presenter and DJ Arielle Free traces the extraordinary highs and lows of Maria's life to find out if she was a villain, a victim, or somewhere in between. Listen only on BBC Sounds.

Produced by Audio Always  
Producer: Rufaro Faith Mazarura  
Exec Producer: Jo Meek

Sound Design: Craig Edmondson

**FRI 21:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jqz9)**

The Red Planet

20. Return to the Moon

Captain Jet Morgan and his crew must battle to outrun the Martian Spheres in their bid to escape...

Conclusion of Charles Chilton's 1954 classic set in 1971.

CAST:

Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds

Lemmy .... David Kossoff

Doc .... Guy Kingsley Poynter

Mitch .... Bruce Beeby

Various .... John Cazabon

Announcer/Various .... David Jacobs

Music composed and conducted by Van Phillips.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

**FRI 22:00 Desolation Jests (b08667jt)**

Episode 4

David Jason stars in the final episode of David Renwick's post-apocalyptic comedy alongside John Bird, Jan Ravens and Rory Bremner.

Each week J P Doom interviews an iconic cultural behemoth about the comic moments they would most like by their side as they face their own mortality. This week Sydney Pynchlink, the innovative director behind some of the country's most admired weather forecasts chooses the laughs that would comfort them most during the extinction of all life on the planet; including a joke too dangerous for parliament, a horse with three legs, and a lobster with a rather crucial piece of evidence.

Cast:

David Jason

John Bird

Jan Ravens

Rory Bremner

Adie Allen

James Lailey

Nick Underwood

Produced by Gareth Edwards

Production Coordinator: Sophie Richardson

It was a BBC Studios Production.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

**FRI 22:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007wp39)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Tom Caine awakes one morning to discover he can't stop singing at inappropriate moments. As a result, he loses his job and his girlfriend Sadie.

Who are the strange bunch of musicians following him around?

Why can't anyone else see them? Will Tom reach the high notes?

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Suggs .... Tom Caine

Bob Monkhouse .... Dr Boone

Mika Simmons .... Sadie

Phil Cornwell .... Bouche

Michael Roberts .... Clammy Clemence

Andrew McGibbon .... Jake

Nick Romero .... Monty De Vere

Emma Clarke .... Miss Lie

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Director: Chris Neill

Producers: Torquil MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew McGibbon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

**FRI 23:00 Nick Mohammed in Quarters (b00hdhgz)**

Episode 4

A manic anger management facilitator tackles road rage.

Energetic and eccentric sketches from Nick Mohammed

With:

Anna Crilly

Colin Hault

Producer Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009

**FRI 23:15 Bunk Bed (m0003z9l)**

Series 6

Episode 4

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 examining the etiquette of Farmers, David Bowie sex fantasies, hair transplants and the dangerous charm of the song The Air That I Breathe.

Producer: Peter Curran

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

**FRI 23:30 The Boosh (b007jmfj)**

Jungle

Howard has had enough of the way Bob Fossil is running the zoo, so he sets off in search of his childhood hero and legendary zookeeper, Tommy.

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.

Howard Moon .... Julian Barratt

Vince Noir .... Noel Fielding

Bob Fossil .... Rich Fulcher

With Richard Ayoade.

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.