

SATURDAY 09 DECEMBER 2023

SAT 00:00 Fyodor Dostoyevsky - The Double (m0010nn9)

Jonathan Holloway reimagines Fyodor Dostoyevsky's nightmare vision.

A lonely civil servant is driven to madness when his life is stolen by a doppelgänger.

It's relocated to a steampunk version of 19th Century St Petersburg, substituting the labyrinthine Tsarist bureaucracy of the original with the advanced computer systems office of the Russian Federation's Intelligence Services.

To win his superiors' admiration the story's hero, Golyadkin, starts working on perfecting a new cyber-weapon only to find that a new arrival in the office who looks remarkably like him is taking all the credit for his work.

In this fresh adaptation the 21st century begins to intrude - samovars bubble, dances mix trance with live string quartets, electric taxis whine on the highways while horses clatter by and computers are gas-fuelled.

In Golyadkin's fractured mind he's lost all sense of where he exists in time and what we're experiencing is his dream of the future.

Dostoyevsky's themes of grinding bureaucracy, societal pressures inducing feelings of inadequacy and hopelessness are given a bleakly modern twist.

Golyadkin Joseph Millson

The Double Joseph Millson

Andrei Filippovich Olsufy Sean Murray

Dr Rutenspitz Elizabeth Councill

Klara Olsufyevna Kerry Gooderson

Needles Kerry Gooderson

Marmeladov Lauren Cornelius

Raskolnikov Joseph Ayre

Fatboy Ryan Whittle

Maitre D' Ryan Early

Director: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.

SAT 01:00 Inspector Resnick (b043x39r)

Cutting Edge

3. Death by Cuts

The brutal death of a ward sister intensifies Detective Inspector Charlie Resnick's search for the hospital assailant.

Starring Tom Georgeson.

Conclusion of John Harvey's dramatisation of his own novel.

DI Charlie Resnick Tom Georgeson

Millington Sean Baker

Lynn Kate Eaton

Kevin Ben Porter

Dipak Paul Bazeley

Silver Don McCorkindale

Carew Nicholas Boulton

Sarah Gillian Bevan

Dr Fletcher John Simm

Groves Peter Kenny

Debbie Colleen Prendergast

Mr Salt Denys Hawthorne

Calvin Philip Weaver

Delia Ann Beach

Suzanne Olds Patience Tomlinson

Lynn Kate Eaton

Elaine Jennie Stoller

Karl Adrian Scarborough

Producer: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

SAT 02:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007znm5)

Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 6

9. The Final Problem

The Baker Street sleuth's greatest enemy, Professor Moriarty, pursues him across Europe - towards the ultimate confrontation.

Starring Carleton Hobbs and Norman Shelley.

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and adapted by Michael Hardwick.

Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs

Dr Watson Norman Shelley

Professor Moriarty Rolf Lefebvre

Peter Steiler Alan Dudley

Swiss Boy Gordon Gardner

Producer: Martyn C Webster.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1967.

SAT 02:30 Whodunnits (b007k213)

Hercule Poirot - Three Act Tragedy

5. J'accuse!

Just as the Belgian sleuth looks set to solve the murder mystery, there's news of a fresh death.

Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's 1935 whodunnit novel.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Mr Satterthwaite George Cole

Sir Charles Cartwright Michael Cochrane

Hermione 'Egg' Lytton Gore Beth Chalmers

Angela Sutcliffe Jemma Churchill

Oliver Manders Carl Prekopp

Matron Natasha Pyne

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

SAT 03:00 The Offing by Benjamin Myers (m000843r)

10. Galvanised by Love

One summer following the Second World War, 16 year old

Robert Appleyard set out on foot from his Durham mining village, desperate to see something of the world before he goes down the pit.

Acutely attuned to the rhythms and delights of the natural world, he sleeps rough and takes work where he can find it, until meeting Dulcie Piper, an eccentric older woman who lives in a ramshackle cottage looking out to sea.

Life changes for both Dulcie and Robert with the discovery of the last letter written by Romy.

Novel written by Benjamin Myers.

As an old man, Robert looks back on the summer that changed the direction his life was to take, and the woman who opened his eyes to life's possibilities.

Abridged by Sian Preece.

Concluded by Kevin Whately.

Produced at BBC Scotland by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.

SAT 03:15 Katarina Bivald - The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend (m0004sc3)

5. The Way Ahead

The people of Broken Wheel long for Sara to stay on and want her to marry Tom who she secretly loves.

But how does he really feel about her and can their wedding go ahead?"

Conclusion of Katarina Bivald's warm, funny and moving story of love and friendship.

The heroine Sara, is in her late 20s, when she leaves her native Sweden to visit her much older pen pal Amy in a remote part of Iowa, a town aptly called Broken Wheel. But, when she arrives, all is not as she had foreseen.

Unexpectedly, she finds herself falling in love - not just with one of the men in question, but with the whole town itself.

Translated from Swedish by Alice Menzies.

Dramatised by Jeremy Raison.

Sara Anna Koval

Tom Richard Goulding

Caroline Lorelei King

Jen Laurel Lefkow

Amy Adjoa Andoh

George William Hope

Andy Martin T Sherman

Grace Kate Harper

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Director: Cherry Cookson

A Wireless Theatre production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2019.

SAT 03:30 Between Ourselves With Marian Keyes (m0008rk6)

Travel

Marian Keyes is a publishing sensation - her works of fiction (Rachel's Holiday, The Break and others) have sold in their millions, across the globe.

In this series, Marian reads selections from her non-fiction writing, in conversation with her friend and actor Tara Flynn. This time, the theme is travel.

Alongside the craic, Marian reads Shite For Goms from her collection Making It Up As I Go Along, and Sent To Siberia from Further Under The Duvet.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2019.

SAT 04:00 Albert and Me (b007jsg9)

Series 1

Mind That Baby

Single dad Bryan gets wrapped in red tape at the benefits office.

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

Jane Diane Keen

Welfare Lady Dilys Laye

Mrs Featherstone-Haugh Dilys Laye

Edward Jon Laurimore

Benefit Official Robin Parkinson

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1977.

SAT 04:30 Rent (b04nrb19)

Series 2

Episode 4

When Maria's oldest friend Ellen comes to stay, they can hear their biological clocks ticking very loudly.

Richard, Paul and Ruby steer clear.

Stars Patrick Barlow and Barbara Flynn.

Lucy Flannery's Writers' Guild award-winning sitcom about

Maria and Richard who take in lodgers.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Paul Toby Longworth

Ellen Helen Atkinson-Wood

Ruby Vivienne Rochester.

Council Officer Chris Emmett

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

SAT 05:00 The Food Quiz (b083j269)

Series 3

Episode 6

Journalist and food critic, Jay Rayner puts four gastronomes through their culinary paces.

All set for a good grilling:

Stephen Fry

Clarissa Dickson Wright

Henry Harris

Kimiko Barber

One of many questions to chew over:

Where in the world do they hold a Saffron, a Mackerel and a Pawpaw festival?

Producer: Rebecca Wells

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

SAT 05:30 Plum House (b07krdvm)

Series 1

Lights, Camera, Pudding

The museum team are startled to hear that Peter has agreed to Plum House being used as a location in a period TV drama.

And not just any period drama, but Buttermere Hall - the Cumbrian Poldark, the Lake District Downton Abbey - which just happens to be Maureen and Emma's favourite Sunday night series.

It could be a massive publicity coup for Plum House, but with Peter dreaming of a starring role, Maureen insisting on catering for the crew, Alan fretting about his broken spade and Emma desperate to meet leading man Christopher Tennyson, will the team end up blowing it?

Starring Simon Callow and Jane Horrocks.

Comedy about the inept staff at an historic house written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna

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.

Can anyone save Plum House from irreversible decline?

Peter Simon Callow

Maureen Jane Horrocks

Julian Miles Jupp

Tom Tom Bell

Alan Pearce Quigley

Emma Louise Ford

Christopher Tennyson Darren Boyd

Harriet Karina Fernandez

Tony Rob Jarvis

Julie Thaila Zucchi

Director: Paul Schlesinger

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.

SAT 06:00 Ian Rankin's Cully - The Third Gentleman (b02x5wsr)

Another case for the roguish sleuth, Mr Cullender, in 1790s Edinburgh.

As the Press Gang roams the streets looking for likely lads to fight Napoleon, and while the Town Guard finds themselves baffled by a spate of wine cellar murders, Cully gallantly rushes to the assistance of a young lady in distress.

Starring Alexander Morton.

Ian Rankin's period detective story.

Cully Alexander Morton

Mary Wendy Seager

Sgt Horsburgh Douglas Russell

Jane/Blackie' Bird Cara Kelly

Jeffery/Lord Montbordeaux John Buick

Maggie Kirk Monica Gibb

Dr Cant Simon Tate

Lord Provost Robin Thompson

Ballantine/Senior Brusci Stephen McNickle

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1997.

SAT 07:30 My Name Is Why by Lemn Sissay (Omnibus) (m00083j5)

This is Lemn Sissay's courageous account of a childhood spent in a foster family - followed by six years in the institutional care system in the 1970s and 80s.

Interwoven with documents from his social work file, Lemn uncovers answers to questions that he has been asking since he left care aged 17. Truths are uncovered that reveal Lemn's story to be one of triumph over adversity.

Beginning with his early days in foster care - Lemn Sissay reads from his powerful memoir - with the redemptive power of poetry.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Julian Wilkinson.

Read by:

Lemn Sissay

Shaun Mason

Susan Jameson

Nahel Tzegai

Sean Baker

Katherine Press

Lemn is an award-winning writer, the author of five poetry

collections, and was the official poet for the 2012 Olympics. He

was awarded an MBE for services to literature and has worked tirelessly in supporting children in care.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007jrf2)

Series 2

The Hitchhiker

Giving a lift to a hitchhiker causes some surprises for Carter and his uncle.

Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of long-suffering Carter Brandon and his curmudgeonly uncle.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon Sam Kelly

Pat/The Belgian Woman/The Hitchhiker Liz Goulding

Narrator Christian Rodska

Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV in four series from 1975 to 1979.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1990.

SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08bs9qt)

Series 2

Old Grey Mare

Jennifer is 'expecting' and the family are expectant - a country weekend is planned, but some alarms spoil the excursions.

Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.

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

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

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

Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig

Henry Corner Francis Matthews

Mary Charlotte Mitchell

Trudi Roberta Tovey

Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston

Amanda Jill Riddick

Dr Steele Ross Hutchinson

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitecock.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1970.

SAT 09:30 Whack-O! (m001t932)

Series 2

The New Master

The Headmaster faces a staffing crisis when a teacher has the temerity to leave.

Starring 'Professor' Jimmy Edwards.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio,

Chiselbury School is run 'for the sons of gentlemen'.

Headmaster, Professor James Edwards, MA never misses a

trick when it comes to exploiting the students and their parents.

Sports pitches are given over to growing vegetables, which the boys nurture for their head to sell. Classes never exceed 95

pupils - 50 if private tuition is paid for at five guineas extra.

It's only thanks to the efforts of the devoted deputy head, Mr

Potter, that the school exists at all.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Adapted for radio by David Climie.

Headmaster Jimmy Edwards

Mildred June Whitfield

Aubrey Potter Roddy Maude-Roxby

Alfred Tennyson Frederick Treves

Arnold Halliforth Edwin Apps

Len Rumbold Roy Dotrice

Mr. Morgan Julian Somers

With:

Elizabeth Morgan

Sheila Grant

John Coxall

Roger Shepherd

Amos the Owl

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1962.

SAT 10:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)

2: Strange Days

Had singer Jim Morrison of The Doors not died in mysterious

circumstances at the tender age of 27 in 1971 - he would have

turned 75 in 2018.

In the second of three programmes, Paul Gambaccini mixes the

music and poetry of the man with the influences that moulded the

self-proclaimed 'The Lizard King'.

In addition to sharing memories and observations, Paul delves

into the BBC archive:

* 'THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN AND HELL'

A unique interpretation of William Blake's 18th century

masterpiece

[BBC Radio 3 29/03/1995]

* 'DREADZONE ALDOUS HUXLEY READINGS'

Greg Roberts [now Greg Dread] reads excerpts from 'Brave

New World'

[BBC Radio 1 1995]

Producer: Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December

2018.

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(b02x5wsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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(m00083j5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007jrf2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08bs9qt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Whack-O! (m001t932)

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SAT 15:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Fyodor Dostoyevsky - The Double (m0010nn9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SAT 17:00 Ian Rankin's Cully - The Third Gentleman

(b02x5wsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 My Name Is Why by Lemn Sissay (Omnibus)

(m00083j5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007jrf2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08bs9qt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Whack-O! (m001t932)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Fab TV (m0016j53)

The Preventers

A four-part comedy series paying homage to TV's cult action

adventure shows of the 1960s and 70s.

THE PREVENTERS are an elite, stylish, polo-neck-wearing

threesome of international troubleshooters.

Meet the TV trio:

Craig Sturdy - suave and charming

Penelope Cold - enigmatic and foreign

Mike Stallion - the third one.

Written by and starring:

Morwenna Banks

Chris England

Robert Harley

With:

Ed Devereaux

Desmond Llewelyn

Neil Mullarkey

John Irwin

Emma Myant

Music by Peter Baikie.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.

SAT 22:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00xw276)

Series 3

Episode 4

Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas, entertains the blue-sky

political policy suggestions of the public.

On the agenda:

1) Civil Partnerships to be Made Available to Heterosexual

Couples

2) Introduce a Government Department for Externalities

3) A Traffic Ban During Rush-Hour

Plus a wide range of Any Other Business suggestions from the

studio audience.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.

SAT 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mbm3j)

Series 4

Episode 2

"Make Me a Celebrity Centaur", an exciting new reality show

that features cutting edge surgery and some horses.

Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb,

With:

Olivia Colman

Sarah Hadland

James Bachman

Producer: Gareth Edwards

Firs broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SAT 23:30 The Croft & Pearce Show (b0738kr6)

Episode 2

* The failed novelist unable to hide her bitterness when

confronted with an old friend's success.

* Maths teacher Miss Trent falls hopelessly and publicly in love

with a new member of staff. .

* Plus an IT manager baffled at the technical ineptitude of his

colleague.

More sketches from award-winning duo Croft and Pearce,

rising stars of the UK comedy scene.

Written and performed by Hannah Croft and Fiona Pearce.

These Edinburgh Fringe favourites were the break-out hit of

BBC Radio 4's Sketchorama and have performed sell-out shows

in London, New York and around the UK.

Packed with sharply observed characters.

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March

2016.

SAT 23:45 My Booze Hell, by Little Johnny Cartilage

(b007jvc7)

Sugar, Der Der Der Der Der, Ah Honey, Honey

Johnny fails to impress Melvyn Bragg while plugging his new

book.

The not-terribly-true autobiography of 1970s idol Little Johnny

Cartilage.

Written by and starring Johnny Meres.

With:

Melvyn Bragg

Ben Miller

Peter Serafinowicz

Geoff McGivern

Rosemary Martin

Deborah Berlin.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1996.

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SUN 00:00 James Follett - The Destruction Factor

(b007k4f9)

6. World Without Fire

After sparking a plane crash, the deadly Exon plant strain's

advancement continues.

Starring Paul Copley and Rosalind Adams.

Conclusion of James Follett's sci-fi thriller.

Howard Rogers Paul Copley

Denise Exon Rosalind Adams

Max Flinders TP McKenna

Nurse Joan Matheson

Craig Noel Johnson

Blowers Michael Shannon

Miss Anderson Diana Olson

Scott Diana Olsson

Helicopter Pilot Peter Wickham

Farmer Roy Spencer

Corporal Gregory de Polnay

Sachs Denis Goacher

Producer: David Spencer

First broadcast as two x 90 minute dramas on BBC Radio 4 in

March 1978.

SUN 00:30 The Price of Fear (b007jmk9)

Fish

Something very fish is going on down under. Shark and chips,

anyone?

Movie legend Vincent Price takes the bait, and tells a tale of

horror written by Rene Basilio.

With:

Bill Kerr

Bruce Beeby

Amanda Murray

Lewis Fiander

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in September 1973.

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SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001t938)

Poetry Please - Midwinter

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects

'Poetry Please - Midwinter'.

Roger McGough explores the archives to find the most

evocative winter poems by Thomas Hardy, Miroslav Holub,

Robert Frost and Shakespeare.

Read by some of our best actors including:

Juliet Stevenson,

Dame Harriet Walter

Hugh Laurie.

With Steeleye Span and Bert Jansch.

Producer: Sally Heaven

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SUN 06:30 The Offing by Benjamin Myers (Omnibus)

(m0008b1z)

Episode 2

One summer following the Second World War, 16-year-old

Robert Appleyard set out on foot from his Durham mining

village - desperate to see something of the world before he goes

down the pit.

Robeson and Close My Eyes by Arthur Russell.
SUN 07:50 Katarina Bivald - The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend (Omnibus) (m00055bg)
 Katarina Bivald's warm, funny and moving story of love and friendship was first published in Swedish.
 The heroine Sara, is in her late 20s, when leaves her native Sweden to visit her much older pen pal Amy in a remote part of Iowa, a town aptly called Broken Wheel. But, when she arrives, all is not as she had foreseen.
 Knowing nobody there, the townspeople who are initially wary of her, take her into their hearts. The joint passion between Sara and Amy was books, and she soon decides that Broken Wheel needs a bookstore. With some help from the locals, she sets one up and it proves quite a hit.
 But how long can she stay there on a tourist visa? And what if she were to be persuaded to fall in love with one of the residents, making it possible to marry and stay on indefinitely? And which of the rather curious collection of suitors would be the most likely?
 Unexpectedly, she finds herself falling in love - not just with one of the men in question, but with the whole town itself.
 Translated by Alice Menzies.
 Omnibus of five parts dramatised by Jeremy Raison.
 Sara Anna Koval
 Tom Richard Goulding
 Caroline Lorelei King
 Jen Laurel Lefkow
 Amy Adjoa Andoh
 George William Hope
 Andy Martin T Sherman
 Grace Kate Harper
 Director: Cherry Cookson
 A Wireless Theatre production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2019.
SUN 09:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 Eric is a far from fair cop and there's some monkey business in Ernie's latest masterpiece 'The Mighty Kong'.
 Starring Ernie Wise and Eric Morecambe.
 Written by Eddie Braben.
 With
 Nicola Pagett
 Elaine Delmar
 Music from Peter Knight and his Orchestra.
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1976.
SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (b016z6pf)
 Series 10
 The Redundancy Drive
 Captain Povey's keen to clear the decks of HMS Troutbridge, but Number One fights back.
 Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.
 Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.
 Written by Lawrie Wyman.
 The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips
 The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee
 The Number One Stephen Murray
 Captain Povey Richard Caldicot
 Heather Heather Chasen
 The Admiral Tenniel Evans
 The Captains Michael Bates/Lawrie Whyman
 The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.
 Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1968.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001193j)
 Absent Friends 2023
 Len Goodman
 "7". TV ballroom dance judge Len Goodman shares his castaway choices with Kirsty Young.
 Len became a star of BBC TV's 'Strictly Come Dancing' and the US show 'Dancing with the Stars', after a 40-year career as a ballroom dancer and judge.
 Born in London's East End, as a kid he was a barrow-boy, selling fruit and veg on his grandfather's stall. He went on to work on the docks as a welder. But come Saturday night he would don his best threads and head for the Embassy ballroom in Welling.
 It was later in life, when Len found international fame and it was, he says, perfect timing.
 "If it had happened when I was 30, I'd have been one of these people that would be seen rolling out of nightclubs drunk, with a couple of dolly-birds on my arm. The pilot was on my 60th birthday and I think it was the perfect age because I was sensible by then, my feet were planted firmly on the ground."
 DISC ONE: Good Morning - Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor & Debbie Reynolds
 DISC TWO: Pencil Full of Lead - Paolo Nutini
 DISC THREE: Tiger Rag - The Mills Brothers
 DISC FOUR: The Moulin Rouge theme - Edmundo Ros and His Orchestra
 DISC FIVE: Fat Sam's Grand Slam - Bugsy Malone
 DISC SIX: Take Five - Dave Brubeck
 DISC SEVEN: In My Life - The Beatles
 DISC EIGHT: Island in the Sun - Harry Belafonte
 BOOK CHOICE: An Anthology of British poetry

LUXURY CHOICE: Set of golf clubs and balls
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Pencil Full of Lead - Paolo Nutini
 Producer: Leanne Buckle
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zf648)
 Series 2
 Cicada
 One of the great wild sounds of North America is the purring of insects in the evening, especially that of Cicadas, one of the great stridulating sounds in the wild.
 This is the tale of one Cicada; the 17-year periodic Cicada that stunned the community in New England 13 years after the Pilgrim Fathers had landed. There was a plague of insects, all with red eyes on stalks - and all emerging continuously out of the soil.
 When the plague subsided a few weeks later the people of Plymouth Rock were braced for another onslaught, but nothing happened until 17 years later.
 Sir David Attenborough recalls a filming trip to New England to film this species of Cicada with both fascinating natural history and a hilarious twist.
 Written and presented by David Attenborough
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
SUN 11:00 Poetry Extra (m0011938)
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SUN 22:00 Crash Course (m0002m4z)
 Teams have just 24 hours to cram as much knowledge as they can on a given subject.
 Panel game pilot show with:
 Marcus Brigstocke
 Josie Lawrence
 Mark Watson
 Kirsty Wark
 Stepping out from behind the producer's glass is the host, David Tyler, producer of programmes including The 3rd Degree and Cabin Pressure.
 Devised and produced by Bill Dare - creator of The Now Show, The Mary Whitehouse Experience and the mastermind behind Dead Ringers.
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.
SUN 22:30 Brian Appleton's Unofficial Multi-Media Lecture (m0011cf2)
 It's Not What You Know - It's The Who
 It's the final lecture of the series. After years of humiliation, Brian Appleton can take no more.
 So he decides to take revenge on his fellow rockers by exposing their mistakes, fluffs and bum notes.
 Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
 Additional Research by Rex Brough.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.
SUN 22:45 We Know Everything (b0864657)
 Episode 6
 Hosts Dan Gaster and Paul Powell tackle another selection of imponderable questions from the studio audience.

This time - does colour exist or is it a pigment of our imagination?
 The answer to this and similar irrelevant queries will be revealed!
 With:
 Simon Godley
 Clare Cathcart
 Martin Hyder
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
SUN 23:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b06vkg1w)
 Series 2
 The Swimsman
 When Milton discovers the local lido is under threat of closure, he unwisely decides to organise a sit-in.
 But his dreams for a state-of-the-art aquacentre are sunk when his trunks are declared a biohazard.
 Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is 'Help!'. Because each episode, Milton, and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure.
 If you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.
 Written by Milton with James Cary and Dan Evans
 With:
 Tom Goodman-Hill
 Josie Lawrence
 Ben Willbond.
 Music by Guy Jackson.
 Director: David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2016.
SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b007tz5g)
 Series 1
 Gorilla Tactics
 A man in a monkey suit, a Spirit of the Blitz theme and a hostage situation.
 Can Mick save Sonya from a fate worse than working at the Retail Village?
 Starring Sarah Lancashire and Mark Benton.
 Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst's sitcom following the lives of the staff of Edge Falls Retail Village.
 Sonya Sarah Lancashire
 Mick Mark Benton
 Rez Emil Marwa
 Phil Karl Theobald
 Valerie Sarah Hadland
 Old Jack Sam Dale
 John/Jim Neil Warhurst
 Tina Jasmine Callan
 Old Woman Rachel Bavidge
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m0011938)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 The Offing by Benjamin Myers (Omnibus) (m0008b1z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001s47n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]
MON 01:50 Katarina Bivald - The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend (Omnibus) (m00055bg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]
MON 03:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b007qg0y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (b016z6pf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001193j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zf648)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005tnw)
 1. The Search for Love
 Ivan Turgenev's romantic novella, set on the eve of the Crimean war.
 Who will Elena fall in love with?
 The artist, Shubin or the philosopher Bersyenev?
 Then she meets a real hero, Insarov.
 Starring Amanda Root and Philip Frank.
 Dramatised in two parts by Michael Crompton.
 Elena Amanda Root
 Insarov Philip Frank
 Pavel Shubin John Lloyd Fillingham
 Andrei Bersyenev Mark Chatterton
 Anna Jane Cox
 Nikolai Russell Dixon
 Uvar Alan Partington
 Zoya ... Saskia Downes
 Fedushka ... Keith Clifford
 German bully... Martin Oldfield
 With:
 John Griffin
 Stephen Tomlin
 Director: Michael Fox
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.

MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jr6h)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

1. Mrs Trevelyan

Debonair detective Paul Temple is on the case when three murders are linked to 'Alex'.

Starring Peter Coke and Marjorie Westbury as BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Another baffling case of dastardly crimes must be solved.

Written by Francis Curbridge.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

'Spider' Williams Alan Dudley

Mulroy Michael Harbour

Lady Weyman Betty Hardy

Webb/Shaw Ronald Herdman

Wilfred Davis Basil Jones

Carl Lathom Simon Lack

Donald Black Victor Lucas

Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell

Dr Kohima's Maid Ann Murray

Dot Hilda Schroder

Walter Day/Lang Anthony Viccars

Sir Ernest Cranberry Geoffrey Wincott

From 1938 to 1969, the fictional crime novelist and amateur detective Paul Temple, together with his Fleet Street journalist wife Steve, battled to solve case after baffling case in a sophisticated world of chilled cocktails and fast cars.

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1968.

MON 06:30 The Same River Twice (m000d8dv)

1. The Return

A man named Johnny Maxen walks through Gare du Nord station in Paris.

He's reluctantly returning to a life he thought he'd abandoned forever back in Scotland...

Where is his estranged wife who's mysteriously disappeared?

Starring Gordon Jackson.

Edward Boyd's thriller serial in eight parts.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Bill Ferguson Victor Carin

Rachel Scott Mary Riggins

Torquil James Crampsey

Operator John Toye

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1966.

MON 07:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b085t3f4)

1. Childhood

Five years ago, author Marcus Sedgwick and his wife moved to an old chalet d'alpage high up in the Haute-Savoie.

This is an alpine department of eastern France bordering both Switzerland and Italy.

Here for the first time he understands how snow can really shape the rhythms of daily life and during his first full winter in the mountains, he appreciates the hard daily labour involved in clearing proper alpine snow from the path outside his house.

In this episode he remembers the snowy winters of his childhood in Kent and muses on the many different words that describe snow.

Abridged in five parts by Katrin Williams

Read by Jonathan Firth.

Marcus Sedgwick is best-known as a children's author.

He is the winner of many prizes, most notably the Michael L. Printz Award 2014, for his novel Midwinterblood. Marcus has also received two Printz Honors, for Revolver in 2011 and The Ghosts of Heaven in 2016. Other notable awards include Floodland, Marcus' first novel, which won the Branford-Boase Award in 2001, a prize for the best debut novel for children.

His books have been shortlisted for over forty other awards, including the Carnegie Medal (six times), the Edgar Allan Poe Award (twice) and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize (four times). He has twice been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, in 2016 and 2017

Producer: Julian Wilkinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

MON 07:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01ptbx0)

1. Bolt of Inspiration

Jim sees himself as an ideas man - always has been and always will be.

But even though his entrepreneurial endeavours have so far only met with knock backs, Jim refuses to be cowed.

And now, with the most important week of his life ahead of him, the bolt of inspiration is about to strike.

Comedy-drama in five-parts by Tony Grounds.

Jim Paul Ritter

Kath Sophie Thompson

Ray Ben Crowe

Susie Lizzie Watts

Barman Robert Blythe

Shop Assistant Will Howard

Director: Sasha Yevushenko.

First broadcast by BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

MON 07:30 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar (m0008p3v)

Series 3

Rage and Resentment

Alexei considers the roots of his rage and resentment.

He explores the dangers of magical thinking and contemplates what the philosophies of Bertholt Brecht could offer Premier League football.

A mixture of stand-up, memoir and philosophy from behind the counter of an imaginary sandwich bar.

Written and performed by Alexei Sayle.

Producer: Joe Nunnery

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

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jill)

Series 3

Tea for Two

A famous by-election visitor sparks party wars for the rag and bone duo.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

With:

John Rye

Edward Kelsey

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.

MON 08:30 After Henry (b007qw7k)

Series 4

A Fully Extended Family

"Mother's mind is so devious. She can build up huge edifices of fantasy from the smallest hint".

Clare returns from Australia, but where is Julian? Sarah delves and Eleanor spins.

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women.

Each is struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband, yet they never quite manage to see eye-to-eye.

Sarah Prunella Scales

Eleanor Joan Sanderson

Russell Benjamin Whitrow

Clare Gerry Cowper

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1989.

MON 09:00 Elephant in the Room (m000671w)

Series 1

Episode 1

Sarah Millican uses surveys to discover who on the panel is the most Average Jolene, and who is the most Maverick Matilda.

On the sparkling panel:

Kathy Burke

Liz Carr

Desiree Burch

Tom Allen

Surveys on subjects including childhood, daily rituals and favourite cheese are the basis for Sarah's questions to the panellists, discovering who is the closest to, and furthest from, the average. Surprising quirks, hilarious insights and unexpected anecdotes are revealed along the way.

The winner will be the most average. But joint winner will be the most different, the furthest from the norm.

A little bit like a dinner party, but one where you know all of the spoons.

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

MON 09:30 Ring Around the Bath (b00tzw38)

Series 2

The Birds and the Bees

If Stella can't move to the country, then the country must move to Stella.

Starring Duncan Preston and Penny Downie.

Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about a topsy-turvy household.

Patrick Duncan Preston

Stella Penny Downie

Alison Claudie Blakely

Rick Bruce McKinnon

Xanthe Catherine Shepherd

Egg Daniela Denby-Ashe

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jill)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 After Henry (b007qw7k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 Elephant in the Room (m000671w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Ring Around the Bath (b00tzw38)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 Radiolab (m001c69r)

Series 10

The War On Shore

Two stories dating back nearly 70 years ago, when something happened that nobody seems to ever talk about it. This is an episode of mysterious balloons, cowboy sheriffs, and Nazi prisoners of war living right next door.

Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity.

Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.

The Radiolab team investigate a strange world.

From WNYC.

First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2017.

MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000w3f8)

Craig Charles

Poet, actor and DJ Craig Charles chooses Billie Holiday's 'Strange Fruit' and Wilson Pickett singing 'Hey Jude'.

MON 21:00 Mastertapes (m0011hkq)

Lily Allen (A-side)

Singer-songwriter Lily Allen talks about her fourth, and most personal album, 'No Shame'.

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, Lily chats to John Wilson.

Always conversational in tone and infused with a dark sense of humour, Lily Allen's lyrics never shy away from the personal - and her 2018 album is no different. Set against dancehall and reggae influences, the album moved away from her usual witty, sarcastic, song writing style and opted for a more "candid" approach.

With tracks like 'Trigger Bang', 'Lost My Mind', 'Three' and the album title track, she tackles everything from the breakdown of her marriage and her friendships... to maternal guilt, substance abuse and, as if that's not enough, social and political issues.

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

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

MON 21:30 Doctor Who (m001193c)

The War Doctor

7. The Shadow Vortex Part 2/2

Cardinal Ollistra has taken The War Doctor to Cold War East Berlin in 1961 on the trail of the Dalek mercenary, Lara Zannis, who aims to breach the planet's Quantum Shield, using Earth technology.

The Time Lord has to contend not only with the Daleks but also the Stasi, MI6 and the KGB before he can hope to stop her.

John Hurt stars as The War Doctor.

Written by David Llewellyn.

The War Doctor John Hurt

Cardinal Ollistra Jacqueline Pearce

Lara Zannis Neve McIntosh

Lt Kruger Timothy Speyer

Kavarin Gunnar Caughery

Professor Crane Helen Goldwyn

Haleyana Honeysuckle Weeks

Leith Matthew Cottle

Dalek Time Strategist/The Daleks Nicholas Briggs

Original music written by Howard Carter.

Director: Nicholas Briggs

A Big Finish production.

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001132d)

Series 80

Episode 4

The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the De Montfort Hall in Leicester. Tony Hawks and Pippa Evans take on Andy Hamilton and the Reverend Richard Coles with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

It is a BBC Studios production for Radio 4.

MON 22:30 Domestic Science (b07mxv7c)

Series 1

Episode 4

Getting up close with bike and car tyres - and an attempt to break a wine glass though the voice alone.

A heady combination of maths, science and comedy.

Hosted by Festival of The Spoken Nerd trio:

Physicist Steve Mould

Stand up Mathematician Matt Parker

Physicist and musician Helen Arney.

It's science that you can play along with at home as the team look at domestic phenomena that we relate to on a day to day basis.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

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

MON 22:45 Darren Harriott: Black Label (m0007627)

Brummie

In the final episode of the series, Darren walks us through his experiences as a Brummie and life in the second city.

Making a move to London, he looks back at his time growing up in the Black Country.

Recorded in Darren's hometown of Birmingham, Black Label explores the different labels and roles he's been assigned throughout his life - Brummie, gang member, brother and son, bouncer and now comic.

Each episode of Black Label consists of incredibly open-hearted stories from the front line of Darren's life - challenging, enlightening and properly funny comedy.

Written and performed by Darren Harriott

Producer: Adnan Ahmed

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

MON 23:00 The Now Show (m0011336)

Series 63

Episode 6

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches. Featuring Geoff Norcott looking in the proposal of a Minister for Men, Harriet Kemsley on Kim Jong Un's pleas to North Korea, and an original song from Peter Rugman.

The show was written by the cast with additional material from Adrian Gray, Miranda Holms, Rajiv Karia, Cameron Loxdale and Laura Major.

Voice Actors: Daniel Barker and Chiara Goldsmith.

Producer: Rajiv Karia

Production Coordinator: Katie Baum

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

MON 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jsrx)

Series 1

Scurvy

The Mastersons set sail across the Atlantic, but there are dangerous sheep lurking in them there waters.

Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is an improvised historical saga of a family at war with itself.

Starring:

Paul Merton

Josie Lawrence

Caroline Quentin

Jim Sweeney

Phelim McDermott

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

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TUE 00:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005tnw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jr6h)

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TUE 01:30 The Same River Twice (m000d8dv)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005tmv)

2. The Disappearance

The conclusion of Ivan Turgenev's romantic story of love and patriotism. Insarov's sudden disappearance is bewildering to Elena. But she is determined to love him, whatever the cost.

Cast:

Elena Amanda Root

Insarov Philip Franks

Pavel Shubin John Lloyd Fillingham

Andrei Bersyenev Mark Chatterton

Anna Jane Cox

Nikolai Russell Dixon

Uvar Alan Partington

Zoya Saskia Downes

Fedushka Keith Clifford

Priest's wife / Woman Ann Rye

Kurnatovski John Griffin

Renditch Martin Oldfield

Lupoyarov Stephen Tomlin

Dramatised by Michael Crompton.

Director: Michael Fox

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.

TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jr9b)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

2. Dr Kohima

The police have asked debonair sleuth Paul Temple to help them find the mysterious 'Alex' - but who's tracking whom?

Starring Peter Coke and Marjorie Westbury as BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Another baffling case of dastardly crimes must be solved.

Written by Francis Durbridge.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

Carl Latham Simon Lack

Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell

Ricky Frank Henderson

Dr Kohima Rolf Lefebvre

Sergeant Duncan McIntyre

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1968.

TUE 06:30 The Same River Twice (m000d7vz)

2. The Body

Reluctantly agreeing to search for his estranged wife Julia who's been missing for three months, Johnny Maxen's enquiries meet with some strange reactions...

Starring Gordon Jackson.

Edward Boyd's thriller serial about the mysterious disappearance of Julia Maxen.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

DI Wardlaw Roddy McMillan

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Mr Todhunter Walter Carr

Jo-Jo Bill Henderson

Mary Sheila Donald

Voice on phone Joe Dunlop

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1966.

TUE 07:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868w4h)

2. Science

Of all weathers, snow is the one that has always affected the author Marcus Sedgwick the most.

Five years ago, he and his partner bought a mountain house, an old chalet d'alpage high in the Haute Savoie of eastern France.

In this episode, Marcus considers the science of snow and what 'makes' a snowflake and the phenomenon of 'diamond dust'.

He also remembers the snowy winters of his childhood in Kent and the infamous cold of 1963.

Abridged by Katrin Williams

Read by Jonathan Firth.

Producer: Julian Wilkinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

TUE 07:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwc0)

2. Lightning Strike

Ideas man Jim has been struck by lightning.

Quite literally, or so he thinks.

Realising that everyone has a novel locked inside of them, he has miraculously discovered the key.

Comedy-drama by Tony Grounds.

Jim Paul Ritter

Iris Marcia Warren

Kath Sophie Thompson

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

TUE 07:30 For The Love of Leo (m00024nv)

Series 1

Princess of the Russias

Leo's daughter returns as a Russian princess arrives to bid for his art, his heart, and his home.

Starring Mark Bonnar and Beth Marshall.

Wry, narrative comedy written by Michael Chaplin

The funeral of Leo's wife Tamsin was barely over before he acquired a new status as an eligible bachelor. The women in his circle are beginning to seek his company and win his affection;

while his mother, his grown up arctic weather analyst daughter and newly acquired, sparky, opinionated cleaning lady offer unasked for advice.

His life becomes ever more complicated and demanding.

Each episode traces his growing relationship with a different woman, as the ghost of Tamsin, who knew all of these women well, turns up at bedtime to venture an opinion too.

Leo becomes increasingly haunted by the mystery surrounding Tamsin's accident, miles from home.

Leo Fabiani ... Mark Bonnar

Tamsin Fabiani ... Beth Marshall

Sadie ... Tracy Wiles

Princess Natalia ... Vera Graziadei

Nicky McIntosh ... Hilary Maclean

Laura Fabiani ... Samara MacLaren

Guy ... Simon Donaldson

Director: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (m001t937)

Vintage Goons

The Missing 10 Downing Street

10 Downing Street is missing. Can Inspector Seagoon and

Eccles solve the case?

Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale abroad.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Roy Spear

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1954.

Re-recording from October 1957 by the BBC Transcription Service made for broadcast overseas.

This is the debut broadcast in the UK on BBC Radio 4 Extra.

TUE 08:30 King Street Junior (b007jnhx)

Series 8

Internal Inquiries

As the school term draws to a close, there are accusations of assault, a mysterious graffiti artist and Mrs Patterson is 'unwell'.

Created by Jim Eldridge, ten series of this comedy about a junior school ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior

Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Written by Richard Stoneman.

CAST:

Mr Sims Karl Howman

The Headmaster James Grout

Mrs Patterson Deirdre Costello

Mr Long Paul Copley

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mrs Stone Margaret John

Mrs Rudd Vivienne Martin

Mr Holliday Tom Watson

Mr Grant Geoffrey McGivern

Mohammed Kemal Ibrahim

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (m0007d5h)

Series 5

Episode 2

From life beginning at 50 to banning windows.

Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show.

With:

Gyles Brandreth

Miles Jupp

Matthew Taylor

Jo Caulfield

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

TUE 09:30 Winston (b007k4k4)

Series 1

Weaving the Spells

Thrown out because of his infidelities, cordon bleu scoundrel Winston has not only moved into Nancy's house without an invite - but is also plotting to get rid of her sister Rosie, brother

William and her Father - so he can have Nancy to himself...

Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial.

CAST:

Winston Bill Wallis

Father Maurice Denham

Nancy Shirley Dixon

Rosie Liz Goulding

William Christian Rodska

Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1989.

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TUE 18:00 The Goon Show (m001937)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 18:30 King Street Junior (b007jnhx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 19:00 The Motion Show (m0007d5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Winston (b007k4k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0017d30)

Series 9

Heartache

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

Manoush Zomorodi explores how stress, fear, love and sadness can weigh upon our hearts. Can we mend our broken hearts? First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000zm4m)

Caitlin Moran

Journalist and author Caitlin Moran, chooses 'Sister Suffragette' from Mary Poppins and 'Something Good' by Utah Saints.

TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (m0001hwp)

Lily Allen (B-side)

Confessional singer-songwriter Lily Allen answers audience questions about her most personal album, 'No Shame'.

Series in which leading performers and songwriters talk to John Wilson about the album that made them or changed them. Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios, each edition includes two episodes - the A-side and B-side.

The B-side: 'No Shame' by Lily Allen

Having discussed the making of 'No Shame' - her fourth and most personal album to date in the A-side of the programme, Lily Allen responds to questions from the audience and performs live acoustic versions of some of the tracks on the album.

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

TUE 21:30 Doctor Who (m001933h)

The War Doctor

8. The Eternity Cage - Part 1/2

The War Doctor is on a mission to save Ollistra and prevent a Dalek-Sontaran alliance.

Cardinal Ollistra has been captured by the Sontarans and taken to the planet Rovidia. There, General Fesk of the Eighth Sontaran Battle Fleet will set the Time Lords against the Daleks to establish which is worthy for an alliance.

Neither Daleks nor Time Lords expect the Sontarans to be so fearsome a foe until they uncover the secret of the Eternity Cage.

John Hurt stars as The War Doctor.

Written by Andrew Smith.

The War Doctor John Hurt

Cardinal Ollistra Jacqueline Pearce

Haleyna Honeysuckle Weeks

Commander Muren Andrew French

General Fesk/Sontarans Dan Starkey

Kalan Josh Bolt

Vassarian Barnaby Edwards

Dalek Time Strategist/The Daleks Nicholas Briggs

Original music written by Howard Carter.

Director: Nicholas Briggs

A Big Finish production.

TUE 22:00 Best Medicine (m00113gl)

Series 1

9. Autopsies, Light, Escapism, Henrietta Lacks

Joining Kiri this week is a druid, a drag queen and a mortician...it's one man, Kristoffer Hughes, who puts forward the autopsy as the best medicine. Professor Olivette Otele tells us the tale of Henrietta Lacks, an extraordinary woman whose so called 'immortal cells' have saved countless lives, movie reviewer Ali Plumb talks about the importance of escapism and shares his own story of recovery through movies, TV, art and culture, and Professor Anil Seth sheds a light on...light.

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.

Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Featuring: Kristoffer Hughes, Professor Olivette Otele, Ali Plumb and Professor Anil Seth

Written by Edward Easton, Charlie George, Rajiv Karia, Kiri Pritchard-McLean, Nicky Roberts and Ben Rowse

Producer: Ben Worsfield

Assistant Producer: Tashi Radha

Executive Producer: Simon Nicholls

Theme tune composed by Andrew Jones

A Large Time production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 Earls of the Court (b00r7lpz)

Crisis Management

Lloydie and Johnno need money fast to pay the rent, but will the contents of Lloydie's trusty backpack be enough to save the day?

Comedy drama series about two Australians down on their luck in London.

Written by and starring Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright.

Lloydie Stewart Wright

Johnno Will Adamsdale

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

TUE 22:45 Quando, Quando, Quando (b007zd2c)

Fishy Business

When the racketeering Fish Brothers pay the Quandos a visit, Carlo is in turmoil, Anthony is in Timbuktu and Charlie is in a world of his own.

Brothers Rene, Carlo and Charlie Quando chop, snip and crimp their lucky clients into shape at London's finest hair salon.

Written and performed by Rainer Hersch and Mark Maier.

With:

Stephen Greif

Catherine Tate

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

TUE 23:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (b069h77m)

Series 1

Episode 2

Cast members of Channel 4's hugely popular TV sketch show Absolutely reunite to revisit much-loved sketch characters, with some newcomers.

Starring Pete Baikië, Morwenna Banks, Moray Hunter, Gordon Kennedy and John Sparkes.

The Stonebridge Town Council attempt to cover up a possible bribery scandal, Denzil and Gwynned discuss son Codfyll's starring role in a nativity play, the Little Girl's very personal take on having her Tomisols out and Calum Gilhooley tries to get an appointment with a doctor for something "quite urgent".

Mr Muzak sings about the joys of being alone with your computer and the Commissionaire very nearly undergoes an appendectomy. There's more from Talking Facebook and the People's War, with stories from those who were nearly there.

Producers: Gus Beattie and Gordon Kennedy

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2015.

TUE 23:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01jt0z0)

Series 3

Making Cuts

When is a pay cut not a pay cut?

When Unthinkable Solutions have to sell it to the staff, their diplomatic skills are tested to breaking point.

James Cary's award-winning sitcom about a team of incompetent management consultants.

Starring:

Ryan Marcus Brigstocke

Owen David Mitchell

Sophie Beth Chalmers

Daisy Catherine Shepherd

With:

Ewan Bailey

Tilly Gaunt

Simon Greenall

Neil Edmond

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2023

WED 00:00 Ivan Turgenev - On the Eve (m0005tmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jr9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

WED 01:30 The Same River Twice (m000d7vz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868w4h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwvc0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 For The Love of Leo (m00024nv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

WED 03:00 The Goon Show (m001937)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:30 King Street Junior (b007jnhx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 The Motion Show (m0007d5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday]

WED 04:30 Winston (b007k4k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070stnx)

1. Charged

Martin Guerre lived in the Pyrenean village of Artigat and was charged with being an impostor on his return after an absence of eight years.

But the trial left many questions unanswered.

Starring Sean Bean and Lesley Dunlop.

Guy Meredith's two-part dramatisation from the trial notes of 16th-century French judge, Jean de Coras.

Martin Guerre... Sean Bean

Bertrande... Lesley Dunlop

Jean de Coras... Olivier Pierre

Sanxi Guerre... Alex Norton

Pierre Guerre... Andrew Melville

Andreu de Rols... John Church

Mme de Rols... Jill Graham

Priest... John Webb

Jean de Loze... Jonathan Adams

Jean d'Escomeboeuf... Keith Drinkel

Catherine Boeri... Sirlol Jenkins

Other parts played by John Fleming, Steve Hodson, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Jo Kendall, Federay Holmes, Peter Penry Jones, Eric Allan and Peter Gunn.

With Henry Power and Anna Abrahams as the children.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jrcx)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

3. Mr Carl Lathom

Despite an attempt on his life, debonair detective Paul Temple remains hot on the trail of the elusive 'Alex'.

Francis Durbidge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

Wilfred Davis Basil Jones

Dr Kohima's Maid Ann Murray

Carl Lathom Simon Lack

Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell

Ricky Henderson Frank Henderson

Dr Kohima Rolf Lefebvre

Webb/Shaw Ronald Herdman

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

WED 06:30 The Same River Twice (m000d84y)

3. Deadly Threat

After finding a body located in the flat of his missing estranged wife, Johnny faces his own deadly threat...

Starring Gordon Jackson.

Edward Boyd's thriller serial about the mysterious disappearance of Johnny Maxen's estranged wife.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

Alastair Dodds Joe Dunlop

Joey Walter Jackson

Patsy James Kennedy

Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan

Tom Armstrong Douglas Murchie

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Office Girl Lyn Ashton

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1966.

WED 07:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868w9z)

3. Inspiration

Of all weathers, snow is the one that has always affected the author Marcus Sedgwick the most.

Five years ago, he and his partner bought a mountain house, an old chalet d'alpage high in the Haute Savoie (an alpine department of the eastern France bordering both Switzerland and Italy).

The book explores the art, literature and science of snow, as well as Marcus Sedgwick's own experiences and memories, asking whether it really did snow more during his boyhood in Kent and whether changing climate patterns might mean snow becomes a thing of the past for many of us.

Marcus Sedgwick muses on why snow is so powerful to our imagination and so transformative.

Today he explores how snow has inspired artists, musicians and filmmakers looking at the vividly 'cold' paintings of Bruegel, Schubert's beautiful but bleak Winterreise, and Werner Herzog's Of Walking in Ice created as he walked from Munich

to Paris in late November to visit the dying Lottie Eisner. Marcus Sedgwick is best known as a children's author. He is the winner of many prizes, most notably the Michael L. Printz Award 2014, for his novel *Midwinterblood*. Marcus has also received two Printz Honors, for *Revolver* in 2011 and *The Ghosts of Heaven* in 2016. Other notable awards include *Floodland*, Marcus' first novel, which won the Branford-Boase Award in 2001, a prize for the best debut novel for children. His books have been shortlisted for over forty other awards, including the Carnegie Medal (six times), the Edgar Allan Poe Award (twice) and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize (four times). He has twice been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, in 2016 and 2017

Read by Jonathan Firth.
Abridged by Katrin Williams
Produced by Julian Wilkinson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.
WED 07:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwjb)
3. Marital Woes
Jim has shunned work and a holiday in Crete to devote the week to creating his very own Ulysses. Driven to despair, his wife Kath has shown him the door.
But unbeknown to her, the challenge of winning her back is just the sort of quest his novel was lacking.
Comedy-drama by Tony Grounds
Jim Paul Ritter
Kath Sophie Thompson
Iris Marcia Warren
Susie Lizzie Watts
Sergeant Robert Blythe
Policeman Will Howard
Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.
WED 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09jd671)
Series 8
Inverness
Mark visits Inverness in the Highlands of Scotland.
Inverness is the 2nd happiest place in Britain, according to some polls, but Mark finds them to be a bit grumpy if the truth be known... some of them anyway... some of them are marvellous. He meets Sheena from the local taxi firm who tells a story about a fib she told to a tourist, and he meets Steve the Nessie Hunter, a man who has lived in a van on the shores of Loch Ness for 26 years.
The 8th series of Mark Steele's award winning show that travels around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness. After thoroughly researching each town, Mark writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for the local residents.
Written and performed by Mark Steel.
Additional material by Pete Sinclair.
Production co-ordinator: Hayley Sterling
Sound Manager: Jerry Peal
Picture Credit: Tom Stanier
Producer: Carl Cooper
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jny1)
Series 5
The Grappling Game
The Lad Himself and Miss Pugh go to the wrestling, with a shock result!
Starring Tony Hancock. With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
Producer: Tom Ronald
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.
WED 08:30 Lip Service (m000z0b2)
Episode 1
Cough-a-long-a-Bronte, great knitting patterns of the French Revolution, and a rat in the studio.
Sketches and songs starring Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding plus a whole host of relatives.
With:
Malcolm Raeburn
Denise Coffey
Andrew Dodge
Producer: Lissa Evans.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.
WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b01jwk68)
Series 26
2012 Heat 9
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 ninth trio of 27 competitors are at Media City in Salford for the ninth heat of the series.
Roger Mason from Littlebury, Lancashire
Neil Robinson from Stafford
Lee Thomas from Worcester
Producer: Paul Bajoria
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.
WED 09:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqmy)
April - All Hands to the Pump
Megan's still keen to escape the farm and study. But her father's not listening.
Sue Limb's pastoral sitcom follows six months in the life of the

Jones family, who live on a small farm in rural Wales.
Mr Jones Geoffrey Whitehead
Ma Jones Lisabeth Miles
Megan Jones Rebecca Front
Owen Jones Matthew Morgan
Bootle Michael Fenton Stevens
Mr Jenkins Nickolas Grace
Recorded on location.
Music composed by John Whitehall.
Producer: Jonathan James Moore.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.
WED 10:00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070stnx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 11:00 Paul Temple (b007jrcx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 The Same River Twice (m000d84v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868w9z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwjb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 12:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09jd671)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jny1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 Lip Service (m000z0b2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b01jwk68)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 14:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqmy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 15:00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070stnx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
WED 16:00 Paul Temple (b007jrcx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 16:30 The Same River Twice (m000d84v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 17:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868w9z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 17:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwjb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
WED 17:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09jd671)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jny1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 18:30 Lip Service (m000z0b2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 19:00 Counterpoint (b01jwk68)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 19:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqmy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m00092vd)
Judy Garland: The Final Rainbow
Renée Zellweger introduces a programme exploring Judy Garland's last concerts at London's the Talk of The Town in 1969 - the subject of a new feature film.
Weaving together newly restored archive recordings and eye-witness accounts, we separate the woman from the myth, examine her exceptional talent, exploitation and troubled relationship with Hollywood.
Judy Garland was one of the 20th century's greatest entertainers. A living legend. But in late December 1968, embattled and in poor health, she arrived in London for a five week run at the Talk of The Town in Leicester Square, for £2,500 a week. London was her place of sanctuary, she had performed spectacular comeback concerts in the city in 1951, 1957, 1960 and 1964.
When Renée Zellweger was preparing to play Judy in a new biopic, directed by Rupert Goold, little-known archive concert recordings and first hand accounts were key to understanding the singer's state of mind during those final performances. Judy Garland died of an accidental overdose in her Chelsea home six months later, aged 47.
Rosalyn Wilder was the young production assistant tasked with getting Judy on stage each night at the Talk of The Town. Looking back now, Rosalyn describes the stress of that responsibility, but she is also deeply sympathetic - it was clear Judy's personal life had spiralled out of control. Michael Hirst, the venue's general manager, also remembers Garland's 5 week engagement for its unpredictability.
For jazz pianist Dave Lee, now 93, his experiences working with Judy couldn't be more different. Starting in 1960, he worked with her over a six year period. The Judy Garland he encountered was bouncy, happy and fun - but with an incredible talent for picking the wrong men.
We also hear from Judy director Rupert Goold, New York composer Johnny Meyer who gave Garland shelter in the summer of 1968, film critic David Benedict, and audio engineer John Haley who has restored many rare Judy Garland recordings.
Producers: Victoria Ferran and Susan Marling
A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2019.
WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b081idd6)
Series 10
Losing Yourself
Josie Long hears stories of what can be found as we lose

ourselves - from disappearing into anonymous environments to confronting existential threats.
Found
Featuring Penny Rimbaud
Lost
Featuring Laura Barton
Produced by Ibby Caputo
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2019.
WED 21:30 Doctor Who (m0011939)
The War Doctor
8. The Eternity Cage - Part 2/2
Having been captured by the Sontarans, Cardinal Ollistra has been taken to the planet Rovidia. There, General Fesk of the Eighth Sontaran Battle Fleet intends to set the Time Lords against the Daleks to establish which is worthy for an alliance. Neither Daleks nor Time Lords expect the Sontarans to be so fearsome a foe until they uncover the secret of the Eternity Cage.
John Hurt stars as The War Doctor.
Written by Andrew Smith.
The War Doctor John Hurt
Cardinal Ollistra Jacqueline Pearce
Haleyna Honeysuckle Weeks
Commander Muren Andrew French
General Fesk/Sontarans Dan Starkey
Kalan Josh Bolt
Vassarian Barnaby Edwards
Dalek Time Strategist/The Daleks Nicholas Briggs
Original music written by Howard Carter.
Director: Nicholas Briggs
A Big Finish production.
WED 22:00 Glenn Moore's Almanac (m001t3gc)
Millennium
Comedian Glenn Moore looks in his almanac at world events and what he was doing at the time - and as the new Millennium dawns, Glenn has the most catastrophic New Year's Eve ever. Perhaps best-known for his outrageously brilliant one-liners on *Mock The Week*, Glenn delivers a tale of comic mishaps and extraordinary scenes interwoven with a big event in history - and looks back through his almanac to find out other strange connections to the day as well.
Written by Glenn with additional material by Katie Storey (Have I Got News For You, *Mock The Week*, *The Last Leg*) and produced and directed by David Tyler (Cabin Pressure, Armando Iannucci's *Charm Offensive*, and many more).
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
WED 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k0r6)
Series 1
A Very Important Visitor
Take a wander round the Museum of Everything - an infinite gallery of strange exhibits and stranger characters.
Learn about Mary Queen of Scots' execution and enjoy the Sheriff of Nottingham Medieval Disco Experience
Written and performed by:
Marcus Brigstocke
Danny Robins
Dan Tetsell.
With Lucy Montgomery.
Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.
Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001tsxg)
Dom Joly 1/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to Dom Joly.
WED 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01r51fb)
Series 2
Charlie Baker
Comedy show hosted by Alex Horne and his five piece band and specially written, original music.
This episode explores the theme of love including songs on chat up lines and romance in Bognor as well as a foray into drum and bass and a look at the history of the flute.
Guest starring: Charlie Baker who deconstructs a classic love song.
Alex's Horne Section are:
Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland
Saxophone/clarinet Mark Brown
Double Bass/Bass Will Collier
Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds
Piano/keyboard Ed Sheldrake
Producer: Julia McKenzie.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.
WED 23:30 Little Lifetimes by Jenny Eclair (m0001yh5)
Series 5
A Long Weekend
Cathy and Allan leave Yorkshire to pay a visit to their son and his wife in London, but nothing is as Cathy would like.
And she can't visit her other son as he lives in Hong Kong and she can only fly short haul - 'I can't go over the equator, well you've got to draw a line and to be honest Hackney is more than far enough'
Starring Anne Reid
Series of comic monologue written by Jenny Eclair.
Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (m000b193)

Series 1

Episode 3

Anton wants to know more about sex, and, to his amazement, he discovers that Liam has indulged in the practice!

Written by and starring Shaun Prendergast.

Liam Sean Foley

Martin Shaun Prendergast

Anton Hamish McColl

Susan Sarah Parish

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio in September 1998.

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

THU 00:00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070stux)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Paul Temple (b007jrcx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 The Same River Twice (m000d84v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868w9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwjb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09jd67l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jny1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 Lip Service (m000z0b2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Counterpoint (b01jwk68)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jqmy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070wmg2)

2. Impostor

Martin Guerre's wife, Bertrande, has accepted him on his return after eight years' absence and borne him two further children.

But then she accuses him of being an impostor...

Starring Sean Bean and Lesley Dunlop.

Conclusion of Guy Meredith's dramatisation from the trial notes of 16th-century French judge, Jean de Coras.

Martin Guerre... Sean Bean

Bertrande... Lesley Dunlop

Jean de Coras... Olivier Pierre

Bertrande's Mother... Jill Graham

Pierre Guerre... Andrew Melville

Sanglas... Steve Hodson

Mme Sanglas... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Francoise... Jo Kendall

Carbon Barrau... Peter Gunn

Guillem... Eric Allan

Shepherd / Dominique Pujol... John Fleming

Magistrate ... Peter Penry Jones

Other parts played by Federy Holmes, John Church, Keith

Drinkel, Jonathan Adams, John Webb and Siriol Jenkins.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b007w5cq)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

4. Mr 'Spider' Williams

The enigmatic 'Alex' claims another victim - but the plot thickens as the sleuth survives a car crash.

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple

and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

Wilfred Davis Basil Jones

Carl Latham Simon Lack

Ricky Henderson Frank Henderson

Dr Kohima Rolf Lefebvre

'Spider' Williams Alan Dudley

Frank Chester Ian Thompson

Phone Voice Leroy Lingwood

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

THU 06:30 The Same River Twice (m000d94x)

4. Mortuary

The longer Johnny Maxen's search for his estranged wife goes on, the more mysterious her disappearance becomes.

As he reports back to his mother-in-law, there's a message from Inspector Wardlaw...

Starring Gordon Jackson.

Edward Boyd's thriller serial about the deepening mystery over missing Julia Maxen.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan

Pete Hodgson Roy Hanlon

Linda Karen Ramsay

John Havergal Eric Wightman

Hannah Irene Suinters

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1966.

THU 07:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868wkd)

4. Arctic Trip

Five years ago, Marcus Sedgwick moved to an old chalet d'alpage high up in the Haute-Savoie (an alpine department of the eastern France bordering both Switzerland and Italy). Here for the first time he understands how snow can really shape the rhythms of daily life and during his first full winter in the mountains, he appreciates the hard daily labour involved in clearing proper alpine snow from the path outside his house.

In this episode, his new home prompts him to recall explorations of other snowy landscapes including his own trip to the Arctic Circle and that of the great explorer Scott as he headed for the South Pole.

Marcus Sedgwick is best known as a children's author. He is the winner of many prizes, most notably the Michael L. Printz Award 2014, for his novel Midwinterblood. Marcus has also received two Printz Honors, for Revolver in 2011 and The Ghosts of Heaven in 2016. Other notable awards include Floodland, Marcus' first novel, which won the Branford-Boase Award in 2001, a prize for the best debut novel for children. His books have been shortlisted for over forty other awards, including the Carnegie Medal (six times), the Edgar Allan Poe Award (twice) and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize (four times). He has twice been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, in 2016 and 2017.

Read by Jonathan Firth.

Abridged by Katrin Williams

Produced by Julian Wilkinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

THU 07:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwy7)

4. Jim's Mother

Jim's masterplan of inspiring the nation to write their own novels has had unexpected consequences. His mother, for one, has responded by revealing a long-kept secret and now she's gone missing.

Comedy-drama by Tony Grounds

Jim Paul Ritter

Kath Sophie Thompson

Ray Ben Crowe

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

THU 07:30 The Break (b07j40ww)

Series 1

The Girl from the South

Uncle Jeff, out of the blue, decides that his nephew Andy needs a girlfriend.

Andy decides that he does not. Jeff persists - Fish Shop Frank has his niece visiting from down south, and she is, by all accounts, "a lovely girl".

While waiting for Andy to agree, Jeff takes him to the local hypermarket ostensibly for supplies, but in fact because Jeff has read in a magazine that supermarkets are the ideal place for young singles to meet.

While Jeff is wrongly detained for shoplifting, Andy runs into an old flame from London, Liz. She's staying with her Uncle Frank - so this is the "lovely girl" Jeff's been banging on about! Can Andy rekindle the relationship with his old flame?

Jeff Philip Jackson

Andy Tom Palmer

Frank Mark Benton

Corinne Alison Steadman

Joyce Alison Steadman

Liz Shobna Gulati

Carenza Shobna Gulati

Alan Rasmus Hardiker

Frank 2 Rasmus Hardiker

Writers: Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)

Series 2

A Brush With the Law

When a light shines out during a blackout, Chief Warden

Hodges hauls Captain Mainwaring to court.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Michael Knowles and Harold Snoad.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martin

Chief Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Captain Square Geoffrey Lumsden

The Verger Edward Sinclair

2nd Warden Michael Segal

Mr Wintergreen Michael Knowles

Clerk of the Court Norman Etlinger

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

THU 08:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket

(b007jrgv)

When The Sap Is Rising

Dame Hilda and Dr Evadne swallow the consequences of home-made wine.

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.

Another extract of life from the genteel setting of the Stackton Tressel - the Suffolk village where the musical duo reside.

Written by Gerald Frow.

Dame Hilda Bracket George Logan

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fryffe

Tom David Griffin

Maud Daphne Heard

Major Dyrenforth Anthony Sharp

The ladies made three series for BBC Radio 4 between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on BBC Radio 2 until 1990.

In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.

Producer: John Dyas :

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1983.

THU 09:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)

Episode 1

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.

On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Sir Jeremy Hanley

Helen Atkinson Wood

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

THU 09:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nw3wq)

The Kidnap

Trillionaire rocker Dave Mabbutt finds the perfect excuse to get rid of shed-loads of cash when his mum is taken hostage. Sitcom by Nick Hornby and Giles Smith about an ageing rock star and his search for fulfilment.

Dave Mabbutt Mark Williams

Dom Russell Tovey

Mr Green the Banker Geoff McGivern

Dimitri the Kidnapper Phil Cornwell

Sophie/Walter Matt Addis.

Producer: Lucy Amritage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

THU 10:00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (b070wmg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

THU 11:00 Paul Temple (b007w5cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 The Same River Twice (m000d94x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868wkd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwy7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 12:30 The Break (b07j40ww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007jrgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 14:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nw3wq)

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THU 17:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868wkd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwwy7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 17:30 The Break (b07j40ww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 18:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007jrgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nw3wq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 20:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000hlz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

THU 21:00 Great Lives (b0640p3r)

Ian McKellen on Edmund Hillary

On May 29 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Everest. Both men immediately became famous worldwide.

The actor Sir Ian McKellen, then a young teenager in Burnley, was clearly struck by the achievement. In later life he met

Hillary in New Zealand and has strong memories of a modest man whose first job was beekeeping. Hillary also took a tractor to the South Pole in 1958 and became High Commissioner to India in 1985

"I did a good job on Everest," Hillary once said, "but have always known my limitations and I found being classified as a hero slightly embarrassing."

Joining Sir Ian McKellen, is the author of Everest 1953, Mick Confrey. He reveals the epic story of the first ascent, plus discusses Hillary's work with the Himalayan Trust.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

THU 21:25 Doctor Who (m001jwm)

The War Doctor

9. Eye of Harmony - Part 1/2

In the aftermath of events on Rovida, a unique opportunity arises to strike a lethal blow to the heart of Gallifrey.

A devastating power is set to be unleashed, and with agents in place ready to do the bidding of the Dalek Time Strategist, the future of the Time War could turn in an instant. Trapped inside a critically-damaged Battle TARDIS, hopelessly adrift in the Time Vortex, the War Doctor and his allies have a final desperate fight on their hands...

John Hurt stars as The War Doctor.

Two-part episode written by Ken Bentley.

The War Doctor John Hurt

Cardinal Ollistra Jacqueline Pearce

Heleyna Honeysuckle Weeks

Kalan Josh Bolt

Dalek Time Strategist/The Daleks Nicholas Briggs

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Original music written by Howard Carter.

Director: Nicholas Briggs

A Big Finish production.

THU 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (m000wdgk)

Series 6

5. Exposure

This week Alfie and his team of audience cops investigate a case of exposure. When a repeat offender is discovered in the community, Alfie takes the audience through all the policing options to try and catch the perpetrator.

Written and presented by Alfie Moore

Script editor: Will Ing

Production co-ordinator: Beverly Tagg

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production

First broadcast in May 2021

THU 22:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b007jyzh)

Pundemonium!

It's Pundemonium!

A comedy extravaganza written by and featuring Dan Freedman and Nick Romero

With Richard Coles.

Music by the Gents.

Producer: Julian Myers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001tsxj)

Dom July 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Dom Joly.

THU 23:00 The Malthy Collection (b00crj7g)

Series 1

Episode 3

Rod and Julian are competing for Prunella's affections.

Both suitors seek help from the head of security, Des, in executing their own grand romantic gesture.

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt.

David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by eccentrics and obsessives.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin

Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Andrea Marshall Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Shop Assistant Jasmine Callan

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

THU 23:30 Sofie Hagen: How To Love Your Fat (m00099xr)

Award-winning author-comedian Sofie Hagen examines society's relationship with fat people and, with her infectious wit, sets a funny and impassioned agenda for moving beyond mere body positivity to a better world for everyone - fat or not. Fatphobia is one of the last acceptable prejudices in a world that should really know better. Society continues to send poisonous messages about weight and size, causing widespread misery and mental illness, and dangerously skewing the priorities of millions of young people.

Sofie Hagen, the brilliant comedian and author of last year's hugely successful manifesto Happy Fat, asks what it really means to love your body at any size, and sets out a vision for a world where people aren't defined by their bodies.

A personal, fiercely funny examination of a subject everyone else is scared to talk about.

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2019.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:30 The Same River Twice (m000d94x)

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FRI 02:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868wkd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwvy7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The Break (b07j40ww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007jrgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00nw3wq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Whodunnits (m0011930)

Inspector Hanaud - At the Villa Rose

In the story by AEW Mason, Madame Dauvray is found murdered at her villa and all evidence seems to point to her young English companion Celia Harland.

Determined to save her, her fiancé tries to persuade France's famous Inspector Hanaud to take up the case.

Dramatised by David Benedictus

Hanaud Andrew Sachs

Ricardo Ian Masters

Wethermill Nicholas Rowe

Celia Fiona Clarke

Madame Dauvray/Marthe/Jeanne Janet Whiteside

Helene Vauquier/Waitress Alice Arnold

Perrichet/Lemerre Stephen Critchlow

Servattaz/Besnard Sean Baker

Adele Becky Hindley

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999

FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b007jrk0)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

5. Mr Wilfred Davis

Latham is blackmailed and the sleuth stakes-out the drop-off - where a surprising figure appears...

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

Wilfred Davis Basil Jones

Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell)

Dr Kohima Rolf Lefebvre

Donald Black Victor Lucas

Sergeant Anthony Viccars

Mrs Horne Betty Hardy

Bradley David Briery

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

FRI 06:30 The Same River Twice (m000dghk)

5. Discovery

With his estranged wife missing for three months, Johnny Maxen's search seems to be getting nowhere.

But then Detective-Inspector Wardlaw makes a shocking discovery...

Starring Gordon Jackson.

Edward Boyd's thriller serial about the deepening mystery over missing Julia Maxen.

Johnny Maxen Gordon Jackson

Detective Inspector Wardlaw Roddy McMillan

Bob Smith Moultrie R Kelsall

Helen Duncan Lennox Milne

Dorothy Havergal Anne Kristen

Producer: Eddie Fraser

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1966.

FRI 07:00 Snow by Marcus Sedgwick (b0868wnv)

5. Nature

The final episode of a meditation on snow by author Marcus Sedgwick. Five years ago, he moved to an old chalet d'alpage high up in the Haute-Savoie (an alpine department of the eastern France bordering both Switzerland and Italy).

In this final episode, he studies the nature of its 'whiteness' and welcomes in the spring thaw.

Marcus Sedgwick is best known as a children's author. He is the winner of many prizes, most notably the Michael L. Printz Award 2014, for his novel Midwinterblood. Marcus has also received two Printz Honors, for Revolver in 2011 and The Ghosts of Heaven in 2016. Other notable awards include

Floodland, Marcus' first novel, which won the Branford-Boase Award in 2001, a prize for the best debut novel for children. His books have been shortlisted for over forty other awards, including the Carnegie Medal (six times), the Edgar Allan Poe Award (twice) and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize (four times). He has twice been nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, in 2016 and 2017.

Read by Jonathan Firth.

Abridged by Katrin Williams

Produced by Julian Wilkinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

FRI 07:15 Tony Grounds - How To Write A Novel In A Week (b01pwxt9)

5. Nothing to Lose

Jim has had an eventful week: his mother Iris revealed that the love of her life was not in fact his father but Angelo, an Italian prisoner of war with whom she had an affair as a teenager. Meanwhile, Jim's despairing wife Kath has threatened separation following his crusade to turn his life into a novel. With nothing to lose, Jim has staged an audacious reunion. Comedy-drama by Tony Grounds.

Jim Paul Ritter

Kath Sophie Thompson

Iris Marcia Warren

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

FRI 07:30 Between Ourselves With Marian Keyes (m0008wnq)

Happy All The Time

Marian Keyes is a publishing sensation - her works of fiction (Rachel's Holiday, The Break and others) have sold in their millions, across the globe.

In this series, Marian reads selections from her non-fiction writing, in conversation with her friend and actor Tara Flynn. This week's theme is Happy All The Time. Alongside the craic, Marian reads "Foreign Country" from her collection Under The Duvet and "Negative Thinking" from Making It Up As I Go Along.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2019.

FRI 08:00 Albert and Me (b007jzwr)

Series 1

Where There's a Will

With a trip to hospital looming, single dad Bryan must make contingency plans.

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

Bank Manager John Arnatt

Uncle Eric Michael Robbins

Mr Smith David Ryall

Mrs Smith Diana King

Nurse Penelope Reynolds

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1977.

FRI 08:30 Rent (b04pexh5)

Series 2

Episode 5

When Paul delivers an ultimatum to Ruby, a visit to a fortune-teller with Maria tells them more than they bargained for. Lucy Flannery's Writers' Guild award-winning sitcom about the struggles of Maria and Richard and their lodgers.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Amy Linda Polan

Paul Toby Longworth

Madame Terry Sally Grace

With Sarah Parkinson, Vivienne Rochester, Joanna Brookes and Matthew Bell.

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

FRI 09:00 The Food Quiz (m0001r4f)

Christmas Special 2005

What is the correct pastry for mince pies?

How many extra miles you need to walk to burn off extra Christmas calories?

Jay Rayner grills four contestants with festive culinary conundrums.

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

Giorgio Locatelli

Charita Jones

Michele Roberts

Producer: Alice Feinstein

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

FRI 09:30 The Right Time (b0076m76)

Series 4

Episode 1

From nudism and reflexivity to top-shelf magazines. Sketch show about life, written and performed by people who've lived a bit.

With

Eleanor Bron

Dudley Sutton

Roger Blake

Clive Swift
Paula Wilcox
Guest star Arthur Smith
Music by Ronnie & The Rex
Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, Jill Brodie, John Pidgeon,
Mike Haskins, Jan Etherington, George Poles, Arthur Smith,
Alan Stafford, Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.
Script Editors: Ed Dyson and George Poles
Producer: Katie Marsden
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.
FRI 10:00 Whodunnits (m0011930)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
FRI 11:00 Paul Temple (b007jrk0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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FRI 13:30 Rent (b04pxh5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 14:00 The Food Quiz (m0001r4f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 14:30 The Right Time (b0076m76)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 15:00 Whodunnits (m0011930)
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FRI 18:30 Rent (b04pxh5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 19:00 The Food Quiz (m0001r4f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 19:30 The Right Time (b0076m76)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Mark Watson's Inner Child (b08295s0)
Being grown-up is too boring. Is that the thinking behind the current trend in 'kiddulthood' activity - where adults play kids' games and generally get in touch with their 'inner child'?
Comedian Mark Watson finds no shortage of evidence for this trend - the programme features adult 'days in the woods' in Corby for grown-ups who like climbing trees and making dens, there are play gyms for those who want to dress up or rediscover Lego. We find some women in Bristol who like opening their colouring books in a pub, cafes that serve nothing but the breakfast cereals of your youth, playdays for adults in urban parks, to say nothing of swings and slides and the set of musical see-saws that are currently being enjoyed by adults in Leicester Square.
Mark is out and about with his own inner child, playing 'hedgehogs' with grown-ups and sampling the pleasures of a 'board games cafe'.
Philosopher Susan Neiman and Psychologist Oliver James offer their interpretations of this contemporary phenomenon.
Producer: Susan Marling
A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2016.
FRI 20:30 Soul Music (m000qjdr)
I Wonder as I Wander
As Christmas approaches, Soul Music leads you through Advent with the Appalachian carol "I Wonder as I Wander".
Written by American folklorist and singer John Jacob Niles, its origins come from a song fragment collected in 1933.
Mysterious, inspiring, this traditional Christmas carol reflects on the nativity and the nature of wondering.
While in the town of Murphy in Appalachian North Carolina, Niles attended a fundraising meeting held by evangelicals who had been ordered out of town by the police. He wrote of hearing the song:
"A girl had stepped out to the edge of the little platform attached to the automobile. She began to sing. Her clothes were unbelievably dirty and ragged, and she, too, was unwashed. Her ash-blond hair hung down in long skeins. ... she was beautiful, and in her untutored way, she could sing. She smiled as she sang, smiled rather sadly, and sang only a single line of a song".
The girl, named Annie Morgan, repeated the fragment seven times in exchange for a quarter per performance, and Niles left with "three lines of verse, and a magnificent idea". Based on this fragment, Niles composed the version of "I Wonder as I Wander" that is known today.

This most unusual of carols touches people in different ways. With childhood memories from a 1960's RAF base in Oxfordshire, a Nigerian school girl who found her place in Winchester Cathedral, reflections from a candlelit vigil in an Appalachian town, and a Christmas gift as described by world renowned singer Melanie Marshall.
Guests: Performer Melanie Marshall, Ron Pen (biographer John Jacob Niles), Viva Choir member Louise Sheaves, author Chibundu Onuzo and music scholar John McClain. Featuring music from John Rutter and Burl Ives.
Consultant: Ted Olson.
Producer: Nicola Humphries
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2020.
FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0003r3f)
Series 13
The Mesmerist
"Is hypnosis real, and if so how does it work? Does it have any practical uses and which of Hannah and Adam is most susceptible?"
This question came from two Curios, Peter Jordan aged 24 from Manchester and Arran Kinnear aged 13 from Bristol. Arch sceptics Hannah and Adam visit stage hypnotist Ben Dali to find out if they are susceptible to the power of suggestion. One of them will be successfully hypnotised, but who will it be?
Along the way we hear about the history of hypnosis from Wendy Moore author of 'The Mesmerist'. Plus psychologist Devin Terhune explains what we know about the science of hypnosis today.
Presenters: Hannah Fry, Adam Rutherford
Producer: Michelle Martin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.
FRI 21:15 Witness History (m000z6k3)
Cirque du Soleil
The global circus phenomenon Cirque du Soleil was born in 1984
It began when a group of street performers in Quebec bought a big top tent and went on tour.
Lucy Burns speaks to Cirque du Soleil co-founder Gilles Ste-Croix, who walked 56 miles on stilts to raise money for the show.
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2019.
FRI 21:25 Doctor Who (m001js4w)
The War Doctor
9. Eye of Harmony - Part 2/2
As the Daleks pursue their plans, traitor Heleyna realises the impact of her actions.
The War Doctor, Cardinal Ollistra, Heleyna and a Rovidian, Kalan, have escaped Rovidia using a damaged Battle TARDIS. As the Daleks enforce their Time War strategy, home truths are revealed.
John Hurt stars as the War Doctor.
Conclusion written by Ken Bentley.
The War Doctor John Hurt
Cardinal Ollistra Jacqueline Pearce
Heleyna Honeysuckle Weeks
Kalan Josh Bolt
Dalek Time Strategist/The Daleks Nicholas Briggs
Other parts played by members of the cast.
Original music written by Howard Carter.
Director: Nicholas Briggs
A Big Finish production.
FRI 22:00 Scott Bennett: Stuff (m001t93g)
Before becoming an award-winning comedian Scott Bennett was an award-winning product designer, a career he gave up to avoid workplace pressure and constant scrutiny. In his time, Scott has designed everything from water cans and hydraulic lifting systems to storage boxes and, in one instance, a flat-pack bondage cage.
As a former product designer, Scott now feels guilty about the part he's played in how consumerism impacts the world we live in. He asks whether it's possible to live a simple life when our lives are filled with so much, and probably too much, stuff.
In this bespoke show recorded at The Stand in Newcastle, Scott takes aim at the mindfulness industry, smart technology, aspirational lifestyles, product packaging and, his new bugbear, paper straws.
Written and performed by Scott Bennett
On-location recording by Mark Burrows
Sound editing by Kevin Bailey
Photograph supplied by Double Image Photography
Produced by Kurt Brookes
A Made In Manchester production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 22:30 Wondermental Cabaret (b00y96p)
Series 1
3. Totnes
Poet, performer, enemy of all that's difficult and upsetting, Matt Harvey presents this comedy-infused, musically-enhanced, slightly interactive poetry cabaret.
With:
Poet, Murray Lachlan Young
One man house band - Jerri Hart.
Recorded with an audience at The Royal Seven Stars in Totnes, Devon.
Fellow poets Liv Torc and Nathan Filer battle it out with Murray in a Dead Poets' Slam, while the audience compose their own poem on the subject of gerbils.
Producer: Mark Smalley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

FRI 23:00 On the Hour (b007m9zs)
Series 2
Episode 6
An outside broadcast goes down and a bluebottle rampages across Essex.
All the news as it happens, if it happens from the BBC's urgent and incisive news overview.
Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.
With:
Steve Coogan
David Schneider
Rebecca Front
Patrick Marber
Doon Mackichan
Written by Chris Morris, Armando Iannucci, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, David Quantick, Stewart Lee and Patrick Marber.
Producer: Armando Iannucci
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992
FRI 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001tsxl)
Dom Joly 3/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Dom Joly.
FRI 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00rmygl)
Series 1
Smoked Meat
Sir Marcus wants a global web presence by the end of the week. Mean marketing director John Weak descends to the IT netherworld to do battle with Gavin Smedley, an IT director grown from the sweat of a techie's armpit.
Alexander Armstrong stars as John Weak in Guy Browning's sitcom.
John Weak Alexander Armstrong
Hayley Clare Perkins
Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead
Bill Peters Ron Cook
Gary Peyton Ewan Bailey
Gavin Smedley Gerard McDermott
Paul Harry Myers
Producer: Jonquil Panting
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.