SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER 2023

SAT 00:00 Daphne Du Maurier (b00s5mnq)

The Birds

The natural world turns on mankind.

War veteran Nat battles to protect his family as birds begin to ruthlessly attack humans.

Starring Neil Dudgeon.

Daphne Du Maurier's classic horror story, first published in 1952.

Dramatised by Melissa Murray.

Nat.....Neil Dudgeon

Sue....Nicola Walker

Maggie....Jade Williams

Mr Trigg.....Gerard Horan

Jonathan.....Carl Grose

Newsreader.....John Dougall

Mary.....Rachel Bavidge
Music & Sound Design: David Pickvance Director: Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.

SAT 01:00 Mary Poppins by PL Travers (m0001stf)
The story of the magical English nanny - poised, punctilious and

practically perfect in every way.

Starring Juliet Stevenson as Mary Poppins, who's set to

transform the lives of Jane and Michael Banks.

After the Banks family's last nanny walks out in disgust, Mary blows in to number 17 Cherry Tree Lane in London. She's given a week's trial by the children's father, George - but says she'll only stay until the wind changes.

Dramatised by Hazel Marshall, this was the first ever radio adaptation - based on several Mary Poppins stories written by PL Travers.

Juliet Stevenson Mary Poppins

Jonathan Bee Michael

Sophie Stuckey Jane

Deborah Berlin Mrs Banks

David Timson Mr Banks

Andrew Sachs Mr Turvy

Phyllida Law Katie Nana Chris Moran Mr Smart

Laura Doddington Polly

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: David Ian Neville.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

SAT 02:00 The Great Chocolate Murders (b0076x96)

When people start falling ill all over 19th-century Brighton, everyone thinks that the lack of proper sewers has caused a cholera epidemic.

Little do the police suspect that pralines and montelimars are the problem.

Thwarted in love, middle-aged spinster, Christine Edmunds, has a deadly plan.

Starring Sian Thomas.

Obsession, bad drains, royalty, murder and chocolate liqueurs! All play their part in John Fletcher's drama - based on a true story.

Christiana Edmunds Sian Thomas

Jacob Ormsley Chris Donnelly Mother Jennifer Hill

Dr Beard Dorien Thomas Mr Hallett Brendan Charleson.

Mrs Beard Angela Barlow

Armand Iwan Tudor

Alex McClaine Derek Riddell

Billy Jordan Clarke

Sam Robert Connor

Journalist Gareth Williams Counsel ... Dyfrig Morris

Director: Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

SAT 03:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07gk2qv)

5. A Triumphant Evening

The 1923 international conference at Darlington Hall is

underway when Stevens' father is taken ill.

Stevens is looking back on a lifetime of service as butler in one of the great stately homes of England.

Coming to the end of his career, he belatedly puts his life into perspective.

Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize winning novel.

Abridged by Catherine Czerkawska. Read by John Moffatt.

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

SAT 03:15 Maya Angelou's Autobiographies (m0002sn8)

A Song Flung up to Heaven

After Martin Luther King's assassination, it's James Baldwin

that helps Maya out of her devastation.

Maya goes on to produce a big television documentary series and then gets a call from a publisher at Random House inviting her to write an autobiography.

She refuses repeatedly, until the publisher calls her bluff.

Narrator, Older Maya Adjoa Andoh Maya Pippa Bennett-Warner James Baldwin Don Gilet

... Lisa Davina Phillip

Robert Loomis/Jon Joseph Ayre

Dramatised by Patricia Cumper

Produced and directed by Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2019.

SAT 03:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (m000cl3c) Good King Senseless

Former variety star Count Arthur Strong sets about launching

Malcolm's singing career. He starts with Christmas carolling but a bigger stage awaits.

Starring Steve Delaney.

Count Arthur Steve Delaney Malcolm Terry Kilkelly

Plus a host of regular characters created by:

Mel Giedroyc Alastair Kerr

Dave Mounfield

Dave, who played, among others, the much-loved characters Jerry and Geoffrey, sadly died in March 2020. His final Count Arthur recordings were two Christmas specials recorded in

Autumn 2019. This is the first one. Both are dedicated to his memory.

The long running radio series aired until 2012 when the character stepped on to BBC TV for three series of the BAFTA nominated and critically acclaimed TV sitcom Count Arthur Strong. Since then, Count Arthur has returned to BBC Radio 4

with his celebrated Christmas specials. In August 2019, Count Arthur Strong's TV sitcom featured in the top three of the Most Missed TV Shows of the 21st Century

poll conducted in the Radio Times. A Komedia Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2019. SAT 04:00 Albert and Me (b007k04p)

Series 1

Family Christmas

Single dad Bryan finds himself double-booked for the

festivities.

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

Gran....Patricia Hayes Maureen....Celia Bannerman

Store Assistant.....Kenneth Shanley Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1977

SAT 04:30 Rent (b04phhy0)

Series 2 Enisode 6

Paul and Ruby are thinking of moving out, and Maria needs

Stars Patrick Barlow and Barbara Flynn

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

With: Vivienne Rochester

Producer: Liz Anstee First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

SAT 05:00 The Infinite Monkey Cage (b04vjb5y)

Christmas Special 2014

Brian Cox and Robin Ince present a very special festive edition. They'll be taking their own unique look at the Christmas story and the history of the bible and asking whether the christmas story and your view of humanity changes once you've looked back at earth from the heavens themselves.

With

Actor, Brian Blessed

Astronaut, Chris Hadfield

Bible scholar Professor Francesca Stavrakopoulou Presenter, Reverend Richard Coles

Producer: Alexandra Feachem

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

SAT 05:30 The Right Time (b0076mb8)

Episode 2

Vampires and Feng Shui in the sketch comedy about growing older disgracefully. Stars Eleanor Bron and Paula Wilcox. From July 2004.

Sketch show about life, written and performed by people

who've lived a bit.

Starring: Eleanor Bron Dudley Sutton Roger Blake Paula Wilcox

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, Jill Brodie, John Pidgeon, Mike Haskins, Jan Etherington, Alex Lowe, George Poles,

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Arthur Smith, Chris Thompson and Pete Reynolds. Script Editors: Ed Dyson and George Poles

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

SAT 06:00 Death of an Ugly Sister (m001tp6k)

Cinderella is missing, Her understudy is panicking - and the police are investigating a

On stage, Ugly Sister Amphibia is trying to hold together the pantomime on its final performance

Meanwhile backstage, the other Ugly Sister, Dyspepsia, is

involved in a mystery... Starring Roy Barraclough and Paul Shane,

John Peacock's pantomime chiller

Billy (Dyspepsia) Roy Barraclough Joe (Amphibia) Paul Shane

Rose Sandra Voe

Harry (Baron Hardupp) John Halstead

Petra (Cinderella's understudy) Linda Regan Tina (Horribilis Hardupp/Fairy Godmother) Tina Gray

Oz (Buttons) Christopher Simon

Gwen Jillie Meers

Wally Gordon Reid

Jane Annabel Mullion Clifford Crawford Logan

Johnson Peter Yapp
Charlie (Dandini) Oliver Senton

Duggie (Prince Charming) David Learner Mathieson Michael Tudor Barnes

Young Billy James Beattie

Telephone Operator Becky Hindley

Musical direction and keyboards by Trevor Allan Davies.

Director: Ned Chaillet First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

SAT 07:30 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(Omnibus) (m001tp6m) Episode 1

Stevens looks back on a lifetime of service as butler in one of

the great stately homes of England.

Coming to the end of his career, belatedly puts his life into perspective.

Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize winning novel. Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes abridged by Catherine

Czerkawska. Read by John Moffatt.

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990. SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's South Country (b007jrfs)

Series 2

Kindlewood Night

A mysterious night of passion and kindling awaits Carter Brandon 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 Rampant Lady Liz Goulding

Young Woman Jane Whittenshaw The Landlord Brian Miller 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 (b08dcg11)

Series 2 A Stand on Ceremony

Christening a fourth child shouldn't really provide any problems, but for Jennifer and Henry it's starting to look

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

Mother Fanny Rowe

Mary Charlotte Mitchell Trudi Roberta Tovev

Amanda Jill Riddick Harrison Richard Waring

Perry/The Rev Grover Frederick Treves The Rev Pettifer James Thomason

The Rev Martin John Gabriel

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitelock First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1970.

SAT 09:30 Whack-O! (m001tp6q) Series 2

The Cross-Country Cup The Headmaster's guile is put to the test when school funds for a sports trophy are misused.

Starring 'Professor' Jimmy Edwards.

Starting life on BBC TV before transferring to radio. Chiselbury School is run 'for the sons of gentlefolk'.

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 Aubrey Potter Roddy Maude-Roxby

Matron June Whitfield

Alfred Tennyson Frederick Treves

Phipps John Coxall

Lumley Roger Shepherd Eamonn O'Reilly Roy Dotrice

Biggs Julian Somers

Rawlinson Philip Leavermore Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1962. SAT 10:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vhrf)

1. In the Offing

Everything in life that's any fun, as somebody wisely observed, is either immoral, illegal or fattening." PG Wodehouse, Girl in Blue [1970]

Alexander Armstrong attended the special dedication to PG Wodehouse [1881-1975] at Westminster Abbey in September 2019, where sections of this programme were recorded.

Wodehouse was widely regarded as the greatest comic author of the 20th century, and you can enjoy a collection of some his best loved work in each of the three episodes.

Thus includes a celebration of his creations, such as the feckless Bertie Wooster and his phlegmatic manservant, Jeeves, and his many other characters

All are brought to life on radio by stars including:

Simon Cadell

Michael Hordern

Richard Briers

We'll also hear rare interviews and archive along with contributions from fans, friends and family

Celebrating the comic brilliance of PG Wodehouse is a personal passion for presenter Alexander Armstrong, especially as he's president of the PG Wodehouse Society - which attracts followers from all over the world.

Producer: Stephen Garner

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

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SAT 17:00 Death of an Ugly Sister (m001tp6k)

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SAT 21:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vhrf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] SAT 22:00 Fab TV (m0016xkj)

Curtis & Ballard (Deceased)

Comedy series paying homage to TV's cult action adventure shows of the 1960s and 70s.

CURTIS AND BALLARD work as a pair private detectives but when Ballard is killed by a hit and run steam roller, he returns as a ghost to help solve crimes.

Written by and starring Neil Mullarkey and John Irwin.

Morwenna Banks Chris England Robert Harley Music by Peter Baikie.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.

SAT 22:30 And Now in Colour (b007jtz0)

Christmas Special 1991 Tim, Tim, Mike and Will are planning a quiet Christmas Day -

apart from the exploding rabbit, of course.

Precision comedy written and performed by the sketch show

Tim Firth Tim de Jongh Michael Rutger

William Vandyck Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001v92c)

Barry from Watford

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to

Barry from Watford.

SAT 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mk7rn) Series 4

Episode 4

A plea for donations to Britain's only balloon-animal sanctuary and meet a wooden boy who's a bit annoying

Plus, what to do at work if you suspect you have a decadent colleague.

Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

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 (b074xw25) Episode 4

* An unsentimental relationship counsellor gives marriage

* A wide-eyed work experience girl delights in what she's learnt during her time in the Big Smoke.

* Middle-class powerhouses June and Jean must somehow find a way to tolerate their husbands.

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 (b00d67yf)

Frank Wignall

You and Yours presenter John Waite investigates the shocking claim that the Cartilages were not a real family

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

Written by and starring Johnny Meres.

With:

John Waite Ben Miller

Peter Serafinowicz

Geoff McGivern

Rosemary Martin Deborah Berlin

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1996.

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2023

SUN 00:00 The Spirit of the House (b09k8q2f)

Dick and Alison retire after 30 years in the Far East, to realise their dream of an English home

On Christmas Eve, however, this dream becomes a nightmare without end...

Ghostly drama written by Michael Robson.

Dick Lennox Bernard Brown Alison Lennox Sheila Grant Wedderburn Norman Bird

George Evans David Goodland Daphne Evans Carole Boyd The Reverend Colet lan Dudley

Director: Gerry Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988.

SUN 00:30 Philip K Dick - Of Withered Apples (b007jplz)

As a beautiful woman picks its last withered apple, a dying ancient tree is determined to survive.

William Hootkins reads Philip K Dick's short story. Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in September 2003.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday] SUN 06:00 A Christmas Carol By Candlelight (m001tp6x) A beautifully delivered narration by Nicholas Parsons links the premiere broadcast of this musical version of the Dickens

Recorded in 2018, when Nicholas was 95, his vibrant performance brings the story alive.

Written by Charles Dickens.

Original songs and Christmas carols ring out as we step back in time to London 1843, where the atmospheric tale of Ebenezer Scrooge and his ghostly visitors unfolds...

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Adapted, and original songs by, Tony Norman

Singers:

Ebenezer Scrooge James Bell Ghost of Christmas Past Nicola Stevens

Fred Bruce Pont

Bob Cratchit Clem Jackson Mrs Cratchit Linda Francis

Martha Cratchit Nicole Young

Mr Fezziwig Brian Naish Mrs Fezziwig Linda Francis

With Tony Norman, Charlie Tipler, Claire Ashton, Fiona

Whittaker, Tash Stone, Rebecca Barkaway, Mark O'Neill, Tyler Chambers, Olivia Sorrell Fleet, Karen Moses, Kaz Barnett, Ted Brickley, Luke Turner, Billy Cashin and Alfie Jukes

Pianist: Mark Edwards Violinist: Jen Douglas

Producers: Charlie Tipler and Bruce Pont

A Tony Norman Music production for BBC Radio 4 Extra.

SUN 07:15 The Grantham Connection (m001tp71) Nicholas Parsons visits the town where he was born and

explores his unlikely connections with Grantham's most famous daughter, Lady Margaret Thatcher.

Contributions from:

John Pye Howard Imber

Malcolm Knapp Alan Mason

Paul Nesbit

Produced for BBC Bristol by Miriam Akhtar. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

SUN 07:45 The Arthur Haynes Show (m001mtmg)

With Nicholas Parsons - from 22/10/1962

Can Vicar Parsons' charity survive a dubious visitor? Arthur Haynes stars in the sketch show series written by Johnny Speight.

With:

Nicholas Parsons

Music by The Temperance Seven, featuring 'Whispering' Paul McDowell

Part of a selection of surviving episodes.

Producer: Richard Dingley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1962. SUN 08:15 Doon the Watta (m000nc07)

Nicholas Parsons was only just 16 when his parents sent him from his relatively privileged home in London to the

industrially hardened city of Glasgow. It was January 1940 and with the country still at war, the Parsons felt the best place for their teenage son was serving his country north of the border.

So with the help of an uncle, Nicholas secured an engineering apprenticeship on the busy River Clyde. For five years he combined his studies at Glasgow university with work for the Drysdales firm

60 years on, Nicholas Parsons goes back to the place where he was sent as a boy but grew into a man. By day, he had a tough education from the uncompromisingly

tough men of the Clyde, but by night he had the freedom to discover his talents on stage and perform to packed out theatres and concert halls full of the men with whom he was clocking on and off.

Producer: Lyndon Saunders An All Out production for BBC Radio 4. first broadcast in June

2010. SUN 08:45 Listen To This Space (m001tp74)

Create by and starring Nicholas Parsons, the satire show features stuffing the Lord Chancellor's Woolstack and Ted

Inspired by BBC TVs 'That Was The Week That Was', Nicholas

Parsons created a weekly satire for BBC radio. Written by Anthony Marriot and Alistair Foot.

With: Denise Brian

Peter Goodwright

Bob Todd. Researcher: Colin Reed

Music: Tony Osborne Group

Producer: John Bridges First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1966. SUN 09:15 Steve Wright and Nicholas Parsons in the

Afternoon (m001tp76) Broadcaster Steve Wright looks back at the times when Nicholas Parsons guested on his hugely popular BBC Radio 2

As a show, Steve Wright in the Afternoon - both on Radio 1 and Radio 2 - was renowned for the calibre of its guest interviews, none more so than in the field of comedy. From Jack Dee to Chevy Chase, the guest chair rocked with mirth as Steve and The Posse used their unique approach to establish

what made the interviewee tick. Nicholas Parsons was the most frequent guest. Steve's admiration of him from an early age, combined with Nicholas's generosity, charm and wealth of anecdotes always made for entertaining listening.

This compilation of Radio 2 interviews - from 2003 to 2017 captures the warmth and reflects the longevity of a much missed entertainer.

Compilation Producer: Mik Wilkojc

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra in December 2023.

SUN 09:45 How Pleasant to Know Mr Lear (m001tp78)

1. The Owl and the Pussycat

Nicholas Parsons celebrates the life and nonsensical genius of the poet, Edward Lear, creator of the Owl and the Pussycat. In the first of two programmes, he presents a portrait of the nonsensical genius, which conveys a rounded picture of Lear's amazing life and unusual personality.

Lear's remarkable fantasy world is recreated by Nicholas Parsons as he delivers some of Lear's highly imaginative and delightful nonsense verse including:

The Owl and the Pussycat The Pobble Who Has No Toes

The Quangle Wangle's Hat

The Jumblies

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1995.

SUN 10:15 Just a Minute (m001tp7c)

From 3/11/1976

Nicholas Parsons challenges four well-known panellists to speak on random topics for 60 seconds without deviation, hesitation or repetition.

With:

Kenneth Williams

Peter Jones

Alfred Marks Shelia Hancock

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1976.

SUN 10:45 Just a Minute's Indian Adventure (b01f5hnq)

Just a Minute grew to prominence in India, when it became available to Indian audiences via the BBC World Service.

This exposure gave birth to a number of 'Indianised' versions of the game, which continue to be played amongst smart, young Indian college graduates today. Dubbed 'JAM', they are a testament to the show's transnational appeal.

As part of the Radio 4 Just a Minute anniversary celebration, Nicholas Parsons visits Bangalore and Mumbai to take a look at these JAM sessions; modern Indianised and radically different take up of the Just a Minute British audiences know and love. The documentary follows a group of lively young Indian college students as they prepare for a competitive JAM tournament against their peers at the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore.

Featuring:

Paul Merton

Marcus Brigstocke Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.

SUN 11:15 Nicholas Parsons: Paul Merton Talks to Sue Perkins (m001tp7m)

Paul Merton talks to Sue Perkins about their shared memories of Nicholas Parsons on Just a Minute.

Recorded especially as part of Radio 4 Extra's Nicholas Parsons Day - Christmas Eve 2023 - Paul and Sue talk backstage before

a recent recording of Just a Minute.

They remember Nicholas Parsons' warmth, foibles and good humour. They talk about their own debuts on Just a Minute and how Nicholas was a perfect host.

And Sue Perkins talks about the incredible challenge of being asked to become the chair of Just a Minute after Nicholas died in 2020

Just how do you follow a 50 year legend?

Producer: Peter McHugh

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra SUN 11:30 Just a Minute (b092m4s4)

Series 79

Episode 5

Nicholas Parsons challenges his four well-known panellists to speak on random topics for 60 seconds without deviation, hesitation or repetition.

With:

Sue Perkins

Gyles Brandreth Andy Hamilton

Paul Merton

Hayley Sterling blows the whistle.

Producer: Victoria Llovd

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MON 05:30 Just a Minute (b092m4s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday] MON 06:00 Cadfael (b007jlcr)

The Virgin in the Ice

1 Casualties of War

Shrewsbury, Winter in the year 1139: Amid a civil war, medieval sleuth Brother Cadfael sets out to find a missing boy and his sister

Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters.

Dramatised in five parts by Bert Coules. Narrator ... Sir Michael Hordern

Brother Cadfael ... Philip Madoc

Hugh Beringar Douglas Hodge Leonard Leonard Fenton

Olivier Raad Rawi

Ermina Moira Buffini

Ives Dean Magri

Elyas Crispin Letts

Abbot Radulfus John Church

Other parts played by:

Jonathan Tafler Steve Hodson

Eric Allen

Julian Rhind-Tutt

David Holt Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b007 iv9w)

Miss Marple - They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 1

Miss Marple is invited to stay with her old school friend, Carrie

at Stoneygates - a Victorian mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents.

As she mulls over Carrie's life history on the train journey, just

what is the danger that the sleuth is sensing? Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1952.

June Whitfield stars as the indomitable amateur detective, Miss Jane Marple.

Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Ruth Van Rydock Jill Balcon Lewis Serrocold Peter Howell Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

Walter Hudd/Railway porter Stephen Lucas

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Director: Enyd Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

MON 07:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07gxhrv)

6. On Into Dorset

On his trip to Cornwall to see Miss Kenton, Stevens faces some awkward questions about his former employer.

Stevens is looking back on a lifetime of service as butler in one of the great stately homes of England.

Coming to the end of his career, he belatedly puts his life into perspective.

Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize winning novel.

Abridged by Catherine Czerkawska.

Read by John Moffatt.

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

MON 07:15 MR James (m0001mmw) The Haunting of MR James

1. The Mezzotint

The new engraving Dr Williams orders for the university

collection reveals a disturbing story.

Collection of tales written by the master of the ghost story, MR James

Dramatised by Neil Brand.

MR James Mark Gatiss Dr. Williams Patrick Brennan

Dr. Binks Tony Turner

Dr. Nisbet Don Gilet

Mrs. Filcher Jeanette Percival Verger Michael Bertenshaw

Director: David Hunter.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018. MON 07:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m0001qhh)

Conversations from a Long Marriage at Christmas

Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam play a couple who have been married 'for ever'.

Children of the 60s, they're still free spirits, drawn together by their passion for music and each other

A two-hander, we follow their dangling conversations, as they prepare for Christmas 'à deux', open their Christmas cards, dissect their neighbours' relationships - and Joanna reveals she's

planned some rather surprising activities for Christmas Day because 'All I want for Christmas is you' A late-night phone call means that her Christmas wish may not

be granted Written for Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam by award-winning

comedy writer and journalist Jan Etherington. Jan has been married for 34 years to Gavin Petrie, with whom she has created many hit radio and TV series (Second Thoughts,

Next of Kin, Faith in the Future, The Change)

Producer: Claire Jones A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

December 2018 MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlqh)

Series 3

Without Prejudice Harold persuades Albert to leave their city rag and bone yard to move out to suburbia.

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

Estate Agent Edward Kelsev

Mr Drysden Garrard Green Other parts played by Trevor Martin.

Producer: Bobby Jave First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.

MON 08:30 After Henry (b00fzc3s) A Week of Sundays

"It seemed a bit sad that we weren't doing the full Christmas bit this year, and I thought maybe it'd be a good idea if we had our own little Christmas lunch on Sunday.

Sarah bickers with daughter Clare and mother Eleanor bicker

over their festive planning. 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

Customer Alan Thompson 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 December 1985. MON 09:00 Elephant in the Room (m0006lbh)

Series 1

Episode 3

Sarah Millican hosts a panel show using surveys to discover who is the most Average Jolene, and who is the most Maverick Matilda.

On the sparkling panel: Sandi Toksvig

Angela Barnes

Harriet Dver

Phil Wang

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 July 2019.

MON 09:30 Tony Hawks' Twelve Days of Christmas (b00gd7r5)

Get ready for a Christmas adventure with plenty of spirit! Tony Hawks has decided to try to collect every item featured in the carol The Twelve Days of Christmas - just to make his girlfriend happy.

But how many pipers will he convince to pipe?

How many lords can he possibly get to leap?

And just how much is it all going to cost Tony, anyway? Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001. MON 10:00 JCW Brook - Father Christmas (m001tp8p)

Like many other small boys, Christopher wanted a bike for Christmas - not much to ask when Father Christmas obviously has hundreds to give away.

Alec is out of work and can't afford one, but Rafe is determined that somehow the boy's wish will be granted...

Written by JCW Brook.

Rafe Christopher Cazenove

Sue Rosalind Shanks

Alec Christopher Scoular

Christopher Simon Richmond

Inspector Pait Neville Jason

Judge William Eedle

PC Jennings Anton Philips

Other parts played by Andrew Seear.

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1976

MON 11:00 Cadfael (b007 jlcr) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodmnits (b007iv9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07gxhrv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:15 MR James (m0001mmw) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 12:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage

(m0001qhh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] MON 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlqh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 After Henry (b00fzc3s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 Elephant in the Room (m0006lbh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Tony Hawks' Twelve Days of Christmas

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 JCW Brook - Father Christmas (m001tp8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] MON 16:00 Cadfael (b007 ilcr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jv9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 17:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07gxhrv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:15 MR James (m0001mmw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 17:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m0001ahh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlqh) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 After Henry (b00fzc3s) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 Elephant in the Room (m0006lbh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Tony Hawks' Twelve Days of Christmas (b00gd7r5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] MON 20:00 Radiolab (m001cmz6)

Series 10

The Helen Keller Exorcism

Radiolab explores the real story of Deafblind American author and rights activist, Helen Keller.

With Jad Abumrad, Lulu Miller and Elsa Sjunneson.

Fantasy writer Elsa Sjunneson has been haunted by Helen

Keller for nearly her entire life.

Like Helen, Elsa is Deafblind, and growing up she was constantly compared to her. But for a million different reasons she hated that, because she felt different from her in a million different ways.

Then, a year ago, an online conspiracy theory claiming Helen was a fraud exploded on TikTok, and suddenly Elsa found herself drawing her sword and jumping to Helen's defence, setting off a chain of events that would bring her closer to the disability icon than she ever dreamt.

For over a year, Elsa, Lulu and the Radiolab team dug through primary sources, talked to experts, even visited Helen's birthplace Ivy Green, and discovered the real story of Helen Keller is far more complicated, mysterious and confounding than the simple myth of a young Deafblind girl rescued by her teacher Annie Sullivan.

It's a story of ghosts, surprises, a few tears, a bit of romance, some hard conversations, and a possibly psychic dog.

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 2022.

MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (b046csgp)

Nicholas Parsons

Nicholas Parsons reminisces to 'In the Mood' by Glenn Miller and passes on 'Children Will Listen' by Stephen Sondheim

MON 21:00 Mastertapes (m0001qjp)

Series 8

Don McLean (A-side)

Don McLean talks about his timeless classic 1971 album, the career defining 'American Pie'.

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, Don McLean chats to John Wilson,

24-year old Don McLean's debut album was rejected by 72 labels before it was released by Mediarts.

It was only because that label was taken over by United Artists that his follow-up received the promotion it deserved.

His second album contained: a tribute to a 19th-century Dutch painter, which was cited as a personal inspiration by the late rapper Tupac Shakur; a song that was re-recorded 32 years later by George Michael in protest against the Iraq War; and an eightand-a-half-minute single that in 2017 was designated an "aural treasure... worthy of preservation as part of America's

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

MON 21:30 How Pleasant to Know Mr Lear (m001tp8x) 2: The Dong with the Luminous Nose

Nicholas Parsons concludes his celebration of the life and work

of Edward Lear, the great nonsense poet. In the last of two programmes he talks about the unusual and difficult life of this amazing man and illustrates it throughout

with a delivery of many of Lear's brilliant nonsense poems. The fantastical world of Lear's nonsense verse was constructed

to bring entertainment to children, but also as a means of Lear surviving a very stressful life.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1995.

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001tgtx)

Series 80

Back for a second week at the Dorking Halls, panellists Fred Macaulay, Milton Jones, Lucy Porter and Omid Dialili compete with one another, with Jack Dee the unimpressed umpire. Piano accompaniment is provided by Colin Sell.

Producer - Jon Naismith. It is a BBC Studios production for Radio 4.

MON 22:30 Lenny Henry's Rogues Gallery (b085x9sq)

The Rogues Gallery at Christmas

Lenny Henry writes and stars in his own twist-in-the-tale monologues

In this Christmas-themed tale "Kobbolovski's Little Helper", he plays a Kenyan of restricted height, called A'dele, who is compelled by a voice to migrate to Kent, where he finds work as a healthcare assistant at an old people's home

He is happy there and he's able to work with other people of restricted height, surrounded by plenty of great facilitie including a well resourced workshop.

But soon the seasons change, the cold bites and his routine is upset by the arrival of an old, skinny man who A'dele must make every effort to look after ...

Producer: Sam Michell

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

MON 22:45 The Shuttleworths (b008hzry)

Christmas Eve With the Shuttleworths

Retired Sheffield security guard, John Shuttleworth is a "versatile singer-songwriter"

He lives in a semi-detached world with wife Mary, and teenage kids Karen and Darren.

Unfortunately, his plans for a festive family gathering go awry.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m001tjm0)

Christmas Specials 2023

Episode 2

Topical satire, featuring all the people you'd least like to have Christmas dinner with

There are debut appearances from Baroness Mone, Katherine Jenkins and the new Doctor Who, Ncuti Gatwa.

Sunak and King Charles give their end of year speeches, and there is a surprise guest on Naked Attraction.

This episode was written by: Nev Fountain & Tom Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, Edward Tew, Robert Darke, Rachel E Thorn, Joe Topping, Alex Bertullis-Fernandes and Chris Donovan.

Performed by Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Jan Ravens, Jess Robinson and Duncan Wisbey

Produced and created by Bill Dare

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

Christmas Special 1993

The wicked Masterson Family attempt to celebrate Christmas in the traditional manner - with plenty of Plum Duff, Roly-Poly

Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding saga of the Mastersons - a family at war with itself.

Starring:

Lee Simpson

Phelim McDermott

Producer: Phil Clarke

TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER 2023

TUE 00:00 JCW Brook - Father Christmas (m001tp8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday] TUE 02:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07gxhrv)

(m0001ahh)

TUE 02:15 MR James (m0001mmw)

[Reneat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Tony Hawks' Twelve Days of Christmas

of times, but at Christmas he's convinced the only way to survive is to shut himself up in his London apartment. Imagine his horror, then in an attempt to avert a diplomatic

festive period in a large old house in the countryside.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1960.

Starring John Moffatt as the Belgian sleuth.

Mr Jesmond..... Col Lacey.....Donald Sinden

Mrs Lacey..... Sian Phillips

Michael/Prince....Ifan Meredith ..Annabelle Dowler Bridget...

Desmond.. .Robert PortalAlice Hart

Mrs Ross..Elizabeth Proud

Director: Envd Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

TUE 05:45 Short Works (m000c4s4)

"Some believe in saints, some believe in Santa Claus. Some worship the brute rewards of violence, others the quiet, constant

hope for salvation. A modern-day twist on The Christmas Story,

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2019.

The Virgin in the Ice

An EcoAudio certified production MON 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqs7)

and Rumpy Pumpy Puddings! But they face repercussions from a child's innocent gift.

Paul Merton

Josie Lawrence

Jim Sweeney

Caroline Quentin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

TUE 01:00 Cadfael (b007jlcr)

TUE 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jv9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday] TUE 02:30 Conversations from a Long Marriage

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday] TUE 03:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jlqh)

TUE 03:30 After Henry (b00fzc3s)

TUE 04:00 Elephant in the Room (m0006lbh) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

(b00gd7r5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday] *TUE* 05:00 Whodunnits (b008j05h) Hercule Poirot - The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding Hercule Poirot does not care for the British weather at the best

catastrophe, Poirot must take on a case that means spending the

Attending an old-fashioned dinner party, he must use all his powers of deduction to retrieve a priceless stolen ruby.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Hercule Poirot...... John Moffatt .. Murray Melvin

Sarah..... Rebecca/Annie.....Angela Sims

Man-Made Miracle by Vanessa Kisuule

Written and read by award-winning poet Vanessa Kisuule. Director: Becky Ripley

TUE 06:00 Cadfael (b007jld1)

2. Danger From All Sides

Amid bitter civil war in 1139, detective monk Brother Cadfael makes headway in his medieval crime hunt, but it's mixed

Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Boterel Andrew Wincott

Leonard Leonard Fenton

Elyas Crispin Letts

Ives Dean Magri

Hugh Douglas Hodge Ermina Moira Buffini

Olivier Raad Rawi

Other parts played by: Jonathan Tafler

John Fleming

Kate Binchy

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992. TUE **06:30 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)**

Miss Marple - They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 2

Clearly something is wrong at Stoneygates.

But for Miss Marple, the most disquieting factors are the jealousies and simmering tensions within the family itself.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield as amateur

sleuth, Miss Jane Marple.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Lewis Serrocold Peter Howell

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Stephen Restarick Daniel Philpott

Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Christian Bulbrandsen Stephen Thorne

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

TUE 07:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07h0tnj)

7 At Moscombe Near Tayistock

Lord Darlington asks Stevens to make changes to the staff,

which leads to a clash. Stevens is looking back on a lifetime of service as butler in one

of the great stately homes of England. Coming to the end of his career, he belatedly puts his life into

perspective.

Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize winning novel.

Abridged by Catherine Czerkawska.

Read by John Moffatt. Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

TUE 07:15 MR James (m0001mdb)

The Haunting of MR James

2. Casting the Runes

The tale of a curse passed on by a curiously inscribed slip of

Collection of tales written by the master of the ghost story, MR

James

Dramatised by Neil Brand.

MR James Mark Gatiss Dunning John Bowler

Karswell Ewan Bailey

Gayton Paul Heath

Mrs. Gayton Saffron Coomber

Harrington Ronny Jhutti Assistant Lewis Bray

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

TUE 07:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b085tn6j)

The Tim Vine Christmas Chat Show

Tim Vine returns to talk to the Great British Public about their favourite Christmas memories

Expect a brand new house band taking over from The Conkers ("they had a string of hits") and some more preposterous games to play along with at home.

Guests are plucked from Tim's audience on the day of recording.

* A former air hostess from the land of Santa Claus

* A budding Widow Twanky

* A man with a nail-biting story about Brussels sprouts. Join internationally acclaimed stand-up Tim for the one surefire way of topping up your quota of cracker jokes this

Producer: Richard Morris

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

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00n8vbi)

Vintage Goons

Giant Bombardon

With the war going badly, Neddie Seagoon is tasked with

finding a huge leather cannon.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan. Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan Valentine Dyall

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott. Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Roy Speer

The original show was first broadcast on the BBC Home

Service in January 1954 with special guest Michael Bentine. This is a re-recording from October 1958 with an edited script -

made by the BBC Transcription Service for broadcast overseas. First BBC broadcast on BBC Radio 7 in October 2009.

TUE 08:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00wrctm)

Traditional Christmas Pageant

The Little Blighty Traditional Christmas Pageant is an opportunity to unfold the rich and exciting tapestry of village

history to an eager audience. It's also a chance for Rotarians and the Working Men's Club to end the Season of Goodwill with a vicious slanging match. Political satire written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and

Mike Coleman

Mrs Roberts Jo Kendall Mr Blandish Michael Troughton

With

Bernadine Corrigan

John Baddeley Dan Strauss

Jonathan Kydd

Producer Lissa Evans First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1989.

TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (m0007rns)

Series 5

Episode 4

From the wonder of umbrellas to banning children in pubs.

Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show.

With:

Gyles Brandreth

Boothby Graffoe

Hugh Dennis Lauren Laverne

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

TUE 09:30 Winston (b007lmgv)

Series 1

What Do You Reckon?

Rosie plans to go to London and set up house.

William dreams of esteem and beautiful women. Nancy doesn't relish the prospect of being left alone to care for

Father; but she doesn't know about his own plans.

Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial. 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.

TUE 10:00 Whodunnits (b008i05h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today] TUE 10:45 Short Works (m000c4s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

TUE 11:00 Cadfael (b007jld1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] TUE 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 12:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07h0tnj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 12:15 MR James (m0001mdb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today] TUE 12:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b085tn6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Goon Show (b00n8vbj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00wrctm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] TUE 14:00 The Motion Show (m0007rns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 14:30 Winston (b007lmgv) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 15:00 Whodunnits (b008j05h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today] TUE 15:45 Short Works (m000c4s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

TUE 16:00 Cadfael (b007jld1) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] TUE 17:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07h0tni)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] TUE 17:15 MR James (m0001mdb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
TUE 17:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b085tn6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 18:00 The Goon Show (b00n8vbi) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 18:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00wrctm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] TUE 19:00 The Motion Show (m0007rns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 19:30 Winston (b007lmgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0017lny)

Series 9

Ideas Into Action

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores how a big idea can grow - how

someone can help a spark become a movement. With Shoham Arad.

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

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b06nsvty) Cliff Richard

The 'Peter Pan of Pop' chooses 'Chewing A Piece of Straw' by Jack Payne and His Orchestra and his own 'We Don't Talk Any

TUE 21:00 Mastertapes (m0001qvt)

More Series 8

Don McLean (B-side)

Following on from the A-side of this two-part programme, the audience ask Don McLean questions about his timeless classic 1971 album, 'American Pie'.

Series in which leading performers and songwriters talk about the album that made them or changed then

With John Wilson at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios in London.

Don also 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 A Charles Paris Mystery (b083r275) The Cinderella Killer

1. Oh Yes It Is... A job in Panto seems the perfect way to spend the Christmas season for actor Charles Paris. But the cast of Cinderella are a motley crew from reality TV

and Charles finds himself having to explain the traditions of Panto to their baffled American star whose career is on a downward trajectory. It's not long before the slapstick makes way for a murder

investigation and Charles as always can't help doing some

sleuthing of his own... Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris,

Dramatised by Jeremy Front - based on Simon Brett's novel.

Charles Bill Nighy Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover Ken Brian Protheroe

Danny Sean Baker

Electra Lorelei King

.. Nick Underwood Larry Tad Sam Rix

Josie Norah Lopez Holden Sparkle Tom Forrister

Director: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

TUE 22:00 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m001tgx4) "Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for

Henry Normal" Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times Join Henry Normal for the eleventh instalment of his acclaimed, occasional series in which the acclaimed, occasional writer tackles those subjects so big only radio can possibly

contain them. So far on this journey Henry has covered the subjects of 'Family', 'Life', 'Love', 'Imagination', 'Nature', 'The Universe', 'Communication', 'Ageing', 'Community' and 'Home'; in this new episode he'll be concentrating on the 'Journey' itself. Through poems, jokes, and stories, we'll discover what has made him the man he is today, and how everything in his life so

far has led to this point - recording this latest show in Bury at

Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated

Philomena, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge. He's published ten collections of poetry including his most recent 'The Fire Hills'. Plus his memoir written with Angela Pell 'A Normal Family' everyday adventure with our autistic son. Praise for previous episodes in this series:

-"It's a rare and lovely thing: half an hour of radio that stops you short, gently demands your attention and then wipes your tears away while you have to have a little sit down" -"It's a real treat to hear a seasoned professional like Henry

taking command of this evening comedy spot to deliver a show that's idiosyncratic and effortlessly funny -"Not heard anything that jumps from hilarious to moving in

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such an intelligent, subtle way as Henry Normal's show" Written and performed by Henry Normal

Production Coordinator - Katie Baum Sound manager - David Thomas

Produced by Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4

"An EcoAudio certified production"

TUE 22:30 Earls of the Court (b00rfhpt)

The Ides of March

The night of Lloydie's much-publicised toga party is fast approaching.

But can Johnno raise his game in time, and play the crucial role in the Ides of March sketch?

Comedy drama series about two Australians down on their luck

Written by and starring Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright.

Lloydie Stewart Wright

Johnno Will Adamsdale

Woman 1 Alison Pettitt Woman 2 Keely Beresford

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

TUE 22:45 Quando, Quando, Quando (b0081rfw)

Love and Marriage

The salon is offering special two-for-one cuts. Brides and grooms are queuing up for days in the hope of getting an appointment.

A childhood sweetheart of Rene's appears unexpectedly, hoping to rekindle their love.

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 Maie.

With: Stephen Greif

Catherine Tate

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

TUE 23:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (b06d29by)

Series 1

Episode 4

Cast members of Channel 4's hugely popular TV sketch show Absolutely reunite.

They're revisiting some much-loved sketch characters, with some newcomers too.

Starring:

Pete Baikie

Morwenna Banks Moray Hunter

Gordon Kennedy

John Sparkes

Another meeting of the highly confused Stoneybridge Town Council as well as pearls of nonsense from Calum Gilhooley, Edinburgh's most boring man, and the ever popular Little Girl, telling us what is true about teenagers.

Frank Hovis makes an appearance, there will be more stories from those who were nearly there in The People's War, talking Facebook will return and we'll meet an angsting actor who is

very concerned about the length of his co-star's credits. Producers: Gus Beattie and Gordon Kennedy

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

TUE 23:30 Pleased to Meet You (b018i8cb)

A Very Dora Christmas

2. Festive Roast

Legendary showbiz veteran Dora Dale returns to reveal what or rather who - she is roasting on an open fire.

Playing her own choice of festive tunes, Dora shares more of her saucy seasonal yarns.

Starring Dora Dale.

Written and produced by Jake Yapp and Martin Kelner.

Made by BBC Radio Leeds for BBC Radio 7.

First broadcast in December 2011.

WEDNESDAY 27 DECEMBER 2023

WED 00:00 Whodunnits (b008i05h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday] WED 00:45 Short Works (m000c4s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 on Tuesday]

WED 01:00 Cadfael (b007jld1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday] WED 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jvb0) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

WED 02:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07h0tnj)[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

WED 02:15 MR James (m0001mdb) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Tuesday]

WED 02:30 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b085tn6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday] WED 03:00 The Goon Show (b00n8vbj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

WED 03:30 Little Blighty on the Down (b00wrctm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday] WED 04:00 The Motion Show (m0007rns) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Tuesday] WED 04:30 Winston (b007lmgv) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Jane Austen (b007jr87)

Mansfield Park

1. The Family at Mansfield

Unlikely heroine Fanny Price is plucked from her impoverished family and brought up by her wealthy relatives at Mansfield

Jane Austen's classic tale, first published in 1814. Starring Hannah Gordon and Michael Williams. Dramatised in three parts by Elizabeth Proud.

Jane Austen Hannah Gordon

Fanny Amanda Root

Sir Thomas Bertram Michael Williams

Mrs Norris Jane Lapotaire Edmund Bertram Robert Glenister

Lady Bertram Louise Jameson

Mary Crawford Teresa Gallagher Henry Crawford Andrew Wincott

Music composed by Anthea Gomez.

Music played by: Christian McKay

Jill Heartfield

Audrey Douglas Katharine Gittings

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

WED 06:00 Cadfael (b007ildd)

The Virgin in the Ice

3. Found and Lost

As the 1139 English civil war rages in Shropshire, monk-cumsleuth, Brother Cadfael's brave search for Ermina leads him to

the isolated medieval manor of Ledditch. Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc Narrator Sir Michael Hordern Boterel Andrew Wincott Leonard Leonard Fenton

Elyas Crispin Letts

Ives Dean Magri Porter Steve Hodson

Hugh Douglas Hodge Ermina Moira Buffini

... Eric Allan Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b007ivb6)

Miss Marple - They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 3

At Stoneygates, a murder has taken place in the Victorian mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents. Amateur sleuth Miss Jane Marple assists the police with their inquiries

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Miss Marple June Whitfield Inspector Curry Keith Barron Carrie Louise Ursula Howells Lewis Serrocold Peter Howell Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

WED 07:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07h166x)

8. A Trying Situation

Stevens begins to question whether being in service was a

Stevens is looking back on a lifetime of service as butler in one of the great stately homes of England. Coming to the end of his career, he belatedly puts his life into

perspective. Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize winning novel.

Abridged by Catherine Czerkawska.

Read by John Moffatt.

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990. WED 07:15 MR James (m000117b)

The Haunting of MR James

3. The Stalls of Barchester Cathedral A tale of likely murder, mysterious cats and ecclesiastical

Collection of tales written by the master of the ghost story, MR James

Dramatised by Neil Brand. MR James Mark Gatiss

Archdeacon Haynes Sean Baker Letitia Haynes Carolyn Pickles Jane Saffron Coomber

Verger Michael Bertenshaw Pultenev Neil Brand Stevens Cameron Percival Runciman Lewis Bray

Director: David Hunter First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018. WED 07:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09k6pn3)

Series 8 Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/

Mark Steel visits Hull.

exhibits as well as all the other normal stuff like the world's smallest window and white phone boxes.

Mark talks to a man who painted himself blue and walked naked through the town as part of the Sea of Hull installation, samples the delights of Chip Spice and patties and gets to the bottom of why they call their aquarium a submarium.

visiting towns that have nothing in common but their

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.

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

February 2018. WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008f307)

spectacularly.

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life

Starring Tony Hancock.

Bill Kerr

Hattie Jacques

Theme and incidental music composed and conducted by Wally

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

WED 08:30 Lip Service (m000zddb)

Crime Busters search for the missing sugar, a couple splitting up get the fly on the wall treatment and wailing Cassandra

Sketches and songs written and performed by Maggie Fox and

Denise Coffey

Andrew Dodge Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.

repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock

Studios and taking part are: Roger Blackburn from Tunbridge Wells

Trevor Davys from Nottingham

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012. WED 09:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jz3j)

Megan Jones snubs the Carnival Queen contest and heads off to

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

Megan Jones Rebecca Front .. Matthew Morgan Owen Jones ...

Recorded on location.

Music composed by John Whitehall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

WED 10:00 Jane Austen (b007jr87) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today] WED 11:00 Cadfael (b007jldd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] WED 12:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] WED 12:15 MR James (m000117b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

He has a wonderful time exploring the 2017 City of Culture

Mark Steele's award-winning series travels around the country

Series 5 The Junk Man

Griselda's plan to clear out the Lad's house backfires

and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.

With

Sidney James

Kenneth Williams

Episode 3

predicts the future.

Sue Ryding. With:

Malcolm Raeburn

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b01k9q73) Series 26

2012 Semi-final 2 Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz. The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical

and pop.

This is the second semi final recorded at the Maida Vale

David Sherman from Chelmsford Producer: Paul Bajoria

August - Harvest Home

Ma Jones Lisabeth Miles

Bootle Michael Fenton Stevens Mr Jenkins Nickolas Grace

Producer: Jonathan James Moore.

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] WED 11:30 Whodunnits (b007 jvb6)

(b07h166x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today] WED 12:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09k6pn3) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008f307)

WED 13:30 Lip Service (m000zddb) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b01k9q73) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 14:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007iz3i)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] WED 15:00 Jane Austen (b007jr87) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

WED 16:00 Cadfael (b007ildd) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jvb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 17:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07h166x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] WED 17:15 MR James (m000117b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

WED 17:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09k6pn3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 18:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008f307)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 18:30 Lip Service (m000zddb) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 19:00 Counterpoint (b01k9q73)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 19:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jz3j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m000qm0b) It's Behind You! The weird and wonderful story of British

pantomime

Cultural historian and writer Christopher Frayling delves into the archive to explore the rich and surprising history of pantomime.

What could be more British than the Christmas tradition of going out with the family to see a pantomime?

Yet panto dates back to ancient Rome, via the 16th century Italian travelling street theatre known as the Commedia

The familiar trappings of modern British panto originated with the Victorians - the principal boy, the dame, popular tunes with new lyrics, double entendres, and those well-worn catchphrases 'It's behind you!' and 'Oh yes it is!'.

Since then, pantomime has been rebooted in line with other forms of popular entertainment, from working class music hall to middle class variety; radio to film and television.

Today, celebrities from both sides of the Atlantic queue up to appear on British stages at Christmas. The panto season has stretched to last from the start of December to the end of January, and become essential to the UK's theatre economy. With the help of pantomime historians, actors, writers and directors, Christopher Frayling explores how the form has remained so very popular for almost as long as Shakespeare's plays.

He also examines its role in our more enlightened, politically correct times and hears how companies are striving to stage pantomimes in 2020.

* Daniel Clarkson and Jefferson Turner - writers and actors, Potted Panto

Professor Katherine Newey - Chair in Theatre History, University of Exeter

* Neal Foster - actor and manager, Horrible Histories' Car Park Panto

* Simon Sladen - Senior Curator, V&A and pantomime expert * Susie McKenna - pantomime actor, writer and director

Producer: Jane Long Sound: Jon Calver

A Hidden Flack production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020.

WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b082fjk5)

Series 10

Borderlands

Josie Long explores uncertain territory - from a micronation to the porous borders between dreams and reality.

We hear from Prince Michael of Sealand, the head of state in an unrecognised micronation that sits in the North Sea, and the doctor who's documenting the dreams of the dying.

Sealand

Feat. Prince Michael of Sealand Interviewed by Deborah Coughlin

Squatting the Embassy

Producer: Olivia Humphreys

Dreams Producer: Ed Lawrenson

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

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

WED 21:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b084dnqp)

The Cinderella Killer

2. Suspicion

When the star of Cinderella is shot Charles finds himself filling Baron Hardup's shoes.

But who wanted him dead?

Charles comes under suspicion now he's been promoted up the billing.

Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris,

Dramatised by Jeremy Front - based on Simon Brett's novel.

Charles Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden Maurice Jon Glover

Danny Sean Baker Electra Lorelei King Tad Sam Rix

Kitty Kirsty Oswald

Barman Tom Forrister

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

WED 22:00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen? (m001ti1m)

Series 2

Episode 2

Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders star as respected novelist Florence and movie star Selina, in the second series of this sparkling comedy about two sisters at war, by David Quantick. The first series of Whatever Happened To Baby Jane Austen? won the Writers' Guild Award for Best Radio Comedy and the

Comedy.co.uk award for Best Radio Sitcom. "Thank you, Mr Quantick - this is nigh on perfect" Radio

Times

And now Dawn, Jennifer and David return with Series 2.

Episode Two: Libel She Wrote

Florence is sued for libel when a character in one of her books is based on a real person. Selina's diaries are serialised in the

Daily Mail. Oh, and Lucy's going to the Moon. Written by David Quantick

Florence - Dawn French

Selina - Jennifer Saunders Mrs Ragnarrok - Meera Syal

Lucy - Georgia Tennant

All the men - Alistair McGowan

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4

WED 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k17t)

Series 1

To Infinity and Beyond

A bunch of Star Trek fans beam in to a sci-fi convention at the museum - and a rival theme park draws visitors away from Badgerland.

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 April 2004.

WED 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01rfv5w)

Series 2

With Doc Brown

Comedy show hosted by Alex Horne and his five piece band

and specially written, original music.

This episode explores the theme of children/ including songs on George Formby, the alphabet and Rastafarians.

Guest starring Doc Brown who raps with the band and talks to

whales. Alex's Horne Section are:

Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland Saxophone/clarinetMark 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 (m0002551)

The Book Club

Belle's monthly book club is a time to not only discuss literature - but to also offload about life.

Indeed Belle has plenty to let rip about since her son's girlfriend

moved in.

Starring Lucy Robinson.

Series of comic monologues written by Jenny Eclair.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019. WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (b007k0nv)

Series 1

Episode 5

The boys have a visitor to the bowl - a sexy little fantail called Pandora.

Jealousy rears its ugly head.

Liam and Anton are goldfish contemplating the meaning of

their existence. Written by and starring Shaun Prendergast.

Martin/Gangster Shaun Prendergast Susan/Pandora Sarah Parish

Anton Hamish McColl

Liam Sean Foley Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER 2023

THU 00:00 Jane Austen (b007 ir 87) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Cadfael (b007jldd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday] THU 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jvb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday] THU 02:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:15 MR James (m000117b) Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/ [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b09k6pn3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday] THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008f307)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 Lip Service (m000zddb) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Counterpoint (b01k9q73)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday] THU 04:30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (b007jz3j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Jane Austen (b007jrc2) Mansfield Park

2. Mr Crawford Changes Tack

The Crawfords cause confusion for Fanny Price, and her

brother, William, returns.

Jane Austen's classic tale starring Hannah Gordon and Michael Williams.

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

Jen Austen Hannah Gordon

Fanny ... Amanda Root Sir Thomas Bertram ... Michael Williams

Mrs Norris Jane Lapotaire Edmund Bertram Robert Glenister

Lady Bertram Louise Jameson Mary Crawford Teresa Gallagher

Henry Crawford Andrew Wincott Tom Bertram Kim Wall Maria Bertram Cathy Sara

Julia Bertram Tracy Wiles Mr Rushworth Michael Onslow

Mr Yates Malcolm McKee Mrs Grant Sharon Bayliss

William Price Richard Curnow Music composed by Anthea Gomez. Music played by: Christian McKay

Jill Heartfield Audrey Douglas

Katharine Gittings Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

THU 06:00 Cadfael (b007jldr)

The Virgin in the Ice

4. The Wolves' Nest Brother Cadfael searches for Ives Hugonin and Brother Elyas

who are missing in a blizzard. Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules. Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc

Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Ermina Moira Buffini Leonard Leonard Fentor

Hugh Douglas Hodge Le Gaucher Peter Laird

Ives Dean Magri Olivier Raad Raw Outlaw Jonathan Adams Soldier Steve Hodson

Sergeant Jonathan Tafler

Other parts played by the cast. Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992. THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007ivbc)

Miss Marple - They Do It With Mirrors Episode 4

Someone is systematically trying to poison Miss Marple's old friend, Carrie Louise.

And why? Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield as the amateur

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells Inspector Curry Keith Barron Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne Alexis Restarick Nick Waring Edgar Lawson Rhys Meredith

9. Little Compton, Cornwall

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001. THU 07:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07h1gvt)

Stevens' professional calm is interrupted by a new guest. Stevens is looking back on a lifetime of service as butler in one of the great stately homes of England. Coming to the end of his career, he belatedly puts his life into

perspective.

Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize winning novel. Abridged by Catherine Czerkawska.

Read by John Moffatt. Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

THU 07:15 MR James (m0001m79)

The Haunting of MR James

4. A Warning to the Curious

The unearthing of an Anglo Saxon crown in the dunes unleashes supernatural forces for unfortunate medievalist Paxton.

Collection of tales written by the master of the ghost story, MR James

Dramatised by Neil Brand. MR James Mark Gatiss Paxton Paul Heath

Jeffers Michael Bertenshaw

Long Tony Turner

Vicar Ewan Bailey Molly Saffron Coomber

Woman Clare Corbett Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

THU 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04wwgz3)

Series 2

All the Fun of the Affair

Stephen takes a nostalgic look at some "exciting" trips taken in his early years.

Stephen K Amos's sitcom about growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s South London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Himself Stephen K Amos

Young Stephen Shaquille Ali-Yebuah

Stephanie Amos Fatou Sohna Virginia Amos Ellen Thomas Vincent Amos Don Gilet Miss Bliss Michelle Butterly

Jayson Jackson Frankie Wilson Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015. THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jnj5)

Series 2

Brain Versus Brawn

Disguised as firemen for an exercise, Captain Mainwaring's platoon must tackle a real blaze.
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

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Private Walker Larry Martin

The Waitress/The Policewoman Avril Angers Colonel Pritchard Robert Raglan

Mr. Fairbrother/The Corporal Stuart Sherwin 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 (b007jrkn)

2. Telling Tails

The dear ladies face chaos - when they discover a mouse in their house.

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 Fyffe

Maud Daphne Heard

Music played by Frank Williams.

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? (b0627zhy)

Episode 3

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

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

On the panel: Geoffrey Durham Jeremy Hanley

Helen Atkinson-Wood Written by Michael Dines Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998

THU 09:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00p346t)

The Cultural Attache

Trillionnaire rocker Dave Mabbutt and his personal assistant

Dom come to blows over the one thing money can't buy. Starring Mark Williams and Russell Toyev.

Sitcom by Nick Hornby and Giles Smith about an ageing rock

star and his search for fulfilment.

Dave Mabbutt Mark Williams

Dom Russell Tovey

Francesca, The Cultural Adviser Rosamund Pike

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009

THU 10:00 Jane Austen (b007jrc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today] THU 11:00 Cadfael (b007ildr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jvbc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 12:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07h1gvt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:15 MR James (m0001m79) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 12:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04wwgz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jnj5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 13:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007 jrkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] THU 14:00 Guess What? (b0627zhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00p346t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Jane Austen (b007jrc2) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

THU 16:00 Cadfael (b007jldr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jvbc) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 17:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07h1gvt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] THU 17:15 MR James (m0001m79)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 17:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04wwgz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b007jnj5) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 18:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket

(b007jrkn) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:00 Guess What? (b0627zhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00p346t) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 20:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vhrf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

THU 21:00 Great Lives (b05tl3jp) Antonia Quirke on Marlon Brando

Marlon Brando - greatest actor of the 20th century? Film critic Antonia Quirke definitely thinks he is.

But the star of the Godfather, On the Waterfront and A Streetcar Named Desire divides opinion in this lively

assessment of his life. Presented by Matthew Parris.

With contributions from writer Robyn Karney and Joe Queenan

in the USA. Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

THU 21:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b08503d4)

The Cinderella Killer

3. Suspects

Just who could have shot the star of Cinderella dead? And are they the same person who is sending Charles threatening texts? There are certainly lots of suspects, a vengeful ex-wife, a

stalker and a missing dancer. Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris.

Dramatised by Jeremy Front - based on Simon Brett's novel

Charles Bill Nighy Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Danny Sean Baker

Tad Sam Rix Kitty Kirsty Oswald

Larry Nick Underwood Waiter Tom Forrister

Gloria Elizabeth Bennett

Director: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

THU 22:00 Ken Cheng: I Can School You (m001tj1z)

2. Cooking Up a Full English

Comedian Ken Cheng focuses his analytical observations on school subjects. In this episode, Ken explores English lessons, the only subject you keep on learning after you've learned it.

Producer: Rajiv Karia An EcoAudio certified production. A BBC Studios production for Radio 4.

(b00dbj12) Tossed in Space

Dan and Nick serves up a salad family who are Tossed in Space, plus Robin Wood and The Archers abroad.

THU 22:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years

Comedy extravaganza written by and featuring Dan Freedman and Nick Romero. With Richard Coles.

Music by the Gents. Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998. THU 23:00 The Maltby Collection (b00ct1wk)

The senior management team head off to a conference on the

Isle of Wight, leaving Rod in charge of the museum... Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt.

David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

THU 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00wr9vv)

Satan decides he needs a holiday away from hell.

Written by and starring Andy Hamilton.

With Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn,

Jimmy Mulville as Thomas

And Felicity Montagu, Nick Revell, Philip Pope and Michael Fentons Steve

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER 2023

FRI 00:00 Jane Austen (b007 irc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Thursday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday] FRI 02:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07h1gvt) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:15 MR James (m0001m79)

FRI 02:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04wwgz3)

FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007jnj5)

FRI 03:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 The Richest Man in Britain (b00p346t) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

3 Portsmouth and After

Starring Hannah Gordon and Michael Williams.

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

Jane Austen Hannah Gordon Fanny Amanda Root

Mrs Norris Jane Lapotaire

Lady Bertram Louise Jameson

Mary Crawford Teresa Gallagher

William Price Richard Curnow

Mrs Price Sunny Ormonde Mr Price Terry Molloy

Price children: Tim Black

Richard Ganjavi

Christian McKay Jill Heartfield

Audrey Douglas

The Virgin in the Ice 5. Discoveries

Detective monk Brother Cadfael discovers outlaws have taken

Conclusion starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules. Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc

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Episode 5

eccentrics and obsessives.

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo Dave Edgecumbe Anthony Glennon Lofty Harmsworth Simon Treves

Gus John Dougall

2. Ring in the New

FRI 01:00 Cadfael (b007jldr)

FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jvbc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

(b007jrkn) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Guess What? (b0627zhy)

FRI 05:00 Jane Austen (b007jrff) Mansfield Park

Both Fanny and Tom face disappointment and hope in equal

Conclusion of Jane's Austen's classic tale.

Sir Thomas Bertram Michael Williams

Edmund Bertram Robert Glenister

Henry Crawford Andrew Wincott Tom Bertram Kim Wall

Susan price Katherine Mount Rebecca Anne-Marie Francis

Stephanie Luxton Zoe Ganiavi

Music composed by Anthea Gomez. Music played by:

Katharine Gittings Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Sue Wilson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1997.

FRI 06:00 Cadfael (b007ildz)

Ives Hugonin prisoner.

Narrator Sir Michael Hordern Ermina Moira Buffini Leonard Leonard Fenton Hugh Douglas Hodge Le Gaucher Peter Laird Ives Dean Magri Elyas Crispin Letts Axeman Peter Gunn Boterel Andrew Wincott Other parts played by the cast. Music by Peter Salem.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jvbg)

Miss Marple - They Do It With Mirrors

Episode 5

Producer: Phil Clarke

A chance observation by one of the family gives Miss Marple a key to try and finally solve the mystery.

June Whitfield stars as the amateur sleuth.

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells Inspector Curry Keith Barron

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Lewis Serrocold Peter Howell Ruth Van Rydock Jill Balcon

Stephen Restarick Daniel Philpott

Juliet Bellever Paula Jacobs

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

FRI 07:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (b07h1gyj)

10. Evening, Weymouth

Stevens finally meets Miss Kenton, but the event makes him question his life's work.

Stevens takes his final look back on a lifetime of service as butler in one of the great stately homes of England.

Coming to the end of his career, he belatedly puts his life into perspective.

Kazuo Ishiguro's 1989 Booker Prize winning novel.

Abridged by Catherine Czerkawska.

Concluded by John Moffatt. Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

FRI 07:15 MR James (m0001p66)

The Haunting of MR James

5. Rats

A remote inn, a locked room and young Thomson, the only

guest, is curious.

Collection of tales written by the master of the ghost story, MR

Dramatised by Neil Brand.

MR James Mark Gatiss

Thomson George Watkins

Betts Michael Bertenshaw

Mrs Betts Carolyn Pickles

Stewart Sean Baker Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

FRI 07:30 Ability (m0003r3w)

Series 2

Disability Exam

Matt is 25. He has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app on his iPad

Everyone who cares about Matt knows that this isn't the defining thing about him. He is funny and clever and "up for stuff" - partly because he is keen to show that there's nothing he can't do, but also because, if he's honest, he's aware that he's less likely than other people to get the blame.

Series two sees Matt still sharing a flat with his best mate, Jess. He is still in love with her but, much as she likes him, she is still not in love with him. She does however, fancy Matt's rubbish carer, Bob. Well just a tiny bit anyway. Not that she would ever admit it. After all, Bob is even more lazy and useless at most things than she is.

But Bob is willing. And although domestic duties are not really his forte, he likes Matt and treats him like a real person. And over the last year or so the three of them have been through a lot together - well a lot of drinking and hangovers anyway.

The series is set in Newcastle and many of the cast last played together as children in TV's Biker's Grove.

Matt Lee Ridley - aka Lost Voice Guy

Bob Allan Mustafa

Jess Sammy Dobson

Matt's Inner Voice Andrew Hayden-Smith

Ability is the semi-autobiographical co-creation of Britain's Got Talent 2018 winner, Lee Ridley, otherwise known as Lost Voice Guy.

Like his sitcom creation, Lee has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app. Lost Voice Guy is - probably - the first stand up comedian to use a communication aid.

Katherine Jakeways is the co-creator and co-writer of Ability. A Funny Bones production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2019.

FRI 08:00 Albert and Me (b007 ism1)

Series 1

The Homecoming

Single dad Bryan gets worried when his son's mum wants to visit.

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

Rose Diana Berriman

Dave Douglas Blackwell

Police Sergeant Robert Gillespie

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1977.

FRI 08:30 Know Your Place (b01852w0)

Ramsay's love of rules sparks catastrophe for an MP in a lift... Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling

Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrlce and Patricia Hayes

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrlce

Elspeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

Frank Thornton

John Graham

April Walker John Glover

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1982.

FRI 09:00 Whispers (b007k2kr)

Series 2

Episode 1

Revelations about Rasputin and accordion playing from Idi

Amin.

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart

Joining team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run

the gauntlet of gossip: Geoffrey Durham

Valerie Grove

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

FRI 09:30 The Right Time (b0076mf5)

Series 4

Episode 3

Older bikers head to Margate - and trying out Roman orgies.

Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.

Eleanor Bron

Barry Cryer

Dudley Sutton

Roger Blake Clive Swift

Paula Wilcox

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Written by Jill Brodie, John Pidgeon, Dave Dixon, Jan Etherington, Barry Cryer, Mike Haskins, Simon Littlefield,

Alex Lowe, George Poles, Richard Preddy, Dudley Sutton, Alan Stafford, Chris Thompson and Pete Reynolds.

Script editor: George Poles.

Producer: Katie Marsden First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

FRI 10:00 Jane Austen (b007jrff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today] FRI 11:00 Cadfael (b007jldz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b007 jvbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07h1gyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] FRI 12:15 MR James (m0001p66)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 12:30 Ability (m0003r3w) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Albert and Me (b007 ism1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] FRI 13:30 Know Your Place (b01852w0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] FRI 14:00 Whispers (b007k2kr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 14:30 The Right Time (b0076mf5) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 15:00 Jane Austen (b007jrff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today] FRI 16:00 Cadfael (b007ildz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] FRI 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jvbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] FRI 17:00 The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

(b07h1gyj) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:15 MR James (m0001p66) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

FRI 17:30 Ability (m0003r3w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Albert and Me (b007jsm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Know Your Place (b01852w0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Whispers (b007k2kr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] FRI 19:30 The Right Time (b0076mf5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Instrument Makers (b06ztsjj)

The Instrument Makers

Musical instrument making is a vibrant craft industry in Britain today.

The great cellist Raphael Wallfisch plays a cello by Andreas Hudelmayer of Clerkenwell.

Want a handmade, yet affordable, guitar? Victoria Hurley, in Orpington, can build you one.

In Redhill, Christopher Bayley combines engineering and acoustics to create the sophisticated chamber instrument of Ireland, the uillean pipes.

Adam Doughty makes West African koras, in Wales.

Verity Sharp, a cellist herself, hears from these makers in their workshops as each goes about their business: Andreas, at the highest end of the western classical music tradition; Victoria, who works on the world's most popular instrument; Christopher and Adam whose instruments might seem niche, but are sold all

over the globe. Interesting questions arise: classical players favour venerable instruments, violins by Stradivarius. But techniques and the understanding of acoustics have improved. Might modern instruments, then, be better than the old ones? Raphael Wallfisch explains why he loves his cello and duets with the Belgian violinist, Jens Lynen, who has come to try out a new

fiddle, in Hudelmayer's workshop it. Factories all over the world churn out guitars, so how does Victoria Hurley, compete. Clients come to makers with different requirements so is the instrument evolving? How can Christopher Bayley realise players' wishes in the wood, metal, leather and reeds of his pipes? And how did Adam Doughty

come to learn to play and make the kora? The instrument maker's vocation is almost monastic contemplative, laborious and forever seeking perfection. Verity hears their stories, and the music of the amazing instruments

they create. Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

FRI 20:30 Soul Music (m000r33c)

David Bowie - Life on Mars? Life on Mars was released on David Bowie's Hunky Dory album in 1971

Two years later it came out as a single in its own right. Famous for its exploration of disillusionment and alienation, there is no one single definitive story behind it. But that is perhaps the song's beauty and the secret behind its appeal - that its cryptic lyrics are open to interpretation, and can mean different things

to different people. Musicians and fans talk about what Life on Mars? means to

them, and its lasting emotional impact. Special programme made to mark Bowie's birthday on January 8th 1947 and commemorating his death on January 10th 2016. And what does the question mark in the song's title mean?

With contributions from: * Musician Dana Gillespie whose autobiography is Weren't

Born A Man

* Bowie author Chris O'Leary * Scientist Abigail Fraeman of NASA's Mars Mission

* Artist Bridget Griggs * Reverend Steve Stockman

* Screenwriter Ashley Pharoah (Life on Mars) Producer: Maggie Ayre for BBC Audio Bristol First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2021.

FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry

Series 19

The Weird Waves of Wi-Fi We use Wi-Fi every day, but do you know how it works? "Is it waves and science or just some mystical magical force?" wonders listener Abby.

Well, our science sleuths are on the case. To help them navigate the strange realm of electromagnetic waves they are joined by Andrew Nix, Professor of Wireless Communication Systems from the University of Bristol. He explains why your wi-fi router won't heat up your baked beans, but your microwave will.

Andrea Goldsmith, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Princeton University, also joins to reveal how these waves are crammed full of 0s and 1s- whether that's a pic of your pets or a video chat with pals.

And finally, how do you get the best Wi-Fi at home? Dr Rutherford, it turns out, has made some rookie errors... Listen out for our top tips so you don't make them too!

Presenters: Hannah Fry and Adam Rutherford Producer: Ilan Goodman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2022.

FRI 21:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b085bf8l) The Cinderella Killer

4. They're Behind You

With the body count rising amongst the cast of the Panto, the line 'they're behind you' is beginning to take on a sinister

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