#### SATURDAY 06 JANUARY 2024

#### SAT 00:00 Hello Caller (m00025fr)

In the last two years BT has decommissioned and removed at least 20,000 phone boxes.

But what if these boxes have always been able to remember a of the conversations that have been routed through them? What if the wires hold memories suspended in their copper

What if, faced with extinction, these voices breach, at least for a short time, the barrier between temporal reality and the pulses coursing through the cables?

Built from a series of intercut 'trapped' phone calls, this is a ramshackle, effervescent collection of tales.

Via the receiver and from within the wires we hear secrets, confessions, fears and declarations of love from voices now lost.

This is a ghost story that relies on physics

All roles played by: Annette Badland

Luke MacGregor

Sean Murray

David Reakes

Alex Tregear

Written by Jonathan Holloway. Based on an idea by Tim Dee.

Director: Alison Crawford

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

SAT 00:45 Gabriel-Ernest by Saki (b09qm7t0)

Van Cheele discovers a wild youth in his woods who tells him he is busiest at night.

Story by Saki read by John Moffatt.

Producer: Tim Gebbels

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.

#### SAT 01:00 Stephen Wakelam - Death at the Bed End (m0005tlg)

Publication of a biography of Charlotte Bronte sparks the threat of libel suit.

So a detective heads to Yorkshire to discover more.

Starring Kenneth Cranham.

Steve Wakelam's drama is based on true events

Sergeant Jack Down ..... Kenneth Cranham

Patrick Bronte ..... James Greene

Mr Nicholls ..... Stephen Hogan Harry ..... Declan Wilson

Betty ..... Shirley Dixon

Dr Crosby ..... Geoffrey Whitehead Martha ..... Helen Longworth

Sugden ..... Steve Hodson Grundy ..... Philip Fox

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

#### SAT 02:00 Whodunnits (b007 izky)

Wimsey: The Nine Tailors

5. A Question of Identity

Following his trip to France, Lord Peter Wimsey takes a step closer to identifying the killer.

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery dramatised by Alistair Beaton.

Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael

Bunter .... Peter Jones Rev Theodore Venables .... Phillip Latham

Supt Blundell .... Timothy Bateson

Mrs Venables .... Noel Dyson

Nobby Cranton .... Stephen Greiff

Emily .... Jenny Twigg

Potty Peak .... Anthony Hyde

Donnington .... John Church

Narrator .... John Westbrook Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

#### SAT 02:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000czqc)

4. Saraband to a Burning Fuse

Johnny Shields and Julie are now on board the St Gothard

Express bound for Lugano.

Somehow they have to warn the authorities that Karl is in

Starring Peter Coke. Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the world of highly-organised

international smugglers Shields ..... Peter Coke

The Major ..... Bob Grant

Greta ..... Veronica Doran

Muff ..... Robert Powell

Julie ..... Anne Stallybrass

Jean Hogg ..... Heather Stoney

Walter ..

Walter ..... Ben Kingsley
Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.

Producer: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968. SAT 03:00 Cornucopia by Paul Richardson (m001trtb)

5. Oysters on the East Coast

A taste of oysters on the East Coast.

No morsel remains uneaten in Paul Richardson's 18 month journey around Britain to discover the state of our national

Abridged by Sara Lefanu

Concluded by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Paul Dodgson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

SAT 03:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b088jj60) 5. Aunt March Settles the Question

Winter brings snow and the bitter cold to New England and deep and worrying times for the family. Jo turns to Laurie for support.

Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Meg ..... Natasha J Barnes

Jo ..... Julianna Jennings

Beth ..... Bryony Hannah

Amy ..... Samantha Dakin

Mrs March .....Tara Ward Mr March ..... John Bowler

Laurie ..... Alex Lanipekun

Mr John Brooke ..... Finlay Robertson

Aunt March ..... Joanna Monro Hannah ..... Alison Belbin

Mrs Hummel/Mrs Moffat ..

... Karen Bartke

Sallie Gardiner ..... Natasha Cowley Annie Moffat ..... Keziah Joseph

Ned Moffat ..... Luke MacGregor

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

SAT 03:30 Ability (m0003z8c)

Series 2

Doing a Runner

Matt and his carer Bob do a runner from a restaurant. They

knock a thief down in their haste, and are heralded as heroes. This can't turn out well...

Stars Lee Ridley and Allan Mustafa.

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

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. This second series 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 Biker's Grove.

Matt ..... Lee Ridley - aka Lost Voice Guy Bob ..... Allan Mustafa

... 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 SAT 04:00 Marriage Lines (b05yy74l)

Episode 1

George Starling is being driven mad by his wife Kate's

preparations for their first baby.

Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust

of two newlyweds. Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was

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

George ..... Richard Briers

Kate ..... Prunella Scales Henry ..... Peter Hawkins

Sarah ..... Rosemary Miller

Ronnie ..... James Taylor Midge ..... Jo Kendall

Mother ..... Diana King Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1967.

SAT 04:30 Know Your Place (b01874kv)

Starring Roy Dotrice and Patricia Haves

Not to Be Used for Babies

Caretaker Ramsay awards cleaner Elsie her own storeroom, but

he's keen to ensure the perk isn't abused. Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling

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

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan. Ramsav Potts .. ... Roy Dotrice

Elspeth Spurgeon ..... Patricia Hayes

Pat Coombs John Graham Sue Holderness

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1982.

SAT 05:00 Whispers (b00bzrmj)

Series 2 Episode 2

What is the real truth about Alexander Graham Bell, Walt

Disney and Lord Lucan's

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:

Lynne Truss

Michele Brown

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

SAT 05:30 The Right Time (b0076mj9)

Series 4

Episode 4

Getting mad at the milkman, a rocking DJ - and a very intuitive

answerphone. Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.

Starring:

Eleanor Bron **Dudley Sutton** 

Roger Blake

Paula Wilcox

Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Pierre Hollins. Written by Nicholas Barber & Glenn Dakin, Jill Brodie & John Pidgeon, Dave Dixon, Mike Haskins, George Poles, Alan

Stafford, Dudley Sutton and Chris Thompson & Pete Reynolds. Script editor: George Poles

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

SAT 06:00 Rose Tremain (b0bk10sh)

Temporary Shelter

Salesman Larry is feeling burnt out. So he and wife Marje try to relax on their first holiday in seven

years at a camp site in the South of France. Appearing to be full of jovial bonhomie, Larry reveals a very different side to his nature when Trist suddenly pitches his tent next door and starts to question him...

Starring Roy Kinnear.

Drama written by novelist Rose Tremain. Larry ..... Roy Kinnear

Marje ..... Fiona Walker

Trist ..... Anthony Newlands Jean-Louis ..... Yves Aubert

Annette ..... Grazyna Monvid Temporary Shelter won a Giles Cooper Award for one of the best plays of 1984.

Directed at BBC Manchester by Kay Patrick. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

SAT 07:15 Roald Dahl (b06wdqb5)

The Umbrella Man

It's raining.

A seemingly kind old gentleman offers a mother and her

daughter an umbrella - for a price...

Roald Dahl's short story is read by Oona Beeson. Producer: Matthew Walters

her dæmon witnesses a murder.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990. SAT 07:30 The Secret Commonwealth (Omnibus)

(m000d01w)

Episode 2 Lyra Silvertongue finds herself caught up in a conspiracy when

Whilst travelling in disguise, Lyra finds her quest to be even more treacherous than she imagined.

Philip Pullman's second volume of his acclaimed The Book of Dust trilogy. Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Doreen Estall.

Concluded by Simon Russell Beale. Lyra Silvertongue is now 20 years old, and her dæmon

Pantalaimon, forced to navigate their relationship in a way they could never have imagined, and drawn into the complex and dangerous factions of a world that they had no idea existed.

They must travel far beyond the edges of Oxford, across Europe and into Asia, in search for what is lost - a city haunted by dæmons, a secret at the heart of a desert, and the mystery of

the elusive Dust. Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2019.

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnb2)

Series 1 1. Croeso to Whatsitsname

Carter and his Uncle head to Wales on their latest road trip. Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of long-suffering Carter Brandon on his travels with his curmudgeonly Uncle.

Uncle Mort .... Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon .... Sam Kelly Pat/The Barmaid .... Liz Goulding Mrs Partington .... June Barrie Mr Roberts .... Howell Evans

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 February 1996. SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08fsg00)

Unemployment Problem

As the consequences of Henry's rash resignation sink in, Jennifer has a bright idea.

Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews

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

Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970. Richard Waring adapted his own TV scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes.

Jennifer Corner .... Wendy Craig

Henry Corner .... Francis Matthews

Mary .... Charlotte Mitchell Trudi .... Roberta Tovey

Amanda .... Jill Riddick

Mr Wrigley .... Paul Whitsun-Jones

Pam .... Gwenda Wilson Harrison .... Richard Waring

Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst

Producer: Trafford Whitelock

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1970.

SAT 09:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b2ndmd)

You're Never Too Old to Stay at Home Dorothy and Edward visit Clacton to try and pep up their

marriage.

Dorothy and Edward Atkinson are Sidcup's premier warring couple with a marriage to challenge even the most determined of counsellors.

Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden star in Barry Pilton's marital mayhem sitcom.

Edward ..... Hugh Paddick

Dorothy ..... Betty Marsden

With:

Aubrey Woods

Nigel Lambert

After notching up multiple BBC radio series together of 'Beyond Our Ken' and 'Round the Horne' - most memorably as aging juvenile Binkie Huckaback and Dame Celia

Molestrangler - Hugh and Betty were reunited on-air, almost a decade later in 'The 27 Year Itch'.

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1978.

SAT 10:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vx1t) 3. Much Obliged

"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 concludes his three-part celebration of the work of the greatest comic author of the 20th century. We'll hear a collection of some his best loved work, including a celebration of his creations, such as the feckless Bertie Wooster and his phlegmatic manservant, Jeeves, and his many other characters. All brought to life on radio by stars including Simon

Cadell, Michael Hordern and 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

SAT 11:00 Rose Tremain (b0bk10sh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:15 Roald Dahl (b06wdqb5) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 12:30 The Secret Commonwealth (Omnibus)

(m000d01w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnb2) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08fsg00) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b2ndmd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vx1t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] SAT 16:00 Hello Caller (m00025fr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SAT 16:45 Gabriel-Ernest by Saki (b09qm7t0) [Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

SAT 17:00 Rose Tremain (b0bk10sh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:15 Roald Dahl (b06wdqb5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today] SAT 18:30 The Secret Commonwealth (Omnibus)

(m000d01w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnb2) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08fsg00)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b2ndmd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] SAT 21:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vx1t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b01gvtj8) Series 2

Insurance

Why is the insurance industry so confusing? Award-winning comic, Tom Wrigglesworth returns for another series of his open letters.

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth, James Kettle and Miles Jupp. Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

SAT 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b007 jp4p)

Series 1

Struggling writer Nick paints his flat to try and impress

Caroline, but his geraniums hate it.

A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.

With:

Alistair McGowan

Caroline Gruber

Brian Bowles

Doon Mackichan

Alison Sterling

Producer: Jon Magnusson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.

SAT 23:00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00mwm67)

Series 4

Episode 6

Revealing the new yoghurt for women, and introducing Britain's top police tortoise

Sketch show starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb.

With

Olivia Colman

Sarah Hadland

James Bachman

Producer: Gareth Edwards

Firs broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00lmdjr)

Series 1

Baghdad

Charles and Archie jump at the chance of going to Iraq, but the posting turns out not to be as cushy as it first seemed.

James Cary's sitcom set in Bletchley Park in 1941.

Three code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut,

as they try to break German ciphers.

Unfortunately, they hate each other. Charles .... Robert Bathurst

Archie .... Tom Goodman-Hill

Minka .... Olivia Colman

Gordon .... Fergus Craig Mrs Best .... Lill Roughley

Joshua .... Alex MacQueen

Producer: Adam Bromley First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007

#### SUNDAY 07 IANUARY 2024

#### SUN 00:00 Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (b01npb18)

2. Fearful

In attempting to find some peace from his troubles.

Frankenstein has gone walking in the mountains, where he is about to come face to face with what he most hates and fears. Conclusion of Mary Shelley's heart-breaking modern myth of

obsession, pride and the need for love.

Starring Jamie Parker and Shaun Dooley Dramatised by Lucy Catherine.

Frankenstein ..... Jamie Parker

The Monster ..... Shaun Dooley

Elizabeth ..... Susie Riddell

Walton .... Alun Raglan

Father ..... Robert Blythe

Clerval ..... Sam Alexander Old Man ..... Bruce Alexander

Agatha ..... Emma Hook Felix ..... Joe Sims

Lieutenant ..... Don Gilet

Director: Marc Beeby First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

SUN 01:00 Rose Tremain (b0bk10sh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday] SUN 02:15 Roald Dahl (b06wdqb5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Saturday] SUN 02:30 The Secret Commonwealth (Omnibus)

(m000d01w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday] SUN 03:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnb2)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 04:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b2ndmd) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vx1t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday] SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001v2zc)

Poems for Idle Workers

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses

Poems for Idle Workers

Featuring a series of small poems by Holly Pester, set in the brief pauses of work-breaks. Inspired by Virgil, absurdism, and sound poetry.

Performed by Maggie Nicols and Keeley Forsyth.

In the year 42 BC, the Latin poet Virgil began to write his famous Eclogues (the term comes from a word meaning sketch or draft), reflecting tensions in the countryside caused by civilwar in Italy and the assassination of Caesar. In these pieces, dispossessed herdsmen gossip, sing and fight alongside those who have been granted land by the new regime.

Since Virgil, poets including Percy B Shelley and WH Auden have used the eclogue form to explore more modern ideas of labour and land, touching on the real and the mythic at once. Here, Holly Pester presents a set of experimental eclogues that take place in a contemporary work-space, where two lowly office workers find themselves united yet divided, trying to find

a connection in the stolen moments of not-working. But is there ever really such a moment?

Magatha is read and sung by Maggie Nicols

Terry is read and sung by Keeley Forsyth. Written and introduced by Holly Pester.

Produced by Jack Howson

A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2019.

SUN 06:30 Cornucopia by Paul Richardson (Omnibus) (m001v301)

Paul Richardson journeys around Britain exploring our cuisine. He begins with apples and hops in Kent, then lamb and lava bread in Wales, followed by Lancashire tripe traditions, on to haggis in the Highlands and ending up with East Coast oysters.

No morsel remains uneaten in this 18-month journey. Omnibus of five parts abridged by Sara Lefanu.

Read by Alex Jennings.

Producer: Paul Dodgson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001v30m)

Simon Farnaby

father.

Actor, writer and comedian Simon Farnaby chooses Little Town by Cliff Richard and Rattlesnakes by Lloyd Cole and the Commotions

SUN 07:50 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (Omnibus) (b008cghp)

Episode 1 It's the time of The American Civil War and in New England the March family are facing a frugal Christmas without their

Four young women forging their path into the adult world, tell of the challenges of a woman's life in a male dominated society. Each of them is very different but in all four of the March sisters the 'All-American girl' emerges for the first time. Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and

freedom Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Rhiannon

Natasha I Barnes

Meg. Jo ..... Julianna Jennings

Beth ..... Bryony Hannah Amy ..... Samantha Dakin

Mrs March .....Tara Ward

Mr March ..... John Bowler

Laurie ..... Alex Lanipekun Mr John Brooke ..... Finlay Robertson

Aunt March ..... Joanna Monro Hannah Alison Belbin

Mrs Hummel/Mrs Moffat .. . Karen Bartke

Sallie Gardiner ..... Natasha Cowley

Annie Moffat ..... Keziah Joseph Ned Moffat ..... Luke MacGregor

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017. SUN 09:00 Frankie Howerd (m001v314)

Episode 1 The King of Titters visits the doctor, and recalls his time on a desert island.

Frankie takes a comic look back through his eventful life and

illustrious career Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs

With

Ray Fell

Barbara Mitchell Christopher Scoular

April Walker Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1975. SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (m001v31y)

Commander Trotter Takes Charge

Chief Petty Officer Pertwee flies into a panic when Commander Bell is replaced. Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman

The Sub-Lieutenant ..... Leslie Phillips
The Chief Petty Officer ..... Jon Pertwee .. Stephen Murray

The Number One . Captain Povey .... Richard Caldicot WREN Chasen .... Heather Chasen

Leading Seaman Goldstein/Uncle Ebenezer .... Tenniel Evans

The Padre .... Michael Bates

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Commander Trotter .... Alan Reeve-Jones

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001v32g) Illustrators 2

Helen Oxenbury

Children's books illustrator, Helen Oxenbury is castaway by Lauren Laverne.

Helen's work has featured in many very popular titles for younger readers including the award-winning We're Going on a Bear Hunt, by Michael Rosen.

Helen has won the Kate Greenaway Medal twice and was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the Book Trust in 2018. She attended the Ipswich School of Art and later the Central School of Art in London where she met fellow illustrator and her future husband, John Burningham. After the birth of her children she began illustrating children's books, working at the kitchen table long after they'd gone to

bed. Her work for Ivor Cutler's Meal One, published in 1971, was praised by Spare Rib magazine for its portrayal of a single mother and her relationship with her young son.

Helen came up with the idea of her baby board books in the late 1970s after the birth of her third child who suffered with eczema. Discovering that her daughter could be distracted from scratching by looking at baby catalogues, Helen created a series of board books placing babies and toddlers at their heart. Such a concept was unheard of at the time.

From the late 1980s, Helen ensured that the babies and children featured in her books came from different ethnic backgrounds and her work in So Much by Trish Cooke has become a children's classic. In We're Going on a Bear Hunt, published in 1989, Helen's pictures celebrated the joy of adventure and the bond between siblings.

DISC ONE: America by Marilyn Cooper, Chita Rivera and Shark Girls

DISC TWO: Mir Ist So Wunderbar by Ludwig van Beethoven, conducted by Mark Elder, performed by London Philharmonic Orchestra, Tenor: Andrew Kennedy, Soprano: Lisa Milne, Soprano: Anja Kampe, Bass: Brindley Sherratt

DISC THREE: Tubby The Tuba by Danny Kaye

DISC FOUR: Lullaby of Birdland by Erroll Garner

DISC FIVE: Episode 1 of Life In A Scotch Sitting Room Vol. II by Ivor Cutler

DISC SIX: Schubert's Impromptu No. 3 in G flat D899 by Alfred Brendel, (piano)

conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras

DISC SEVEN: Singin' in the Rain by Gene Kelly

DISC EIGHT: Les Pecheurs de Perles, Act 1: Romance: Mi par d'udir ancora (Je crois entendre encore) by Beniamino Gigli, conducted by Eugene Goossens

BOOK CHOICE: The Empire Trilogy by JG Farrell LUXURY ITEM: A bed with an unlimited supply of white

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Les Pecheurs de Perles, Act 1: Romance: Mi par d'udir ancora (Je crois entendre encore) by Beniamino Gigli, conducted by Eugene Goossens Producer: Paula McGinley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2020 SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

Farthworms

Although Charles Darwin is especially well known for his work on the Theory of Evolution through his seminal work "On the Origin of Species", he also published a lot of his research on earthworms.

Earthworms fascinated Darwin, so much so that his observations led him to believe that they showed marked intelligence. And earthworms fascinate Sir David Attenborough

He recalls a visit to Australia to film the giant earthworm and intriguingly used his ears more than any other sense to find

What did they sound like and what did they look like?

Sir David reveals all.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SUN 11:00 Poetry Extra (m001v2zc) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 16:00 Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (b01npb18)

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SUN 22:00 The Confessional (m000v848)

The Confession of Cariad Lloyd

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

In each episode, Stephen invites a different guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions - with remarkable storytelling and surprising insights.

In this unconventional chat show, he wants to see what really makes them tick by finding out what they are ashamed of!

Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

In this opening episode, he takes the confession of the award winning improvisational comedian, actor and presenter of Griefcast, Cariad Lloyd.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Later guests include Joan Bakewell, Clarke Peters, Phil Wang, Dr Phil Hammond and more.

Producers: Dave Anderson & Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April

SUN 22:30 Stand-Up Specials (b09z3dkg)

Episode 1

Ruby Wax talks about mental health in her inimitable style. She's focusing on how we are all frazzled, how we got to be that way and what we can do about it - using comedy, mindfulness and chat with the audience.

Ruby has the knowledge - a Master's degree in mindfulness-

based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy.

She also has the experience after years of struggles with mental health. And of course she has the comic gifts to say it in an articulate, funny and entertaining way.

In this show, she wants to make us laugh at her and at ourselves, make our lives feel more manageable, and share tools for how to cope.

Written and performed by Ruby Wax

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2018.

SUN 23:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b06z2pmy)

Series 2 The Bodyguard

Milton offers his services as a bodyguard and discovers that a South American diva and a tent full of home-made jam don't mix quite as well as he'd imagined.

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is 'Help!' Because each episode, Milton, and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're

embroiled in a new adventure. If you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.

Written by Milton with James Cary and Dan Evans

Tom Goodman-Hill

Josie Lawrence

Dan Tetsell

Music by Guy Jackson.

Director: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2016.

SUN 23:30 The In Crowd (b00sbrl6)

Episode 1

Meet the travel agent who won't let anyone go further than Lowestoft and the army officer who can't wait to offer himself up as the first to be eaten in a crisis.

Plus the cultural hooligans who smash up beautiful things, and Wendy Clapper who thinks a trip to see the Northern Lights means a weekend in Blackpool.

Return of the sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

Robin Ince Helen Moon Smug Roberts Kate Ward

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

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MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001v2zc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Cornucopia by Paul Richardson (Omnibus) (m001v301)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001v30m) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (Omnibus) (b008cghp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 Frankie Howerd (m001v314)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday] MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (m001v31y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001v32g) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday] MON 05:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White

(b007jlgx) 1. Encounter

Walter Hartright meets a strange woman dressed in white as he returns home across London's Hampstead Heath late one night. He's about to travel north to take up a post as drawing master to two young ladies.

Little does he realise how this chance encounter and his new position are inextricably linked.

Wilkie Collins's Victorian thriller was one of the best-selling

novels of the 19th century. Starring Toby Stephens and Juliet Aubrey

Dramatised in four episodes by Martyn Wade. Walter Hartright ..... Toby Stephens

Marian Halcombe ..... Juliet Aubrey

Laura Fairlie ..... Emily Bruni Sir Percival Glyde ..... Jeremy Clyde

Anne Catherick ..... Alice Hart

Mr Gilmore ..... Sean Baker Pesca ..... Ioan Meredith

Frederick Fairlie ..... Edward Petherbridge

Mr Dempster ..... Jonathan Keeble Jacob ..... Oliver Cookson

Music: Elizabeth Parker

Director: Cherry Cookson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007izni)

Wimsey: The Nine Tailors A Damnable Business

Lord Peter Wimsey identifies the mystery body, but he's yet to name the killer.

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

Dorothy L Savers' detective mystery dramatised by Alistair Beaton.

Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael Rev Theodore Venables .... Phillip Latham

Supt Blundell .... Timothy Bateson Nobby Cranton .... Stephen Greiff

Will Thoday .... Keith Drinkell Mary Thoday .... Claire Clifford

Narrator .... John Westbrook

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980. MON 06:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb

(m000d07j)
5. Smaller Shrinks the Standing Corn

Shields meets Marco and collects the plates

But before he and Julie can get clear of the island, the alarm is raised by one of Bruno's men..

Starring Peter Coke.

Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the world of highly-organised

international smugglers Shields ..... Peter Coke

The Major ..... Bob Grant

Greta ..... Veronica Doran Julie ..... Anne Stallybrass

Slip ..... Colin Edwynn Sergeant ..... Ben Kingsley

Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.

Producer: Alan Ayckbourn First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968. MON 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell

(m000d7nl)

1. Reflection An overweight, married, middle-aged insurance salesman surveys his life while reflecting on the country he finds himself

living in. George Orwell's novel - written in 1939 - was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War

It offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on

The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.

Abridged in five parts by Ellin Stein.

Read by Tim McInnerny. Producer: Clive Brill

the best of rural England.

Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January

MON 07:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08b7rv4) 6. The First Wedding

Three years have passed since we were last with the March girls. War is now over and John Brooke is safely home Everyone is eagerly looking forward to Meg and John's

wedding. Continuing Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.

Dramatised in ten parts by Rhiannon Tise.

Laurie ..... Alex Lanipekun

Mrs March ..... Tara Ward Meg ..... Natasha Barnes Jo ..... Julianna Jennings

Amy ..... Samantha Dakin

Aunt March ..... Joanna Monro Mr Brooke ..... Finlay Robertson

Mr March ..... John Bowler

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

MON 07:30 Cracking Up (m0001yfy)

Series 2

The Broken Legacy

Psychotherapist divorcee Spencer Pandy attempts to reassert his presence in the family home by gifting son Dylan with his legacy, an ancient piece of stinking musical furniture made from the foul-smelling timber of the Gingki Biloba tree.

Against her better judgement (and the advice of boyfriend Owen), ex-wife Tina agrees to a weekend break in Iceland with Spencer, Dylan and daughter Tilly.

A volcanic eruption and fractured tibia ensue.

Written, composed and narrated by Johnny Daukes.

Comedy about a psychotherapist who thinks he has the answers, if only his ex-wife and kids would listen.

Spencer Pandy ..... Michael Hobbs

Tina Pandy ..... Katherine Jakeways

Narrator ..... Johnny Daukes

Mrs Roberts ..... Pepper Daukes

Tilly Pandy ..... Betty Daukes

Dylan Pandy ..... Jack Burke

Owen ..... Jay Simpson

Other parts played by: Paul Shearer

Rebecca Clay

Producer: Johnny Daukes

A Big Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jzsd)

Series 3

Steptoe and Son and Son

A visitor brings Harold Steptoe some unexpected news.

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

Girl ..... Gwendolyn Watts

Sailor ..... Richard Griffiths

Producer: Bobby Jaye First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1971.

MON 08:30 After Henry (b007s8gm)

Series 4

Family Album

"Look at this old dear - roses round her cottage door, a cosy smell of making cake wafting from her kitchen. I can imagine a lot of people buying that, putting it in a frame and claiming it as their own grandmother. Probably easier to cope with than the real thing"

Eleanor's family snaps spark arguments with daughter Sarah over the past...

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

Auntie Lilian .... Jean Anderson

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.

MON 09:00 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

Episode 5

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:

Sara Pascoe

Jen Brister

Sally-Anne Hayward Gearoid Farrelly

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 Acropolis Now (b007m9zv)

Series 1

Philosophy takes a back seat when ex-Olympic champions

demand a free restaurant meal. Ancient Greek comedy by Lynne Truss

Heraclitus ...... Stephen Moore

Aristophanes ...... Alan Cox

Socrates ...... Robert Hardy The Oracle . ... Rosemary Leach

Plato ...... Tom George

Xanthippe ....... Rachel Atkins The Chorus . ... Gavin Muir

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Brian King.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000.

MON 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007 jlgx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jznj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d07j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d7nl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08b7rv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today] MON 12:30 Cracking Up (m0001yfy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jzsd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 After Henry (b007s8gm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Acropolis Now (b007m9zv) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007jlgx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jznj) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 16:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d07j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 17:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d7nl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08b7rv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 17:30 Cracking Up (m0001yfy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today MON 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jzsd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 After Henry (b007s8gm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 19:00 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] MON 19:30 Acropolis Now (b007m9zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m001544w)

Series 12 Out of the Blue

True stories told live in the USA: Jay Allison introduces tales where surprises, unanticipated lessons and plot twists abound. The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated

to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the

storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it.

intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and

Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the

humorous to the heart-breaking. The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed

by the Public Radio Exchange. First heard on PRX in the USA in 2020.

MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (b076zjbv)

Patti Smith

other parts of the world.

Singer-songwriter Patti Smith chooses Artie Shaw's 'Nightmare' and 'After the Gold Rush' by Neil Young.

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MON 21:00 A Good Read (b06grjn2)

David Morrissey & Julia Blackburn

Actor David Morrissey and writer Julia Blackburn join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by John O'Hara, JD Salinger and Alexandra Fuller.

Appointment in Samarra by John O'Hara.

Publisher: Vintage

For Esme with Love and Squalor by JD Salinger

Publisher: Penguin Don't Lets Go To The Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller

Publisher: Picador

Producer Mary Ward-Lowery. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

MON 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08mb39f)

1. Chain

The post-war novel that summed up middle-class white America and established John Updike as the major American author of his generation.

Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pullitzer Prize-wining quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom.

We meet him as a 26-year-old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis

When Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom joins an impromptu basketball game, he sets in motion a chain of decisions that will free him from the responsibilities of adult life - or so he hopes.

Abridged in ten parts by Eileen Horne

Read by Toby Jones.

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

MON 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m0001x8c)

1. Zoe A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town.

Written in ten parts by Claire McGowan. Golden girl Zoe's been dead for 10 years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school.

But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this

What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her

grave? Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder.

Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up - but if she's not even dead, then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out

the truth and clear his name But does he really know nothing about what happened? Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding

something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't where she

said she was on that night ten years ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead.

Zoe .... Clare Dunne Steve .... Richard Clements Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m001ts8t) Seasonal Trimmings It's a star-studded seasonal special featuring choice cuts from a cast that includes Graeme Garden, Armando Iannucci, Sean Lock, Richard Osman, Holly Walsh, Susan Calman, David O'Doherty, Rob Brydon, Alan Davies, Stephen Fry, Fern Brady, Geoff Norcott, Simon Evans, Jack Dee, John Lloyd, Lee Mack

Topics covered include Christmas trees, nuts, snow, donkeys, Santa Claus, champagne, reindeer, boxes and turkey.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith

Producer: Jon Naismith

and Rufus Hound.

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4 MON 22:30 Hal (b08lgdpn)

Series 2

Teenagers

Hal Cruttenden returns as a hapless house husband trying to cope with his mid-life crisis and doubting his every move. His wife Sam is still a highly successful business woman, while daughters Lily and Molly continue to grow into teenagers and find their dad just a little annoying.

Racist neighbour Penny is a major thorn in Hal's side and his best mates Fergus and Barry hinder rather than help Hal's goal of finding himself. In this opening episode, Lily is set to introduce the family to her

new hip boyfriend, but Hal's need to re-kindle his own romantic past leads to unforeseen challenges. Hal's bitter and embittered sister Pippa has come to stay

unexpectedly, after her husband decided to experiment with his

sexuality...

Written by Hal Cruttenden and Dominic Holland.

Hal ..... Hal Cruttenden Sam ..... Kerry Godliman

Penny ..... Ronni Ancona

Pippa ..... Abigail Cruttenden

Fergus ... ... Ed Byrne Barry ..... Gavin Webster

Oberon ..... Arthur Hughes

Therapist ..... Jonathan Kydd Ian ..... Jonathan Kydd

Policeman ..... Simon Greenall Bazman ..... Joe Attewell Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

April 2017.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001tsf0)

Best of 2023

A look back on some of the best bits of News Quizzing from

In this compilation episode Andy Zaltzman casts his satirical eye over the highs and lows of the year, in which the UK managed to keep hold of a Prime Minister for more than a year (well done us), the economy moved about as erratically as a paper plane in a snowstorm, and there were some events in the Middle East that made doing a light-hearted topical news show a bit of a challenge at times ...

Hosted and written by Andy Zaltzman.

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini

A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007 isv1)

Series 1

The Mastersons Lose Everything

London 1890. Auberon Masterson is the epitome of decadence. but will his unsavoury habits ruin the family?

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

Paul Merton Iosie Lawrence Caroline Quentin

Jim Sweeney Phelim McDermott Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

### TUESDAY 09 JANUARY 2024

TUE 00:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007jlgx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday] TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jznj) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d07i)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday] TUE 02:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell

(m000d7nl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday] TUE 02:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08b7rv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Cracking Up (m0001yfy) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jzsd) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 After Henry (b007s8gm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Elephant in the Room (m00070k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday] TUE 04:30 Acropolis Now (b007m9zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White

(b007 ilhn) 2. Suspicions

Walter has left Limmeridge House as Laura prepares to marry Sir Percival.

Laura's half-sister Marian knows of Laura's feelings for Walter, has great doubts about the marriage, yet is powerless to stop it...

Wilkie Collins's best-selling Victorian thriller. Starring Toby Stephens and Juliet Aubrey.

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Walter Hartright ..... Toby Stephens

Marian Halcombe ..... Juliet Aubrey

Laura Fairlie ..... Emily Bruni

Sir Percival Glyde ...... Jeremy Clyde

Anne Catherick ..... Alice Hart

Mr Gilmore ..... Sean Baker

Pesca ..... Ioan Meredith

Messenger ..... Jonathan Keeble

Count Fosco ...... Philip Voss Madame Fosco ...... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Music: Elizabeth Parker

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jzpw)

Wimsey: The Nine Tailors 7. All Is Not Explained

Lord Peter Wimsey goes snooping to try and establish who

killed Geoffrey Deacon - and how. Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery dramatised by Alistair Beaton.

Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael

Supt Blundell .... Timothy Bateson Rev Theodore Venables .... Phillip Latham

Will Thoday .... Keith Drinkell Jim Thoday .... Malcolm Terris

Engineer .... Leonard Fenton

Hezekiah Lavender .... Michael Spice

Sluice Keeper .... Peter Tudenham Narrator .... John Westbrook

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

TUE 06:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d7q4)

6. Don't Go Near The Water

High up on the mountain road, Johnny Shields has apparently crashed to his death - leaving Julie in the hands of Marco's henchmen...

Starring Peter Coke.

Gripping conclusion of Roy Clarke's thriller serial set in the

world of highly-organised international smugglers.

Shields ..... Peter Coke

The Major ..... Bob Grant Greta ..... Veronica Doran

Julie ..... Anne Stallybrass

Slip ..... Colin Edwynn

Alfie ..... Peter Stephens

Jean Hogg ..... Heather Stoney Tadpole ..... Derrick Gilbert

Foster ..... Michael Stirrup

Daniels ..... Robert Powell

Doreen ..... Sylvia Brayshay Pete ..... Ben Kingsley

Theme music composed and played by Trevor Holroyd.

Producer: Alan Ayckbourn First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1968.

TUE 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d70p)

2. Early Years

George Bowling is a married insurance salesman.

Now middle-aged and, overweight, he looks back to his early years - from the end of the Boer War to the beginning of the First World War

George Orwell's book was first published before war broke out

Abridged by Ellin Stein.

Read by Tim McInnerny.

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January

TUE 07:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08b7vyl)

7. Amy's Adventures

Meg is busy with family life. Beth is as lovely and caring as always and Jo is making a small but independent living writing

Amy is now Aunt March's companion and becoming an accomplished young lady but things are about to change for her

in a way she would never have imagined.

Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Amy ..... Samantha Dakin Jo ..... Julianna Jennings

Aunt March ..... Joanna Monro

Mrs March ..... Tara Ward

Laurie ..... Alex Lanipekun

Beth ..... Bryony Hannah Aunt Carol ..... Catriona McFarlane

Fred ..... Luke Macgregor

Mr March ..... John Bowler

Director: Tracev Neale First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

TUE 07:30 Teatime (m000fq41)

Episode 2

Sensing he might be in with a chance to win her back, Joe decides to ambush his ex-wife Donna with an impromptu date

night. Donna isn't sure what to think, and neither are Vicky and Rav -Joe's decided to stage this ambush in their kitchen.

Meanwhile, Vicky's sister Lisa is #livingherbestlife as a single lady about town. Now that she's got nothing to look forward to except a lifetime of married routine, is Vicky just a little

iealous? And Uncle Bob has some excellent advice for Rav.

Comedy by Katherine Jakeways about a chaotic but loving

family.

Joe ..... Philip Glenister Donna

.... Samantha Spiro. Vicky ..... Aimee-Ffion Edwards

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Rav ..... Prasanna Puwanarajah

Lisa ..... Katie Redford

Uncle Bob ..... Steven Brandon Producer: Sam Ward

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

February 2020.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007 jpxw)

Vintage Goons

The Vanishing Room

Inspector Ned Seagoon investigates the murder of Lord

Cretinby and the mysterious library and corpse which reappear on the other side of the English Channel.

Starring: Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale abroad. Scripts in the Vintage Goons are based on scripts from their 4th series, often with a certain

amount of re-writing.

With The Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Roy Speer First broadcast as The Case of the Vanishing Room on the BBC

Home Service in February 1954

Re-recording from December 1957 by the BBC Transcription

Service made for broadcast oversea

First broadcast in the UK on BBC 7 in October 2003. TUE 08:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00954vf)

Series 1 Episode 2

It's time for singing duo Tommy and Sheila's comeback

appearance - they're on after the stripper! Winners of the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr are back in the limelight. The

only snag is they can't stand the sight of each another.. Mike Coleman's sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.

Tommy Franklin ..... Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr ..... June Whitfield

With: Pat Coombs Julian Eardley

Joshua Henderson Chris Pavlo

Edward Halsted Rachel Smith

Singers: John Barr and Lisa Peace.

Music by Frido Ruth. Producer: Steve Doherty First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

TUE 09:00 The Motion Show (m000833t)

Series 5

Episode 6 From banning political spin to believing in DIY.

Graeme Garden hosts the comedy debating show. With:

Sir Bernard Ingham

Hattie Havridge Steve Punt

Producer: Jane Berthoud

Arthur Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002. TUE 09:30 Winston (b007mwhn)

Series 1

The Village Fete Father's enjoyed a remarkable recovery and seems poised to

live forever - and Rosie and William plan to stay at home.

But Nancy makes a big decision. Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial.

Winston .... Bill Wallis

Father .... Maurice Denham

(m000d7a4)

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 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jzpw) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] TUE 11:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] TUE 12:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell

(m000d70p) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 12:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08b7vyl) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today] TUE 12:30 Teatime (m000fq41)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] TUE 13:00 The Goon Show (b007jpxw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] TUE 13:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00954vf) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 14:00 The Motion Show (m000 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 14:30 Winston (b007mwhn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007jlhn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

TUE 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jzpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 16:30 The 17-Jewelled Shockproof Swiss-Made Bomb (m000d7q4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 17:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d70p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

*TUE* 19:30 Winston (b007mwhn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m001v3hd)

What Topples Democracies

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

Manoush Zomorodi explores how democratic ideals are being tested worldwide.

What keeps people united and what drives them apart? First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2023.

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b08n1vy2)

Tovah Willcox

Singer Toyah Wilcox with Simon & \*Garfunkel's 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' and 'Human Behaviour' by Bjork.

TUE 21:00 Sideways (m000s2ks)

2. 1 in 73 Million

Best-selling author Matthew Syed explores the ideas that shape our lives with stories of seeing the world differently In this episode, Matthew tells two stories, both of which raise

profound questions about how we think. A group of terrified teenagers discover a disturbing app on social media. A world renowned doctor sets out to uncover

hidden crimes. The tragic events Matthew examines lead to a mother getting jailed for killing her two children. The key piece of testimony in her trial hinges on a question of statistical probability.

But, as Matthew reveals, human beings are extremely poor at understanding the improbable.

Producer: Gemma Newby

A Novel production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2021 TUE 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n1kgp)

The post-war novel that summed up middle-class white America and established John Updike as the major American

author of his generation. Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-wining quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom, whom we meet as a 26 year old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.

Rabbit returns to Mt Judge and turns to his old high school basketball coach for advice about his marriage - but instead, finds himself introduced to an alternative partner.

Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April

# TUE 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m000204g)

2. Mystery

A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town, written by Claire McGowan.

Golden girl Zoe's been dead for 10 years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school. But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time. What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?

Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder. Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up - but if she's not even dead. then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out the truth and clear his name. But does he really know nothing about what happened? Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't were she said she was on that night ten years ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to

discover not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead.

Paul .... Aston Kelly

Phil .... Sean Kearns

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

TUE 22:00 The Ultimate Choice (m001trr5)

Series 2

1: Jane Austen v Where's Wally

Steph McGovern asks some seriously funny minds to offer definitive answers to the great questions of our age. Or not. Welcome to the world's most devious game of Would You Rather? With guests Jason Cook and Lauren Pattison

Host: Steph McGovern

Guests: Jason Cook and Lauren Pattison

Devised and written by Jon Harvey & Joseph Morpurgo

With additional material from Laura Major

Researcher: Leah Marks

Recorded and mixed by David Thomas

Producer: Jon Harvey Executive Producers: Ed Morrish and Polly Thomas

Photo: Carolyn Mendelsohn

A Naked production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07pgwp0)

Series 1 The Announcement

Stand-up comic Josh comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.

Josh and his wife Monique attend a family funeral where Josh manages to fall out with everyone and spectacularly fails to

keep the news of the pregnancy under wraps. Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

With:

Spencer Brown

Carol Dance

Stella Duffy Kerry Godliman

Steve Jameson

Peter Walsingham

Producer: Ashley Blaker

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

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001vdbj)

Andy Hamilton & Guy Jenkin 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats to Drop the Dead Donkey creators Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin.

TUE 23:00 Chain Reaction (b053bq55)

Reece Shearsmith talks to Bob Mortimer

Co-creator and star of The League of Gentlemen, Psychoville and Inside No.9, Reece Shearsmith

talks to

One half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, creators of Shooting Stars and House of Fools, Bob Mortimer.

Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show series where the previous interviewee becomes the next interviewer. Producer: Charlie Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

TUE 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00hlcr4)

Episode 1

Jean-Paul Sartre said "Hell is other people", but, as Satan will tell you, Hell is actually a fiery, unendingly cruel domain where Oliver Reed can never catch the barman's eye and Yves St

Laurent is forced to wear a donkey jacket.

Hell is thrown into confusion when a dog turns up. Animals aren't meant to be in Satan's care because they aren't inherently evil - except for dolphins!

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan.... Andy Hamilton

Edith .... Annette Crosbie

Scumspawn .... Robert Duncan Thomas .... Jimmy Mulville

With Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

### WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2024

WED 00:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007jlhn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Tuesday] WED 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jzpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

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3. Fears

Laura has finally come face to face with the woman in white who so resembles her. She had hoped to discover more about Sir Percival's secret, but their meeting was interrupted.

Marian begins to fear for her sister's safety and is determined to learn what Sir Percival and Count Fosco are secretly planning. Wilkie Collins's best-selling Victorian thriller.

Starring Toby Stephens and Juliet Aubrey

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Walter Hartright ..... Toby Stephens Marian Halcombe ... .. Juliet Aubrey

Laura Fairlie ..... Emily Bruni Sir Percival Glyde ..... Jeremy Clyde

Anne Catherick ..... Alice Hart

Mr Gilmore ..... Sean Baker Mr Dawson ..... Jonathan Keeble

Mrs Michelson ..... Carolyn Pickles

Count Fosco ..... Philip Voss

Frederick Fairlie ..... Edward Petherbridge Madame Fosco ..... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Mrs Rubelle ..... Richenda Carey

Music: Elizabeth Parker

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007 jzr6)

Wimsey: The Nine Tailors

8. Nine Tailors Make a Man

Can upper class sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey finally solve the

baffling mystery of the murder of Geoffrey Deacon? Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

The conclusion of Dorothy L Savers' detective mystery.

Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael

Bunter .... Peter Jones

Supt Blundell .... Timothy Bateson Rev Theodore Venables .... Phillip Latham

Mrs Venables .... Noel Dyson

Will Thoday .... Keith Drinkell Harry Gotobed .... Alexander John

First Sluice Keeper .... Michael Spice

Second Sluice Keeper .... Peter Tudenham Narrator .... John Westbrook

Dramatised by Alistair Beaton. Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1980.

WED 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)

1. Village of the White Scorpion Elizabeth Warwick decides to travel through Egypt, following

in the footsteps of her famous archaeologist father. But what will she discover?

Sheila Grant stars in Victor Pemberton's eight part thriller

Elizabeth Warwick Sheila Grant

Mahmoud... James Thomason Mr Wilder...John Humphry

Fuad... David Spenser

Charles Villiers...Rolf Lefebvre Margaret Villiers... Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Abdullah ... Antony Viccars

Other parts played by Nigel Anthony, Anthony Jackson, Ian Thompson, Barbara Mitchell, Margaret Robertson

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.

WED 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d85b)

to join his first gang with its strange initiation ceremonies. His brother Joe is extremely reluctant to have him. Written by George Orwell in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same

George Bowling tells us about his school days and how he tried

time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England. The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the

response to his previous works. Abridged by Ellin Stein

Read by Tim McInnerny

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

WED 07:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08bb0q1) 8. Jo and Laurie

As the family gather to celebrate Laurie's graduation from college, Jo is aware that Laurie has something he is desperate to

Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.

Jo .... Julianna Jennings

Laurie .... Alex Lanipekun

Mr March .... John Bowler Mrs March .... Tara Ward Professor Bhaer .... Gunnar Cauthery

Mrs Kirke .... Karen Bartke Kitty .... Natasha Cowley Minnie .... Keziah Joseph Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise. Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

WED 07:30 Rumblings from the Rafters (b07h65c6)

Death Watch Beetle and Queen Wasp

Alison Steadman and Bill Paterson star as a bossy queen wasp and a death watch beetle as they reveal the truth about life in a draughty old attic in a house in Amersham.

The first of three tales, written and introduced by Lynne Truss. Death Watch Beetle ..... Bill Paterson

Queen Wasp .. ... Alison Steadman

The Death Watch Beetle is a wood-boring beetle. Having spent twelve years as a larva boring through a single rafter in the house with no one to talk to, our beetle is now an adult with about 5 weeks left to live. He has just three aims in life: Firstly, to find a mate, which he does by banging his head on the timber "Oh Come on girls, .. I know you're out there ... Don't tell me this attic has ever seen such a specimen before.

This lovely compact dark brown capsule of hard cuticle covered with yellowish scale-like hair and just under a centimetre long it could all be yours!

Secondly, to make as much noise as he can.

And finally, to live long enough to see the roof cave in.

The Queen Wasp is very, very bossy, and very, very stressed. She carries the entire responsibility for the wasp colony and its thousands of inhabitants, all of whom are her own progeny. There is an enormous amount of work to be done.

"They call themselves workers, these girls, but quite frankly, none of them knows what real work actually is." It is lonely at the top too," I did consider leaving all this, at one point. None of them knows this; they'd be heartbroken to think I might have left them" and she is just beginning to lose her grip. "Bring me my list" she constantly yells.

Life doesn't get much more stressful than this. Wildlife sound recordings by Chris Watson

Producer: Sarah Blunt.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007 ip18)

Series 5

Hancock's War

The Lad impresses the vicar with tales of his heroic exploits in Military Intelligence.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpsor

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958. WED 08:30 Lip Service (m000ztsy)

Episode 5

Maggie and Sue present War and Peace and Robinson Crusoe as you've never heard before

There's also financial advice and even a message from Her Majesty The Queen.

Sketches and songs written and performed by Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding.

With:

Malcolm Raeburn Denise Coffey

Andrew Dodge

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.

WED 09:00 Counterpoint (b01ks2z0)

Series 26

2012 Final

Paul Gambaccini chairs the final of the general knowledge music quiz.

The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock

Recorded at the Radio Theatre in London, taking part are:

Jill Goodwin from Swindon Michael Pitwood from London

David Sherman from Chelmsford

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

WED 09:30 The Elephant Man (b04phhxw)

It Could Be the Zoo

Tax problems and incompetent staff are just two of Southwood Zoo's problems

But the National Lottery is designed to come to the aid of such hopeless causes

Peter Serafinowicz stars in Debbie Barham's sitcom about the

life of an elephant zoo keeper.

Terry ..... Peter Serafinowicz Leonard ..... Chris Emmett

Maureen ..... Geraldine Fitzgerald Morse ..... Wayne Forester George ..... Geoff Fitzgerald Stephanie ..... Joanna Munro

Adam ..... Richard Pearce Producer: Richard Wilson. First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1996. WED 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007jlj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jzr6) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 11:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 12:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d85b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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WED 13:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007 jp18) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 13:30 Lip Service (m000ztsy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b01ks2z0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 14:30 The Elephant Man (b04phhxw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] WED 15:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White

(b007jlj1) [Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

WED 16:00 Whodunnits (b007jzr6)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m0002g6z)

PE - A History of Violence

When Matthew Sweet was taking his daughter to secondary school open days, he noticed a pattern emerging.

PE teachers were intelligent and thoughtful people with clear and sophisticated ideas about the social and psychological benefits of their subject.

What had happened to the PE teachers of old, who were represented in popular culture by bullies and drill sergeant types like Mr Sugden in Kes and Bullet Baxter in Grange Hill? He sent out a tweet - "Why was PE the only subject in which humiliation was considered part of the learning process?" Hours later, he had collected literally hundreds of traumatic anecdotes - a culture of bullying and sadism, described by students put off sport for life.

In this programme, Matthew haunts gyms, playing fields and communal changing rooms of PE's past, to interrogate former PE teachers.

What's the point of PE? Did it once do more harm than good? "Team spirit?" says a young teacher from a Dagenham comprehensive school in a Panorama from the 1980s, "You mean the team spirit that managed to get so many thousands and millions of people killed in World War I?" A decade earlier, in a series about physical education, Ron Pickering suggested that dance was "the most controversial element of physical education"

Matthew finds followers of Rudolf Laban and PE pioneer Madame Österberg. He also meets a torturous bully in Andrew Davies' 1970 play, Is That Your Body, Boy? Nearing retirement and struggling to come terms with the changing curriculum. Cracker Carstairs mourns the loss of the old PE lessons. "I am not afraid of pain. That is what life is all about."

With Dr Anne Elliott, sports scientist and senior lecturer at the London Sports Institute, Middlesex University and Margaret Whitehead, former physical education teacher, PE consultant and editor of Physical Literacy: Throughout the Lifecourse. A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.

WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b083n15b)

The Dreamers

Josie Long hears stories of dreamers - from the search for utopia to striving to transform into the writer Barbara Cartland. Becoming Barbara

Produced by Natalie Kestecher

Featuring Michaela Vieser

Produced by Tim Hinman and Michaela Vieser

Dear Face at Deer Lake with Deer People

Originally made for Third Coast International Audio Festival Produced by Dear Deer Face Collective

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

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

November 2016.

WED 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n1kjg)

Romance

The post-war novel that summed up middle-class white America and established John Updike as the major American author of his generation.

Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-wining quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom, whom we meet as a 26 year old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.

Rabbit and Ruth begin a romance of sorts after a one night stand - despite, or because of his recent escape from Janice, it is the start of a far more significant encounter.

Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

WED 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m00024s0) 3. Who Is She

A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town, written by Claire McGowan

Golden girl Zoe's been dead for 10 years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school. But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time. What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?

Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder. Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up - but if she's not even dead, then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out the truth and clear his name But does he really know nothing about what happened? Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't were she said she was on that night ten year ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead. Danny .... Roisin Gallagher

Zoe .... Clare Dunne

Producer: Celia De Wolff First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

WED 22:00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen? (m001trd8)

Series 2

Episode 4 - They Shoot Film Stars Don't They?

Florence is asked to go on Strictly Come Dancing. Selina is offered a movie but it's not what it seems. And the truth about Lucy's real mother is revealed.

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 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 (b007k1qi)

The History of the Future Badgerland goes international and experience the History of the

Written and performed by Marcus Brigstocke, Danny Robins

and 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 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01bm0pr)

Series 4

Episode 1

Comedian-activist Mark Thomas and his studio audience consider policy proposals for a People's Manifesto. The agenda includes:

1) Excluding Non-Doms from free access to the NHS 2) Every citizen to be given £10,000 in quantitative easing

vouchers, to be spent in the next 6 months 3) Proportional voting rights for MPs based on the size of their majorities

"Any Other Business" policies are also taken from the studio audience throughout the show

Produced by Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

WED 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001vdbl) Andy Hamilton & Guy Jenkin 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats again to Drop the Dead Donkey creators Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin.

### WED 23:30 Friends Like These (b0076xrp)

You'll Always Be A Part of Me

Part of a collection of comic plays about friendship, each featuring a different comedy partnership.

Two men have been best friends for years when one suddenly needs a new kidney. His mate has always said he'd do anything for him. Now it's time to find out if that includes organ

Written by Jim Sweeney.
Jim.....Jim Sweeney

Jim... .Steve Steen

Directed by Claudine Toutoungi.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (b007k155)

Series 1

Episode 7

Will their owners reconcile?

Liam and Anton get a fish's eye view.

Written by and starring Shaun Prendergast.

Martin .... Shaun Prendergast Susan .... Sarah Parish

Anton .... Hamish McColl

Liam .... Sean Foley

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

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THU 05:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007jljf)

Laura Fairlee and Walter Hartright have been reunited, but their happiness is marred by the fact that both their lives are in danger.

Conclusion of Wilkie Collins's best-selling Victorian thriller.

Starring Toby Stephens and Juliet Aubrey.

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Walter Hartright ..... Toby Stephens

Marian Halcombe ... .. Juliet Aubrev Laura Fairlie ..... Emily Bruni

Sir Percival Glyde ...... Jeremy Clyde Anne Catherick ...... Alice Hart

Mrs Catherick ..... Carolyn Pickles

Count Fosco ..... Philip Voss

Frederick Fairlie ..... Edward Petherbridge Madame Fosco ..... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Mrs Clements ..... Richenda Carey Pesca ..... Ioan Meredith

Music: Elizabeth Parker

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.

THU 06:00 Stand By For West (m000tn3g)

Inspector West at Bay

Flashpoint

Chief Inspector Roger West and his wife, Janet, are involved in a sinister incident

Starring real-life husband and wife, Patrick Allen and Sarah

Published in 1952, the third of John Creasey's novels about the detective - dramatised in eight parts by Maurice Travers

John Creasey wrote over 40 Roger West novels. Much like Paul Temple, "Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector has a long-suffering wife who also gets involved with the action.

Chief Inspector Roger West .... Patrick Allen

Janet: .... Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth .... Maurice Hedley

Det -Insp Bill Sloan .... Derek Newark

Mark Lessing .... James Kerry

Marino .... Leonard Fenton

Bertie Downs .... John Baddeley Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on Radio 2 in May 1969.

THU 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1k)

2. Into the Darkness

Will Elizabeth be able to discover more about the tomb her father discovered before his death?

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick: ....Sheila Grant

Mahmoud:....James Thomason

Mr Wilder:....John Humphry Fuad:....David Spenser

Charles Villiers:....Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers:....Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby:....Haydn Jones Bertie Pringle:....Barry Lowe

O'Hara:....Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz ....John Justin Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

THU 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d8s9)

George Bowling tells us about his first love, fishing and how he

almost caught a huge carp in the First World War. Written by George Orwell in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War

and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.

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Abridged by Ellin Stein.

Read by Tim McInnerny

Produced by Clive Brill.

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January

THU 07:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08bb9d4)

9. Devoted Sister

Jo has enjoyed her adventure in New York but now she is home

she is struck by the change in Beth. Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story dramatised by

Rhiannon Tise.

Jo ..... Julianna Jennings Laurie ..... Alex Lanipekun

.. Bryony Hannah

Amv .. Samantha Dakin

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Director: Tracey Neale First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017

THU 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b04ykd7f)

The BFF Best Friends Forever.

Stephen K Amos's sitcom about growing up black, gay and

funny in 1980s south London. Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Stephen K Amos ... Stephen K Amos

Young Stephen ... Shaquille Ali-Yebuah

Stephanie Amos ... Fatou Sohna

Virginia Amos ... Ellen Thomas

Vincent Amos ... Don Gilet Miss Bliss ... Michelle Butterly

Jayson Jackson ... Frankie Wilson

Roy ... Ryan Watson Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)

Series 2

When Captain Mainwaring decides to open up his Home Guard

unit to women, Mrs Grav catches his eve 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 Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe Sergeant Wilson .... John Le Mesurier Corporal Jones .... Clive Dunn

Private Frazer .... John Laurie

Private Pike .... Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mrs Fox .... Mollie Sugden

Mrs Gray .... Carmen Silvera

Edith Parish ...... Wendy Richard Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

Dame Hilda Bracket ..... George Logan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975. THU 08:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007 irr4)

4. Getting It Together

The dear ladies struggle to build a flat-pack settee.

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr

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

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Dr Evadne Hinge .. ... Patrick Fyffe

Maud ..... Daphne Heard

Special guest: Graham Stark

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? (b063r9k0)

Episode 5

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour

game of 20 questions. On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Dick Vosburgh Hattie Hayridge.

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffe First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

THU 09:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01n2p30)

Series 2

Mint

Jason and Michael stake their claim in cyberspace. Meanwhile,

the Conroys become the subject of an academic study. The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family - in series 2 of

Damian Lanigan and Jim Poyser's comedy drama. Jason ..... Andrew Knott

Maureen ..... Beverley Callard

Eddie ..... John Henshaw Michael ..... Jason Done

Larry ..... Rolf Saxon

Music: Big George Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

THU 10:00 Wilkie Collins - The Woman in White (b007jljf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today] THU 11:00 Stand By For West (m000tn3g)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] THU 20:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vx1t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday] THU 21:00 Great Lives (b0901fqr)

Stephen Fry on PG Wodehouse Stephen Fry nominates his hero PG Wodehouse, a writer who he says simply cheers him up like no one else.

Fry wrote to his hero when he was a schoolboy and his most treasured possession is a signed photograph which reads: "To Stephen Fry, All the best, PG Wodehouse.

PG Wodehouse was a self-made man, he began as a bank clerk, married a chorus girl and was interned by the Nazis. He wrote some of the most entertaining novels, stories, plays and lyrics of the 20th century and created enduring characters; the most popular being Reginald Jeeves and Bertie Wooster.

Stephen makes the case for why PG Wodehouse is a great life. To help him he is joined by Dr Sophie Ratcliffe Associate Professor in English, University of Oxford and author of 'PG Wodehouse - A life in Letters'. Presented by Matthew Parris.

Producer: Perminder Khatkar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

THU 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n1kqg)

The post-war novel that summed up middle-class white America and established John Updike as the major American author of his generation.

Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-wining quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom, whom we meet as a 26 year old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.

Rabbit returns home to get his things and is waylaid by Jack Eccles, a young Episcopalian minister on a mission to understand and reform him - or at least get a game of golf. Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April

# THU 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m00026j1)

4. Re-examination

A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town, written by Claire McGowan

Golden girl Zoe's been dead for 10 years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school. But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time. What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?

Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder. Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up - but if she's not even dead, then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out the truth and clear his name. But does he really know nothing about what happened? Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't were she said she was on that night ten years ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead.

Paul .... Aston Kelly Phil Sean Kearns Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

THU 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000h0gj)

Series 1

1: Motherhood

Comedian Ellie Taylor has some opinions she'd like to get off her chest. In this episode she looks at being a parent and whether having kids might have ruined her life. She discusses her views with stand-up, sketches and help from the studio audience and side-kick Robin Morgan. She also welcomes a special expert guest...her Mum.

It is produced by Sam Michell and is a BBC Studios Production. This programme was first broadcast in 2020

THU 22:30 Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years (b0089lxf) Turning 40

Dan and Nick's pun-fest with a distraught Robin Wood turning 40 and The Archers goes sci-fi.

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 September 1998

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001vdbq) Andy Hamilton & Guy Jenkin 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats again to Drop the Dead Donkey creators Andy Hamilton and Guy

### THU 23:00 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (b08r1vvg)

Series 1 Episode 1

The so-called Millennial generation - those born between 1982 and 1994 - has been much maligned in the press for being lazy, entitled, vain, venal, self-involved, easily offended little

But Alex Edelman thinks these criticisms are baseless - so he's seeking to redress the balance.

In this opening episode, he's discussing Millennials' attitude to work and institutions.

Written and presented by Alex Edelman.

Producer: Sam Michell

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

May 2017

THU 23:30 Thom Tuck - Goes Straight to DVD (b01rl8nd)

Comedian Thom Tuck draws more parallels between underrated straight-to-DVD movies with captivating tales from his own life

This time it's action films!

Steven Seagal has made 27 sub-masterpieces which went straight-to-DVD. Thom has managed to extricate himself from the same number of scrapes during his life. He grabbed a man's face! Seagal punched a man's face!

It's all backed by cinematic music, so we can rest easy.

Producer: Lianne Coop First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

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FRI 05:00 Wilkie Collins - Mr Percy and the Prophet (m001v3ng)

It's 1817. A meeting with a clairvoyant has extraordinary consequences for a sceptical Percy Linwood - but even prophecies do not always go according to plan. Starring Ronald Pickup and Jonathan Firth.

Written by Wilkie Collins.

Wilkie Collins .... Ronald Pickup

Percy Linwood .... Jonathan Firth Captain Bervie .... Mark Payton

Charlotte Bowmore .... Tilly Gaunt

Mr Bowmore .... Michael Cochrane

Mrs Bowmore Frances Jeater

Major .... Norman Rodway Dr Lagarde .... Gareth Armstrong

Manservant .... Harry Myers

Adapted for radio by John Arden. Director: Rosalynd Ward

A BBC Radio 4/World Service co-production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

#### FRI 06:00 Stand By For West (m000tnp4)

Inspector West at Bay

2. Bombshell in Bournemouth

Following the acid attack, Chief Inspector Roger West and his family travel to Bournemouth for a few days holiday

But there's no respite from ongoing case at Scotland Yard and Roger remains under threat.

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice

Chief Inspector Roger West .... Patrick Allen Janet .... Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth .... Maurice Hedley

Det -Insp Bill Sloan .... Derek Newark

Mark Lessing .... James Kerry

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on Radio 2 in May 1969.

#### FRI 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010i1m)

3. Strangers in a Cafe

Elizabeth visits the site of the tomb excavated by her late father in the Valley of the Kings.

Accompanying her is a young Egyptian who she suspects is Fuad Yassif - a former friend of her father's.

Suddenly she's plunged into darkness...

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick ... Sheila Grant Mahmoud ... James Thomason

Mr, Wilder ... John Humphry Fuad ... David Spenser

Charles Villiers ... Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers ... Marion Mathie Achmed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Abdullah ... Antony Viccars

Bertie Pringle ... Barry Lowe O'Hara ... Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz ... John Justin The stranger ... Christopher Bidmead

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

#### FRI 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d7jm)

5. First Love

George Bowling tells us about his first love, Elsie and his first fumbling attempts to get beyond a kiss.

Written by George Orwell in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.

The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.

Abridged by Ellin Stein.

Read by Tim McInnerny

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

FRI 07:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08bbg1j) 10. Harvest Time

Meg has her family and Amy is enjoying her life abroad but Jo's heart aches with a ceaseless longing for what she has lost. The concluding episode of Louisa May Alcott's coming of age

story dramatised by Rhiannon Tise. Jo ..... Julianna Jennings Mrs March ..... Tara Ward

Mr March ..... John Bowler

Meg ..... Natasha Barnes Professor Bhaer ..... Gunnar Cauthery

Amy ..... Samantha Dakin

Laurie ..... Alex Lanipekun

Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

FRI 07:30 Ability (m0004593)

Series 2 A Job for Matt

Matt decides to turn over a new leaf and earn some money legally.

He advertises the flat on AirBnB but then has to resort to looking for a real job.

Stars Lee Ridley and Allan Mustafa.

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. This second series 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 Biker's Grove. Matt ..... Lee Ridley - aka Lost Voice Guy

Bob ..... Allan Mustafa

... Sammy Dobson

Matt's Inner Voice ..... Andrew Havden-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 Marriage Lines (b05ztl5x)

Episode 2

With baby a week overdue, there's frustration for George and

Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales

Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds

Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Starling .... Richard Briers Kate Starling .... Prunella Scales Mr Hopkins .... Clive Morton

Mrs Hopkins .... Noel Hood Miles Colvey .... Edward de Souza Dr Bennett .... Frederick Treves Receptionist .... Beth Boyd

Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1967.

FRI 08:30 Know Your Place (b018jpjy)

Room to Manoeuvre

Cleaner Elsie borrows a flat for a night, but must keep caretaker Ramsay out of the way.

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling

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

Starring Roy Dotrice as Ramsay and Patricia Hayes as Elspeth

Eight-part sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan. With John Graham, Jon Glover, Norma Ronald, Nell Brennan and Yvonne Manners.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1982.

FRI 09:00 Whispers (b007k2zk)

Series 2

Episode 3

Which scandal would the panelist like to be involved with ..? Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Simon Fanshawe and Charles Collingwood join team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip. Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

FRI 09:30 The Right Time (b0076mmf)

Series 4

Episode 5

Musing on middle-age and a near-death experience turns out

Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.

Stars Eleanor Bron, Dudley Sutton, Roger Blake, Paula Wilcox. Clive Swift and Barry Cryer.

Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, Jill Brodie & John Pidgeon Barry Cryer, Dave Dixon, Jan Etherington, Alan Stafford and Chris Thompson & Pete Reynolds.

Script editor: George Poles.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

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FRI 19:30 The Right Time (b0076mmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] FRI 20:00 The Sigh (b08578tw)

Award-winning poet Imtiaz Dharker explores the history,

cultural significance, physiology and psychology of sighing. She considers its role in literature, music, religion and life. The sigh of a lover in ecstasy or despair. The ghostly sigh of an

invisible being in a ghost story. The sigh of relief, or in the face of extreme beauty. "The sigh of midnight trains in empty stations". Of wind blowing softly through trees or rushes. Charlie Brown's cartoon sigh. Christ healing a deaf man - "He

looked up to heaven, sighed, and said unto him, Ephphatha. That is, be opened."

From John Clare, Keats and Imtiaz's own work, via

Shakespeare to Elgar, Dido's Lament and As Time Goes By, the sigh appears across the world in poetry, fiction, art and m 'You must remember this, a kiss is still a kiss, a sigh is just a sigh...

In earlier centuries, sighing was seen as a way of maintaining bodily and mental health. According to the science of the humours, it expelled melancholy from the body. Too much sighing, however, could leave the person "lean and pale and with a withered heart".

It was also an accepted method of prayer, in some ways a better way of communicating with the divine. On the other hand, of course, Karl Marx defined religion as "the sigh of the oppressed creature"

Psychologists in Oslo discovered that there is a big difference

between a person's emotion when sighing - often through frustration, irritation, boredom or disappointment - and other people's perceptions of that emotion as, often, generated by sadness. What, then, are the positive perceptions of a sigh? Does it help us mentally, emotionally, or just physiologically? When does our presenter, Imtiaz Dharker, normally sigh? And what about the contributors - social and cultural historian Hannah Newton of the University of Reading, English Literature scholar Naya Tsentourou (who's an expert on sighing and groaning in religious texts), classical pianist Peter Hill, and

cognitive neuro-scientist Lynne Barker from Sheffield Hallam Rivers may sigh, but do animals? Do birds? What is the difference between a sigh and a yawn? At what age do we start to sigh - and why?

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

FRI 20:30 Soul Music (b014fdbp)

Series 12

Let's Face the Music and Dance

Irving Berlin's enduring classic, Let's Face the Music and Dance is celebrated by those for whom it has a special significance. Written in 1932 as a dance number for the film 'Follow the Fleet' starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, it's since taken on a life of its own, being recorded by hundreds of artists including Diane Krall, Shirley Bassey, Frank Sinatra, Vera Lynn, Ella Fitzgerald and Matt Munroe.

For Sir John Mortimer's widow, Penny, it conjures up the very essence of her husband, who loved life, romance and dancing even though he was no Fred Astaire, a fact he always deeply regretted.

Lawrence Bergreen, Berlin's biographer and academic Morris Dickstein explain why this song has such a unique place in popular culture.

Cabaret singer and composer, Kit Hesketh Harvey explains why the melody continues to haunt us.

We hear from the bride and groom who decided to dance down the aisle to it after their wedding and the redundant welder for whom the song will be forever associated with the demise of our ship building industry.

An insurance executive recalls how the song became central to their advertising campaign, bringing success to the firm and also placing Nat King Cole's version back in the charts nearly 60 years after it was written

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry

(m00154h8) Series 19

The Shocking White Hair

Why does human hair go grey and is it ever possible for it to go white overnight from shock?

Hannah and Adam explore why hair goes grey, how much stressful life events and a lack of sleep can speed up the process

They hear from the pilot whose hair turned white after a flight where all 4 of his engines failed after flying through a volcanic ash cloud - was the shock responsible?

They also uncover new research which has shown it's possible for greying hair to return to its natural colour and ask if this finding could be exploited to uncover a cosmetic way to reverse hair greying?

Presenters: Hannah Fry and Adam Rutherford

Producer: Pamela Rutherford

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Ruth's been losing weight to please Harry, but somehow she's gaining again. Rabbit revels in a lack of consequences for his behaviour, and insists that Ruth prove her love to him

Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017

FRI 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m00029gw)

5. Confusion

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Danny .... Roisin Gallagher Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

FRI 22:00 Crybabies Present... Bagbeard (m001v2wx) When recently fired science teacher, Chris Mystery, discovers an alien being in Slugwich Woods, he's thrust into an epic adventure as he attempts to evade a psychopathic governmen

agent and present his discovery to the Institute of Brilliant Scientists (IBS) - in this feel-good, uplifting mix of parody, songs, and storytelling, adapted for radio from Crybabies Edinburgh Award Nominated show.

Written and performed by Michael Clarke, James Gault and Ed Jones.

Featuring Nimisha Odedra and Kevin Eldon Production Co-ordinator - Anjana Antony

Producer - Benjamin Sutton

Executive Producer - Joe Nunnery A Boffola Pictures production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme

(b06whsx1) Series 5

Episode 3

John Finnemore - writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts - in the a fifth series of his multiaward-winning sketch show

In this episode, we look back at a career in accounting, hear of an over-rated experience and, we're sorry to say, Patsy Straightwoman returns with an interview sketch.

Written by and starring John Finnemore.

With:

Margaret Cabourn-Smith Simon Kane

Lawry Lewin

Carrie Ouinlan

Producer: Ed Morrish A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in January 2016.

FRI 23:00 Small Scenes (m0002r4w)

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A visit to the World Small Talk Championships and uncover a nationwide drug network that operates along the rambling paths of Great Britain

Symphonious sketch show

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Freva Parker

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

February 2019 FRI 23:30 A World of Dowie (m0017d8t)

2. Lust

The unreconstructed John Dowie escapes from his wife and new baby when the band go on the road - to Edinburgh. Here, he falls madly in lust.

Enter a brave new world created and presented by John Dowie.

Jim Sweeney

Steve Steen

Music from the Ronnie Golden Small Band Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.