

SATURDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2024

SAT 00:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00f15n4)
Series 1

1. He Who Would Valiant Be
Pilgrim is the reluctant and unthanked hero protecting mankind from an enemy they resist believing in.
Starring Paul Hilton.

Pilgrim is summoned to help retrieve an egg stolen from the Lady Ursula - a huge, powerful dragon.

The egg has been stolen by the outlaw Faerie, Puck, who has holed up in a house in a small town on the outskirts of Birmingham.

Puck has recruited a bunch of feral 'estate lads' to his army. Indeed, he has bewitched the whole town. Pilgrim must retrieve the egg before Ursula can exact a terrible retribution.

Written by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Mervyn Jamie Foreman

Puck Jamie Foreman

Vic Paul Rider

Ursula Noma Dumezweni

Veronica Janice Acquah

Wayne Lloyd Thomas

MT Inam Mirza

Grevis Chris Pavlo

Landers Stephen Critchlow

Girl Agnes Bateman

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

SAT 00:45 The Strange and The Sinister by William Croft Dickinson (b007jvjg)

1. The Sweet Singers

William Croft Dickinson introduces his stories of the supernatural set in Scotland.

A trip to an old university golfing completion has unusual consequences for two professors.

Read by Moultrie Kelsall.

Producer: John Gray

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1961.

SAT 01:00 McLevy (b007jw5w)

Series 3

2. A Voice from the Grave

It's scorching sunshine over Leith - with a brutal murder, a flood of naughty photographs - and Jean Brash walking out with a mystery lover...

No wonder Inspector McLevy is feeling the heat

Starring Brian Cox and Siobhan Redmond.

Another case for David Ashton's acclaimed sleuth - solving crimes on the streets of Victorian Edinburgh.

McLevy Brian Cox

Mistress Jean Brash Siobhan Redmond

Lewis Forbes Masson

Jeremiah Sean Scanlon

Mulholland Michael Perceval-Maxwell

Roach David Ashton

Hannah Colette O'Neil

Millar Tom Smith

Mrs Creighton Sandra Clark

Weir Robert McIntosh

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

SAT 01:45 Curl Up and Dye by Peter Lovesey (m001vtyb)

A haircut turns into an uncomfortably close shave for the unfortunate client.

Peter Lovesey's short story read by John Baddeley.

Producer: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.

SAT 02:00 Whodunnits (b007ytww)

Hercule Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express

5. Whodunnit?

Time is against Belgian sleuth, as he battles to unmask the murderer aboard the Orient Express.

John Moffatt stars as Hercule Poirot in the conclusion of

Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

From the book published in 1934 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Monsieur Bouc Andre Maranne

Dr Constantine Peter Polycarpou

Masterman Desmond Llewelyn

Pierre Michel Frank Windsor

Princess Dragmifroff Sian Phillips

Mrs Hubbard Sylvia Syms

Miss Debenham Francesca Annis

Count Andrenyi David Thorpe

Countess Andrenyi Siriol Jenkins

Colonel Arbutnot Stephen Hodson

Foscarelli Frank Coda

Miss Ohlsson Kate Binchy

MacQueen James Telfer

Fraulein Schmidt Linda Polan

Music composed and played by Michael Haslam

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

SAT 02:30 Doctor Finlay (b0084rs7)

Adventures of a Black Bag

3. The Day Dandini Came to Town

Doctor Finlay discovers that a touring Cinderella has more in

common with La Traviata than a pantomime.

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about the early years of the celebrated doctor.

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish Highland town of Levenford.

Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay John Gordon Sinclair

Dr Cameron Brian Pettifer

Janet Katy Murphy

Lettie Le Brun Beverley Klein

Samuels Shaun Scott

Doggy David Bannerman

Jackson David Tennant

Producer: Jeremy Howe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

SAT 03:00 The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson (m000952d)

5. Sleep

Bill Bryson concludes his journey around the human body with the strangeness of sleep.

This is a fascinating, witty and often surprising journey around the human body.

The Body: A Guide for Occupants confirms Bryson as a true polymath. In it, he answers questions such as how much would it cost to make a human and why our faces have evolved their peculiar shape, as well as exploring the mysteries that continue to elude scientists to date

Read by Bill Bryson.

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer: Ciaran Bermingham

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2019.

SAT 03:15 Charles Dickens (b09j42cg)

Dombey and Son

10. Wedding Bells!

Florence meets her new mama and something stirs in Edith's cold heart...

Starring Helen Schlesinger and Abigail Hollick.

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-century London.

Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Dombey Robert Glenister

Edith Helen Schlesinger

Florence Abigail Hollick

Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock

Mr Carker Adrian Lukis

Major Nicky Henson

Walter Joseph Arkley

Mrs Brown Geraldine James

Mrs Skewton Fenella Fielding

Susan Nadine Marshall

Toots Sam Pamphilon

Toodles Ben Crowe

Rob Lloyd Thomas

Other parts played by:

Alex Lanipekun

Simon Treves

Music by Nicolai Abrahamsen.

Directors: Jessica Dromgoole and Jeremy Mortimer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

SAT 03:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07x2zdt)

Series 11

All About Eve

Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and downs of his University Week.

Ed decides that the modern student seems to have a complete absence of healthy anti-authoritarian rage and determines to put this state of affairs right by contacting the student magazine. Current editor, Eve, is surprisingly pleased to see a fellow student, especially one offering to contribute, so hires Ed, who jumps at the £15 expenses per issue.

So it is that Ed sets out to give Eve a taste of the hard boiled professional Fleet Street Life whilst stirring up the students. The comical world of an author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail.

Starring Christopher Douglas.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Olive Stephanie Cole

Pearl Brigit Forsyth

Jaz Milvain Philip Jackson

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead

Frank Martin Hyder

Cliff Geoff McGivern

Eve Maya Sondhi

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

SAT 04:00 Marriage Lines (b061yger)

Series 2

Episode 5

George and Kate get in a tizzy showing-off baby Helen.

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

Nora Heather Chasen

Peter Ronald Hines

Harry Fraser Kerr

Sheila Carole Boyd

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

SAT 04:30 Know Your Place (b019dvsv)

Sisterly Feelings

Cleaner Elsie is facing eviction. Can caretaker Ramsay save the day?

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrice and Patricia Hayes.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrice

Elsbeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

With:

Avis Bunnage

Jon Glover

James Taylor

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1983.

SAT 05:00 Whispers (b00chszt)

Series 2

Episode 6

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:

Charles Collingwood

Simon Fanshawe

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

SAT 05:30 Relativity (b0939f5v)

Series 1

Episode 2

Margaret and Ken invite all the family round to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Jane plans the party surprise to end all surprises, and 17 year old Nick's joy is unbounded to discover Chloe has a bit part in the

new Star Wars film. Grandma Doris' contribution to the festivities is somewhat uninhibited, and her Alzheimer's makes Ian and Jane reflect on what really matters.

Richard Herring's comedy about four generations of a family.

Starring Alison Steadman, Phil Davies and Richard Herring.

Relativity is a witty and loving portrait of family life, with affectionate observation of inter generational misunderstanding,

sibling sparring and the ties that bind, that will resonate with anyone who has ever argued with their dad about how to

pronounce crisp brand names.

Margaret Alison Steadman

Ken Phil Davis

Jane Fenella Woolgar

Ian Richard Herring

Chloe Emily Berrington

Pete Gordon Kennedy

Holly Effie Woods

Mark Fred Haig

Nick Harrison Knights

Doris Marion Bailey

Producer: Polly Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.

SAT 06:00 Martyn Wade - Gondal (b00cpvsq)

Novelist Emily Bronte's life at Haworth is paralleled with a dramatic reconstruction of Gondal.

This is her epic fantasy world set on a Pacific island from which the ideas for 'Wuthering Heights' evolved.

Starring Diana Quick and Janet Maw.

Written by Martyn Wade.

Augusta Diana Quick

Emily Janet Maw

Fernando Nathaniel Parker

Lord Eldred John Rowe

Alfred Clive Francis

Tabitha Linda Polan

Angelica Moir Leslie

Alexander/Douglas David Thorpe

Parry/Julius Keith Drinkel

Young Emily Annabel Lanyon

Gerald Eric Allan

Young Charlotte/Young Augusta Bernadette Windsor

Young Branwell Jill Lidstone

Other parts by:

John Webb

Jillie Meers

Siriol Jenkins

Melanie Hudson

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

SAT 07:30 Surfacing by Kathleen Jamie (Omniibus) (m000d01s)

Beneath the broad Alaskan sky, long-buried artefacts spill from

the thawing tundra.

In the eroding sand dunes of a Scottish island, preserved Neolithic hearths and homes are uncovered by the wind. And in a grandmother's tenement flat, memories surface of a long-ago mining accident and a mother who was kind. Award-winning poet Kathleen Jamie's essays reflect on time, memory and our connections to the past.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Linda Cracknell

Read by Maureen Beattie

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.

SAT 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m000pm3t)

Matt Haig

Writer Matt Haig chooses 'Don't You Want Me' by The Human League and 'It's Quiet Uptown' from the Hamilton soundtrack.

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jncq)

Series 1

5. What a Screech

Carter helps his Uncle to look up an old flame, but they are surprised by what they find.

Concluding the duo's road trip to Wales.

Peter Timmiswood's tales of long-suffering Carter Brandon on his travels with curmudgeonly Uncle Mort.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne

Carter Brandon Sam Kelly

Pat/The Barmaid Liz Goulding

The Stranger Richard Davies

Narrator Christian Rodska

Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire-based family first appeared in Timmiswood'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 March 1996.

SAT 09:00 Take Me To Your Reader (m000y68w)

3. A Change of Medium

Colin Luscombe and author Prudence Gray battle to defend the romantic innocence of her second novel.

Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor.

More battles for erudite, naïve Colin with his bluff managing director, Rees John.

Andrew Palmer's sitcom set in publishing house, Roache & Brewer.

Colin Luscombe Tim Brooke-Taylor

Rees John Glyn Houston

Janet Hunt Eve Karpf

Prudence Gray Nell Brennan

Piers Bruce Jon Glover

Seagram Holt John Graham

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1986.

SAT 09:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b52f51)

The 28th Anniversary

A son and daughter return home for Dorothy and Edward's anniversary "celebration".

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:

Simon Callow

Sally Watts

After notching up multiple BBC radio series together of 'Beyond Our Ken' and 'Round The Home' - most memorably as ageing 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 January 1979.

SAT 10:00 Conversation Extra (m001vznp)

Perspective - Mary Quant

How did the clothes which Mary Quant designed in 'Swinging London' change the fashion market and the appearance of women all over Europe?

The fashion designer is in conversation with George Scott.

Perspective was a series tracing some of the political and social trends in Britain since the last war.

George Scott talks to the people who were central to the most significant changes and invites them to view, with the benefit of hindsight, their personal part in events.

Producer: Jenny De Yong

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1979.

SAT 10:30 Blue Canvas : The Artist Miles Davis (b07c2w62)

Miles Davis remains one of the most influential musicians from the last century, despite his death in 1991.

But what's less well known is that he dedicated the final years of his life to painting with the same fervent energy he had devoted to music.

"A painting is music you can see, and music is a painting you can hear." Miles Davis

New York artist Jo Gelbard who became Miles Davis's companion during the last years of his life, tells the story of his little known life as a painter, alongside interviews with his friends and family.

The story begins with Davis' sudden stroke in 1982, when he took up art as a therapy after his illness. Soon after, he met

Gelbard who was 24 years his junior and they embarked on a turbulent relationship which resulted in an extraordinary artistic collaboration.

Davis's son Erin recalls how his father always carried two things - his trumpet case and his paint brushes - and he sat surrounded by canvases in the apartment they shared, painting with a furious energy.

Musician and painter Robert Wilburn III who spent a lot of time with Davis during his final decades, discusses the relationship between art and music, rhythm, colour and space in his performances and his paintings.

And the author George Cole, who wrote a book about the final years of the trumpeter's life, talks about the importance of his art.

Woven into the programme is a soundtrack of Davis' music, and clips from a never-before-broadcast interview with the writer Scott Guterman, the author of a book about the trumpeter's art, and who recorded with Davis over several months shortly before he died in 1991.

Producer: Jo Wheeler

Made to mark 90 years since Miles was born - 26th May 1926. A Freewheel production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.

SAT 11:00 Martyn Wade - Gondal (b00cpvsq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 Surfacing by Kathleen Jamie (Omnibus) (m000d01s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m000pm3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SAT 13:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jncq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 Take Me To Your Reader (m000y68w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b52f51)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Conversation Extra (m001vznp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 15:30 Blue Canvas : The Artist Miles Davis (b07c2w62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SAT 16:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00f15n4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SAT 16:45 The Strange and The Sinister by William Croft Dickinson (b007jvjq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

SAT 17:00 Martyn Wade - Gondal (b00cpvsq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 Surfacing by Kathleen Jamie (Omnibus) (m000d01s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m000pm3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SAT 19:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jncq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Take Me To Your Reader (m000y68w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b52f51)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Conversation Extra (m001vznp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 21:30 Blue Canvas : The Artist Miles Davis (b07c2w62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Night Fry (b00kvq7w)

1. Pilot Show

Stephen Fry's surreal, erudite sketch show with humorous banter and sketches.

With:

Hugh Laurie

Emma Thompson

Special guest: Barry Cryer.

The pilot programme that spawned Stephen Fry's cult series. A show identical in spirit to the great Mary Queen of Scots tapestry that hangs in Osterley House.

Written by Stephen Fry.

Additional material by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

SAT 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b007jp6w)

Series 1

Moving

Struggling writer Nick ponders moving in with his girlfriend

And which of his geraniums is sexiest?

A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring 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 Vent (b01flqm7)

Series 3

Victoria

Ben begins to resent being pushed around.

He imagines a different life back in Victorian times when he might have got things his own way a bit more often.

But then he gets into an argument with Benjamin Disraeli...

Starring Neil Pearson.

Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.

Ben Neil Pearson

Mary Fiona Allen

Mum Josie Lawrence

Blitz Leslie Ash

Nurse Jo Martin

Derek Stephen Frost

Marley Spencer Brown

Disraeli Matthew Kelly

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Grocer Nigel Hastings

Director: Nigel Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00m0ld0)

Series 1

Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?

The Bletchley Park codebreakers grapple with the complexities of religion.

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.

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SUN 00:00 The Man in Black (b00gj8t1)

Series 1

2. Project Purple by Richard Vincent

Blazing a trail in the field of neuroscience with her groundbreaking work in 'audio therapy', Professor Maggie Shaw tries to revive the victim of a dubious experiment.

Richard Vincent's tale is introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.

Maggie Shaw Emily Woolf

Tom Heartland Trevor White

Dr Oliver Penright Gunnar Cauthery

Sir Max Rencart Jonathan Taffler

Doctor Rhodes Paul Rider

Computer Donna Hughes

1st Official Inam Mirza

2nd Official Robert Lonsdale

Series of horrifying series of tales from The Man in Black.

You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.

Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories.

Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Jeremy Mortimer

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in January 2009.

SUN 00:30 Haunted (m001vznr)

The Family by John Elliott

Requested to visit a client by the police, a solicitor must read a letter before entering his lodgings.

A series of stories of the Supernatural.

Starring George Cole and Janet Moore.

Written by John Elliott.

Watson George Cole

Carole Janet Moore

Sergeant Peter Baldwin

The Nurse Elizabeth Ryder

Receptionist Jane Thompson

Policeman Graham Faulkner

Ecclestone John Church

Adapted and directed by Derek Hoddinott.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1980.

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SUN 05:00 Conversation Extra (m001vznp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Blue Canvas : The Artist Miles Davis (b07c2w62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001w0w3)

Moss Side Gym Stories - 2. Moss Side Mirrors

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry extra and chooses

Moss Side Gym Stories with Jackie Kay inspired by

Manchester's Moss Side Leisure Centre.

Plus Daljit reads a poem from this month's Poetry Extra Book of the Month - an anthology of poems: - Out of Sri Lanka.

Jackie Kay, acclaimed writer and formerly Scotland's Makar, writes a poem, commissioned by the BBC and inspired by the women who use Manchester's Moss Side Leisure Centre.

Close to the Centre are streets named in honour of one of the city's most famous residents, Elizabeth Gaskell, who moved to Manchester in the 1830s and knew these streets, as fields. In her debut novel, Mary Barton, Gaskell described this area as a place of serene rural beauty, where Manchester's families would come to walk, talk, rest and rejuvenate.

By the later part of the 20th century, the green fields had been replaced by housing estates. Moss Side's reputation for riots, gangs and guns spread nationwide but its ability to inspire writers remained intact, and a peaceful oasis - otherwise known as the Moss Side Leisure Centre - could still be found.

Jackie Kay premieres her 21st century response - Moss Side Mirrors - an ode to the women who, like their 19th century antecedents immortalised by Elizabeth Gaskell, have found in this neighbourhood a place to escape from the pressures of daily life - to breathe deeply, unwind, and renew themselves. Produced at BBC Salford by Claire Press and Ekene Akalawu. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SUN 06:30 The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson (Omnibus) (m0009cn4)

Bill Bryson reads from his fascinating, witty and often surprising journey around the human body.

He begins with possibly our most mysterious organ, the brain. The award-winning author of A Short History of Nearly Everything and the bestselling Notes from a Small Island has for decades entertained and educated readers on both sides of the Atlantic, and around the world.

The Body: A Guide for Occupants confirms Bryson as a true polymath. In it, he answers questions such as how much would it cost to make a human and why our faces have evolved their peculiar shape, as well as exploring the mysteries that continue to elude scientists today.

Read by Bill Bryson

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Katrin Williams

Producer: Ciaran Bermingham

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2019.

SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001w0wk)

Miles Jupp

Actor and comic Miles Jupp chooses 'Just An Old Fashioned Girl' by Eartha Kitt and 'Wherever You Roam' by The Proclaimers.

SUN 07:50 Charles Dickens (b09jgjpg)

Dombey and Son (Omnibus)

Episode 2

Dombey is in deep mourning for his son.

Florence turns to her father for solace, but he turns away.

Starring Alex Jennings and Robert Glenister.

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-century London.

Originally published in monthly parts, Charles Dickens's novel appeared in one volume in 1848.

Omnibus of episodes 6 to 10 of 20 parts dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens.....Alex Jennings

Dombey.....Robert Glenister

Edith.....Helen Schlesinger

Florence.....Abigail Hollick

Captain Cuttle.....Trevor Peacock

Mr Carker.....Adrian Lukis

Major.....Nicky Henson

Walter.....Joseph Arkley

Mrs Brown.....Geraldine James

Mrs Skewton..... Fenella Fielding

Susan.....Nadine Marshall

Toots.....Sam Pamphilon

Toodles.....Ben Crowe

Rob.....Lloyd Thomas

Other parts played by:

Alex Lanipekun

Simon Treves

Music by Nicolai Abrahamson.

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

SUN 09:00 Frankie Howerd (m001w0x3)

Series 4

Episode 5

The King of Titters comes out in blotches and pays tribute to Tchaikovsky.

Frankie takes a comic look back through his eventful life and illustrious career.

Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.

With:

Ray Fell

Norma Ronald

Timothy Davies

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1975.

SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (m001w0xm)

Series 10

Captain Povey Takes Over

HMS Troutbridge takes part in a NATO exercise.

Captain Povey is reluctantly at the helm.

Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

Sub-Lieut. Phillips Leslie Phillips

Number 1 Stephen Murray

Chief Petty Officer Pertwee Jon Pertwee

Captain Povey Richard Caldicot

WREN Chasen/Ramona Povey Heather Chasen

The Admiral/Leading Seaman Goldstein Tenniel Evans

Flag Lieutenant Michael Bates

Hans, the German Captain 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 December 1968.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010y3f8)

BAFTA Winners

Colin Firth

Kirsty Young introduces an archive episode revisiting the castaway choices of a BAFTA and Academy Award winning actor.

Colin Firth is castaway by Sue Lawley.

He created an iconic moment in British TV history when, as Jane Austen's hero Mr Darcy, he emerged wet-shirted from his stately lake.

To his surprise, he became a sex symbol, was dubbed the 'male Ursula Andress' and was voted Britain's Most Popular Actor in a BBC poll. He went on to end up the role on the big screen - as the ironically-named Mark Darcy, the brooding boyfriend of Bridget Jones.

He always knew he wanted to act - from the moment when, as a five year old boy, he took on the role of Jack Frost at a school panto. He studied at the Drama Centre in London's Chalk Farm - where one of his teachers, Christopher Fettes, said he was by nature a poet and compared his acting to that of Paul Schofield. Married to an Italian woman and with two young sons, he now divides his time between life in London and in Italy.

DISC ONE: We People Who Are Darker Than Blue - Curtis Mayfield

DISC TWO: Odoo - Fela Kuti

DISC THREE: Heart Attack and Vine - Tom Waits

DISC FOUR: Opening of the Kyrie from Mozart's Mass in C Minor - The Monteverdi Choir with English Baroque Soloists, conducted by John Eliot Gardiner

DISC FIVE: Lost Cause - Beck

DISC SIX: The Stealer - Free

DISC SEVEN: Willin' - Little Feat

DISC EIGHT: Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 3 in D minor, 4th movement - Maureen Forrester (soloist) with The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Zubin Mehta

BOOK CHOICE: Stories of Woody Allen

LUXURY CHOICE: My guitar

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Opening of the Kyrie from Mozart's Mass in C Minor - The Monteverdi Choir with English Baroque Soloists, conducted by John Eliot Gardiner

Desert Island Discs was created by Roy Plomley.

Producer: Isabel Sargent

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010y0r7)

Series 2

Chimps

They say - David Attenborough reports - that we share more of our genes with chimpanzees than any other species alive today.

It was this proximity of Homo Sapiens to the chimpanzee which motivated him even more to film behaviour never before seen. It had been known for some time that chimps hunt monkeys for meat, but it would be a first to film it for TV audiences.

To film such a hunt required days of waiting and tracking a troop through the Equatorial African forest - and when the hunt came and was over it changed Sir David Attenborough's view of chimps and their importance to us, forever.

Written and presented by David Attenborough.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

SUN 11:00 Poetry Extra (m001w0w3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 11:30 The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson (Omnibus) (m0009cn4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

SUN 12:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001w0wk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]

SUN 12:50 Charles Dickens (b09jgjpg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 today]

SUN 14:00 Frankie Howerd (m001w0x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 14:30 The Navy Lark (m001w0xm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SUN 15:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b010y3f8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 15:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010y0r7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 16:00 The Man in Black (b00g18t1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SUN 16:30 Haunted (m001vznr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:30 today]

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SUN 22:00 The Confessional (m000w3mf)

Series 1

The Confession of Marian Keyes

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

Each week, 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 episode, prolific novelist and writer Marian Keyes confesses, from her home in Dublin, details of a disservice she did that still haunts her 20 years after the event. She also tells tales of a lost glove and of Joan of Arc at a fancy dress ball.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Producers: Dave Anderson & Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.

SUN 22:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jm3kz)

Series 1

Royal Fever

The gang get a genealogist to probe Jeremy Hardy's lineage. But who will be Queen?

A sitcom about a happily-married pair of young people and their crazy friends.

Jeremy.....Jeremy Hardy

Kit.....Kit Hollerbach

Paul.....Paul B Davies

Caroline.....Caroline Leddy

Written by Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies,

Caroline Leddy, Peter Sinclair, Steve Punt.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001w8z1)

The Delightful Sausage 1/3

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

Yorkshire's finest meat-themed Double Act, The Delightful Sausage.

SUN 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (m0019btd)

Series 4

Mothers

When Mel unexpectedly turns up with a baby - and it turns out to be hers, Vicki is understandably somewhat put out.

Written by and starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Dave Lamb

Jim North

Additional material by Richie Devlin, Jim North, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell

Music by Richie Webb

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio in August 2005.

SUN 23:30 The In Crowd (b00smrnxg)

Series 3

Episode 5

How to obtain a privatised name.

How to use advertising slogans as part of everyday speech.

Plus discover the darkest secrets behind those people walking the beach with a metal detector...

A final dose of advice in the sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

With:

Helen Moon

Robin Ince

Smug Roberts

Kate Ward

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

MONDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2024

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MON 05:00 McLevy (b007jw65)

Series 3

3. The Dark Shadow

A blind young woman with the gift of second sight has warned of approaching doom.

Out on a foggy night, Inspector McLevy starts to think of the future and the three fates before getting a case of missing jewels.

Starring Brian Cox and Siobhan Redmond.

Another case for David Ashton's acclaimed sleuth - solving crimes on the streets of Victorian Edinburgh.

McLevy Brian Cox

Mistress Jean Brash Siobhan Redmond

Hannah Colette O'Neil

Mrs Selkirk Stella Gonet

Mulholland Michael Perceval-Maxwell

Roach David Ashton

Ogilvie Jimmy Yuill

Millar Tom Smith

Moir Kananu Kirimi

John Robin Laing

Grace Frances Thorburn

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

MON 05:45 Play Chopsticks for Me by Alex Shearer (b04d0k13)

Stromberg is a great piano teacher; a perfectionist, painstaking and methodical.

But his student suspects that The Great Stromberg is a fraud.

Alex Shearer's short story read by Jonathan Keeble.

Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b00f0sgw)

Father Brown Stories

The Perishing of the Pendragons

Mystery afloat as a Cornish family's curse starts to unravel.

Who will come into his rightful inheritance - and will Father

Brown be in time to avert a tragedy?

Andrew Sachs stars as Father Brown.

GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.

Dramatised by John Scotney

Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Flambeau Olivier Pierre

The Admiral Edward Kelsey

Sir Cecil Fanshaw Brian Hewlett

Treagar Keith Kraushaar

Tommy/Walter James Goode

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986

MON 06:30 Doctor Finlay (b00874cp)

Adventures of a Black Bag

4. Wee Robertson

Doctor Finlay gets caught in the middle when a henpecked husband escapes his fussing wife by losing his memory...

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about the early years of the celebrated

doctor.

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all

manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish

Highland town of Levenford.

Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay John Gordon Sinclair

Dr Cameron Brian Pettifer

Robert Robertson David McKail

Sarah Robertson Phylis Logan

Jackson David Tennant

Landlady Aline Mowat

Ticket Collector Harry Ward

Producer: Jeremy Howe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

MON 07:00 Mrs Miniver by Jan Struther (b00nm5ww)

1. Mrs Miniver Comes Home / 2. On Hampstead Heath

Mrs Miniver first appeared in a series of articles on the Court

page of 'The Times' newspaper in 1937, and was later

immortalised in the wartime movie starring Greer Garson.

The series brings together ten of Jan Struther's original engaging

stories about an English housewife.

Penelope Wilton reads the first two tales:

'Mrs Miniver Comes Home'

'On Hampstead Heath'

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

MON 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09jhw3q)

Dombey and Son

11. Lost at Sea!

Harriet Carker tries to appeal to her brother's better nature.

Starring Alex Jennings and Katy Cavanagh.

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-

century London.

Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Alice Claire Rushbrook

Mr Carker Adrian Lukis

Harriet Katy Cavanagh

Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock

Toots Sam Pamphilon

Music by Nicolai Abrahamson.

Directors: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

MON 07:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade

Carefully (b04isl25)

Series 2

Tempting Fete

Lucy borrows Kat's guitar and finds that this machine irritates

aliens.

Meanwhile tempers are fraught as preparations are made for the

annual village fete, and Richard receives some surprising news

from The Computer.

Eddie Robson's sitcom about aliens invading the village of

Cresdon Green.

Starring Hattie Morahan and Peter Davison.

Noticing all-at-once invasions of Earth never work out too well,

these aliens have locked villagers behind an impenetrable force-

field in order to study human behaviour and to decide if Earth

is worth invading.

The only inhabitant who seems to be bothered by their new

alien overlord is Katrina Lyons, who was only home for a

weekend to borrow the deposit for a flat.

So along with Lucy Alexander (the only teenager in the village,

willing to rebel against whatever you've got) she formed The

Resistance - slightly to the annoyance of her parents Margaret

and Richard.

This is also much to the annoyance of Field Commander

Uljabaan who, alongside his unintelligible minions and The

Computer (his hyper-intelligent supercomputer), is trying to

actually run the alien invasion.

Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan

Richard Lyons Peter Davison

Margaret Lyons Jan Francis

Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray

Field Commander Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt

Computer John-Luke Roberts

Madeleine Jane Slavin

Penny Elaine Claxton

Script-edited by Arthur Mathews.

Original music written and performed by Grace Petrie.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0rm)

Series 4

The Lodger

Albert and Harold Steptoe argue over their lack of cash.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert

Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

With:

William Eadie

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

MON 08:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jshn)

Series 2

27 July 1999

An Everyday Story of Towering Genius.

Sue Limb's soap opera set in and around the Lake District at the

turn of the 18th century

Stinking Iris brews Laburnum Tea. Choleric returns secretly.

Dorothy's arrangement for the wedding feast are disturbed. And

a honeymoon is embarked upon...

William Wordsmith Geoffrey Whitehead

Dorothy Wordsmith Denise Coffey

Samuel Tailor Cholericke Simon Callow

Thomas de Quinine Nickolas Grace

Stinking Iris Miriam Margolyes

The Leechpedlar Chris Emmett

Music by Stephen Oliver and performed by Cantabile.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

MON 09:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

Series 1

Episode 2

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

Gyles Brandreth presides over toponyms, abbreviations,

euphemisms, old words, new words, cockney rhyming slang.

Greek gobbledegook, plus the panellists' picks of the ugliest and

the most beautiful words.

Ready to vie for wordy supremacy in the ring:

Natalie Haynes

Michael Rosen

Arthur Smith

Paul Sinha

Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

MON 09:30 Acropolis Now (b007r431)

Series 1

Sheep

Socrates and friends enter the Intellectual Olympics, but

Heraclitus is side-tracked.

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 January 2001.

MON 10:00 McLevy (b007jw65)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 10:45 Play Chopsticks for Me by Alex Shearer

(b04d0k13)

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MON 12:15 Charles Dickens (b09jhw3q)

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MON 12:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade

Carefully (b04isl25)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0rm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jshn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Acropolis Now (b007r431)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 McLevy (b007jw65)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 15:45 Play Chopsticks for Me by Alex Shearer

(b04d0k13)

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MON 16:00 Whodunnits (b00f0sgw)

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MON 17:15 Charles Dickens (b09jhw3q)

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MON 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade

Carefully (b04isl25)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0rm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jshn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Acropolis Now (b007r431)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m00161ks)

Series 12

Heroes, Icons & Superstars

True stories told live in the USA: Jay Allison introduces

Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Aldous Huxley, Bernardine Evaristo and Mary Midgley.

Island by Aldous Huxley

Publisher: Vintage

Mr Loverman by Bernardine Evaristo

Publisher: Hamish Hamilton

Animals and Why They Matter by Mary Midgley

Publisher: University of Georgia Press

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

MON 21:30 The Omen by David Seltzer (b0978qtp)

1. Damien

Game Of Thrones' Owen Teale reads David Seltzer's novelisation of his academy award-winning horror.

Released in June 1976 by 20th Century Fox, and starring

Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, the movie had a vast and lasting impact - reviving Peck's career, spawning several sequels and remakes, and launching a wave of Antichrist-themed movies.

In this first episode, Kathy, wife of American diplomat Robert Thorn gives birth to a boy.

They name him Damien.

Abridged in five parts by Jeremy Osborne.

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

MON 21:45 November Dead List (b06ybg7p)

Series 2

1. Bodies

Lia Williams stars as a detective in the return of Nick Perry's gritty crime drama.

Set in rural Norfolk, one of the lowest crime areas in the country, DCI Greave leads a team investigating two potentially linked deaths.

DCI Greave Lia Williams

John Sweeney Steve Toussaint

Father Manu Paul Ready

DS Ellison George Watkins

Eddie Paine Michael Jibson

DC Purkiss Katie Redford

Wardle Sean Baker

Martin Turnbull Ewan Bailey

Pathologist Susan Jameson

Operator Evie Killip

Police Richard Pepple

Organist Caolan McCarthy

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001vsdr)

Series 92

4. Kerry Godliman was an Olympic diver

Sue Perkins challenges guests Paul Merton, Kerry Godliman,

Zoe Lyons and Daliso Chaphonda to speak for 60 seconds

without repetition, deviation or hesitation.

The long-running Radio 4 panel game is back for a new series with subjects this week ranging from Living Theatrically, to

The Tattoo I Narrowly Avoided.

Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Rajiv Karia

An EcoAudio certified production.

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b00dn8br)

Tower of London

The Kiwi band tries to make it big in London.

Improvised comedy from the satirical pop pair, as they align

with established comics to poke fun at all aspects of pop music.

Rob Brydon narrates the six-part musical odyssey about a

novelty band.

Starring New Zealand musical comedy duo, Bret McKenzie and

Jemaine Clement.

With:

Rhys Darby

Mike Sengelow

Neil Finn

Andy Parsons

Additional material by Joel Morris.

Musicians: David Catlin-Birch and Mark Allis.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2005.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001vsq0)

Series 113

Episode 5

Andy Zaltzman quizzes the news. Providing all the answers are

Simon Evans, Ria Lina, Alasdair Beckett-King, and Anushka

Asthana.

In this episode Andy and the panel will be discussing if Power-

Sharing will prove to be Power-Caring, and whether anyone

anywhere has ever thought of googling "Is it possible to back up

WhatsApp messages?"

Written by Andy Zaltzman

With additional material by: Cody Dahler, Alice Fraser, Jade

Gebbie, and Adam Greene.

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

MON 23:30 Concrete Cow (b04tvp6y)

Series 2

Spies

An evil genius and superspy turn out to have a shared interest in

John Candy films. Plus the truth behind laser eye surgery and

all Mr Eater wants is to be loved

Sketch show in which anything is possible.

Written by James Cary.

Starring:

Robert Webb

Beth Chalmers

Catherine Shepherd

Steven Kynman

Abigail Burdess

Chris Pavlo

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

TUESDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2024

TUE 00:00 McLevy (b007jw65)

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TUE 00:45 Play Chopsticks for Me by Alex Shearer (b04d0k13)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Doctor Finlay (b00874cp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Mrs Miniver by Jan Struther (b00nm5ww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Charles Dickens (b09jhw3q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04lsl25)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k0rm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemer (b007jshn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Acropolis Now (b007r431)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 McLevy (m001vzsr)

Series 3

Servant of the Crown

With a royal visit due, the detective joins Her Majesty's

protection squad to hunt down a deadly assassin. Starring Brian

Cox.

TUE 05:45 The Celebrity Who Failed by Winifred Holtby (b01bn5wr)

Can Amelia deal with the public attention after she learns to

walk on water?

Read by Alice Arnold.

Written by Winifred Holtby.

Producer: Tessa Kendall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1991.

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b00f0sgy)

Father Brown Stories

The Arrow of Heaven

An American millionaire safe in his fortress, death threats, a

murky past and a bolt from the blue.

Father Brown, on his first visit to the United States, unravels the

mystery and exposes thereby a mire of hypocrisy.

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.

GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an

uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.

Dramatised by John Scotney.

Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Barnard Ed Bishop

Harris Guy Gregory

Wendell Andrew Branch

Norman Drage Sean Prendergast

Brander Merton Richard Durden

Peter Wayne Johnny Myers

Matt Harry Towb

Customs Officer Tim Reynolds

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

TUE 06:30 Doctor Finlay (b0089bws)

Adventures of a Black Bag

5. The Wife of a Hero

There's an outbreak of cup fever on the eve of Levenford

United's semi-final against Glasgow Rangers, but Doctor Finlay

must cope with more serious sickness.

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about the early years of the celebrated

doctor.

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all

manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish

Highland town of Levenford.

Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay John Gordon Sinclair

Dr Cameron Brian Pettifer

Janet Katy Murphy

Ned Sutherland Irvine Allan

Jenny Sutherland Annie George

Paxton David McKail

Nurse Angus Sharon Smal

Commentator Roddy Forsyth

Producer: Jeremy Howe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

TUE 07:00 Mrs Miniver by Jan Struther (b00nm9sb)

3. The New Car/ 4. Guy Fawkes Day

Mrs Miniver first appeared in a series of articles on the Court

page of 'The Times' newspaper in 1937, and was later

immortalised in the wartime movie starring Greer Garson.

The series brings together ten of Jan Struther's original engaging

stories about an English housewife.

In this instalment we hear 'The New Car' and 'Guy Fawkes

Day'.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

TUE 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09jkpgx)

Dombey and Son

12. The Newly-weds Return

The Dombeyes return from their honeymoon and embark upon a

frosty married life.

Starring Alex Jennings and Robert Glenister.

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-

century London.

Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Dombey Robert Glenister

Feenix Bertie Carvel

Mr Carker Adrian Lukis

Mrs Skewton Fenella Fielding

Edith Helen Schlesinger

Floy Abigail Hollick

Music by Nicolai Abrahamson.

Directors: Jessica Dromgoole and Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007

TUE 07:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b092gbr3)

Series 3

Summer: New Swedes

Geoff's father-in-law Sten sponsors Ashkan, a young refugee

from Afghanistan, who has applied for asylum.

Was Trump right? Is Sweden being overwhelmed by refugees?

Why is Sten friends with a Swedish cowboy, played by the

original Wallander, Krister Henriksson? And is football the only

truly international language?

The third series of Danny Robins' sitcom, set and recorded in

Sweden.

Starring Edinburgh Comedy Award-winner Adam Riches,

Danny Robins and a cast of Sweden's most popular TV comedy

actors.

It's three years since Geoff moved to the tiny north Swedish

town of Yxsjö with his girlfriend Linda. It has been quite a

culture shock and they've been through a lot in three years -

rotting herring, moose and bears, battles with language, perfect

ex-boyfriends and ice hockey, the birth of a son, a marriage

proposal and a runaway hot air balloon.

This year promises much as Geoff's mother-in-law Gunilla

teaches him Swedish and his father-in-law Sten tries to make a

Swedish man of him - in an entirely non-sexist way. Geoff and

Linda start to plan their wedding with the questionable help of

fellow ex-pat divorcee Ian, Linda's brother, depressive Goth

Anders and fellow immigrant, Kurdish Dane Soran.

Geoff Adam Riches

Sten Thomas Oredsson

Linda Sissela Benn

Gunilla Anna-Lena Bergelin

Ian Danny Robin

Knut Krister Henriksson

Ashkan Ajmal Shamsi

Teacher Cecilia Nilsson

Guard/Neighbour Thomas Eriksson

Swedish Sun Isak Jansson

John Frank Pitcher

Director: Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

September 2017.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007k370)

The Silent Bugler

It's 1902 and British secret agent Seagoon is heading to Dresden

on a deadly mission

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan.

Starring:

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1954.
Re-recording from February 1958.
First broadcast in the UK on BBC Radio 4 in December 1986.
TUE 08:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b009sdcy)
Series 1
Episode 6
Comeback singing duo Tommy and Sheila hit stormy waters performing on a cruise ship.
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 other...
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 and Chris Pavlo.
Singers: John Barr and Lisa Peace.
Music by Frido Ruth.
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.
TUE 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000pfd1)
Juno Dawson, Paterson Joseph, Jonathan Freedland
Nigel Rees quizzes his celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes and quotes.
With:
Young Adult Author Juno Dawson, known for The Good Doctor, Meat Market and Margot & Me
Actor Paterson Joseph, known for Noughts + Crosses, Timeless, Peep Show and Neverwhere
Broadcaster and writer Jonathan Freedland, also known by his pen name as thriller writer Sam Bourne
Producer: Ella Watts
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2020.
TUE 09:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b099wv45)
Series 2
Case #139 - Help! The Aged!
Cack-handed private eyes Max and Ivan are in a state of penury, with mad landlord Malcolm going to extreme lengths to get his hands on their rent. Nonetheless, Max seems ready to jack in the business when he discovers that his Great Uncle Bernard (guest star Richard Wilson) might be in trouble.
But when he and Ivan investigate Bernard's retirement home and meet the terrifying Sister Geraldine, all might not be as it seems.
Written by Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez
Developed by John Stanley Productions
Produced by Ben Walker
A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.
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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0018x2p)
Series 9

Dave Eggers - Writing For a Better Future
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
Manoush Zomorodi talks with author Dave Eggers about how writing can serve as a window into multiple realities and futures.
Fiction can serve as a window into multiple realities—to imagine different futures or understand our own past. This hour, author and TED speaker Dave Eggers talks technology, education, and the healing power of writing.
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2022.
TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000v6zp)
Stella Duffy
Writer Stella Duffy chooses 'Life on Mars' by David Bowie and 'You Got To Run' by Buffy Sainte-Marie & Tanya Tagaq.
TUE 21:00 Sideways (m00048x)
6. A Recipe for Happiness
A young entrepreneur builds the 'happiest company in the world', an online shoe retailer so profitable that Amazon snaps it up for over a billion dollars. But what if the company's profits and happiness could be boosted by a radical reimagining of the workplace?
No more bosses, no more job titles, just creativity, equality and pure joy.
Matthew Syed tells the extraordinary story of Tony Hsieh, a visionary entrepreneur who abandoned social hierarchy in his Las Vegas-based shoe company. Could it be that the secret to happiness lies in making everybody equal?
Produced by Robbie MacInnes
A Novel production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.
TUE 21:30 The Omen by David Seltzer (b09794sj)
2. Tragedy
Game Of Thrones' Owen Teale reads David Seltzer's novelisation of his academy award-winning horror.
Released in June 1976 by 20th Century Fox, and starring Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, the movie had a vast and lasting impact - reviving Peck's career, spawning several sequels and remakes, and launching a wave of Antichrist-themed movies. In this episode, tragedy strikes at Damien's birthday party.
Abridged by Jeremy Osborne
Produced by Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.
TUE 21:45 November Dead List (b06yrjby)
Series 2
2. Links
Lia Williams stars as a detective in the second series of Nick Perry's gritty crime drama.
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Both victims had their heads shaved antemortem and Greave discovers a link to a case in London a couple of years ago: the Dead List murders.
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DS Ellison George Watkins
Eddie Paine Michael Jibson
DC Purkiss Katie Redford
Martin Turnbull Ewan Bailey
Neighbour Evie Killip
Police Richard Pepple
DCI Parslew Brian Protheroe
Director: Sasha Yevtushenko
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.
TUE 22:00 The Ultimate Choice (m001vsvq)
Series 2
5: Crabs v Wasps
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 Russell Kane and Isy Suttie.
Host: Steph McGovern
Guests: Russell Kane and Isy Suttie
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
Phot: Carolyn Mendelsohn
A Naked production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07vs3cy)
Series 1
The Handyman
Josh and his wife Monique employ handyman Dean to get the flat ready for the baby. However Josh soon discovers that Dean holds some very challenging opinions, especially when it comes to Jews.
Stand-up comic Josh comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.
Starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.
Written by Josh Howie.
With:
Alexei Sayle
Jo Romero
Jonathan Kemp.

Producer: Ashley Blaker
A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2016.
TUE 23:00 Chain Reaction (b05mtcjp)
Series 10
Sharon Horgan talks to Dennis Kelly
Creator, writer and star of BBC's BAFTA nominated sitcom Pulling, and winner of the British Comedy award for best actress, Sharon Horgan talks to BAFTA nominated and Tony Award-winning writer Dennis Kelly- creator of shows as varied as "Pulling," "Utopia," and "Matilda the Musical."
Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.
Producer: Charlie Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.
TUE 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00j4kbz)
Series 7
Episode 5
Hell is not what it was since the baby turned up.
Satan's become a one-man adoption agency whilst his chief demon is reading Penelope Leach.
But can Satan place the baby with a good family?
Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.
Satan Andy Hamilton
Edith Annette Crosbie
Scumspawn Robert Duncan
Thomas Jimmy Mulville
With Mike Fenton Stevens, Philip Pope and Felicity Montagu
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

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It's 2:13pm on a remote Scottish island where the only inhabitants are two sisters.
One of them hasn't spoken to the other for over two years. They're listening to The Archers, and then Radio 4 goes off-air. Now they have to learn to live together and without the one thing they each cherish: Radio 4.
Older Shauna Macdonald
Younger Jessica Hardwick
Icelandic man Jakob Jakobsson
Radio Announcer Ken Mitchell
Written by Oliver Emanuel
Director: Kirsty Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
WED 05:45 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4bl)
La Sainte-Vierge
A classic story by Daphne Du Maurier. Marie's prayers for the safety of her fisherman husband are answered by a miracle.
Read by Lin Sagovsky
Story taken from "The Rendezvous and Other Stories" by Daphne Du Maurier
Produced by Sara Davies
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jp3p)
Father Brown Stories
The Mistake of the Machine
A suspect is locked away, but has a prison governor got the right man? Can Father Brown discover the answer as he makes his way across America?
Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.
GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.
Dramatised by John Scotney
Father Brown Andrew Sachs
O'Connor TP McKenna
McGurk Billy Boyle
Usher Don Fellows
Prisoner Brian Haines
Todd Ed Bishop
Butler Manning Wilson
Convict Stuart Organ
Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

WED 06:30 Doctor Finlay (b0089kwf)

Adventures of a Black Bag

6. The Sisters Scobie

Doctor Finlay rashly decides he can cure both the crabby cohabiting Scobie sisters of flu - and the fact that they haven't talked to each other for 15 years...

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about the early years of the celebrated doctor.

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish Highland town of Levenford.

Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay John Gordon Sinclair

Dr Cameron Brian Pettifer

Janet Katy Murphy

Beth Scobie Jennifer Piercey

Annabelle Scobie Muriel Barker

Nurse Peggy Angus Sharon Small

John Angus Gordon Reid

Producer: Jeremy Howe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

WED 07:00 Mrs Miniver by Jan Struther (b00nmzm7)

5. Married Couples/ 6. At the Dentist's

Mrs Miniver first appeared in a series of articles on the Court page of 'The Times' newspaper in 1937, and was later immortalised in the wartime movie starring Greer Garson.

The series brings together ten of Jan Struther's original engaging stories about an English housewife.

In this instalment we hear 'Married Couples' and 'At the Dentist's'.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

WED 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09j16vl)

Dombey and Son

13. Frosty Relations

Edith Dombey tries to reason with her husband.

Starring Alex Jennings and Robert Glenister.

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-century London.

Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Dombey Robert Glenister

Alice Claire Rushbrook

Mrs Skewton Fenella Fielding

Edith Helen Schlesinger

Mrs Brown Geraldine James

Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock

Toots Sam Pamphilon

Maid Judith Jones

Music by Nicolai Abrahamson.

Director: Jessica Dromgoole and Jeremy Mortimer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007

WED 07:30 The Golden Age (b01nx4j3)

Saturday Sports Parade

Tharb and Lord Reith have to help the King overcome a bizarre speech impediment, with the dubious aid of tempestuous children's presenter, Lancelot Wyndham.

Meanwhile, Mabel tries to revamp the BBC's flagship sports show, "Saturday Sports Parade".

First radio sitcom written by Channel 4's Father Ted writer, Arthur Mathews.

Starring Robert Bathurst.

Set in the BBC's Broadcasting House in London during the 1930s, this series follows head of programmes, John Tharb and his assistant, Mabel Hopcraft as they struggle to deal with the foibles and fragile egos of radio's biggest stars.

These include the perpetually drunk band-leader, Ronaldo and the most boring man in radio, Mallard Tofts. Tharb's task is not made any easier by having to constantly defer to the whims and wishes of his irascible boss, Lord Reith.

John Tharb Robert Bathurst

Mabel Hopcraft Vicky McClure

Lord Reith Ford Kiernan

Lancelot Wyndham Peter Egan

The Queen Consort Pippa Evans

The King / Edward Fellowes Kevin Bishop

Gerald Merry Ewan Bailey

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp6s)

Series 6

The Smugglers

Returning from a holiday abroad, Sid tricks the Lad and Bill into sneaking in watches.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams, Patricia Hayes and Noel Dryden.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1959.

WED 08:30 Ballylenon (b00g2dly)

Series 2

Episode 3

With clergy rumours buzzing - Vera McConkey's extra busy in

the telephone exchange

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1954, before the days of mass tourism and proper plumbing in every home.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Phonsie Doherty T.P. McKenna

Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley

Packy McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar

Josie Doherty Ciara McKeown

Rev Samuel Hawthorne Gerard Murphy

Mr. Mawhinney Harry Towb

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

WED 09:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008pbwv)

Episode 4

Party pieces - and the worst possible people to be a British astronaut.

Clive Anderson hosts the famed improvisation game.

Regular team captains:

Stephen Fry

John Sessions

With:

Kate Robbins

Griff Rhys-Jones

It ran for 10 series on Channel 4 and found success in America, but the hit TV improvisation game actually started life on BBC radio.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Devised and compiled by Mark Leveson.

Additional material by Martin Booth.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

WED 09:30 The Elephant Man (b04v8qcq)

Labour Pains

Terry's bank balance is redder than a baboon's bottom, so he decides to take on a paper round as well.

Peter Serafinowicz stars in Debbie Barham's sitcom about the life of an elephant zoo keeper.

Terry Lyon Peter Serafinowicz

Leonard Chris Emmet

Adam Richard Pearce

Stephanie Joanna Monro

Vem Wayne Forester

The Waitress Debra Stephenson

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1996.

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WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (b03ygwmb)

Captive Media: The Story of Patty Hearst

On 17 May 1974, in the district of Compton in Los Angeles,

American network television broadcast live the longest gunfight

in the nation's history, in a scene worthy of the studios of nearby Hollywood.

It marked the beginning of the end for the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), a leftist guerrilla group that sprang to fame three months earlier after kidnapping heiress Patricia Hearst, granddaughter of the newspaper magnate, William Randolph Hearst.

This saga - described as "probably the mystery story of the 20th Century" - is one of the most bizarre episodes of recent American history. Within hours of Patty's kidnapping the media arrived outside the Hearst mansion, where they would camp out in a self-styled 'press city'. Communiqués issued by the SLA on cassette tapes, often spoken by Patty herself, were broadcast in full. The family posted a sign that read 'Please don't feed reporters'.

After 57 days in captivity, sympathy for the captive heiress turned to shock as she declared herself a member of the SLA, denounced her family and was pictured wielding a gun as the gang robbed a bank in San Francisco. 18 months later Patty was arrested, and convicted in what the press called 'The Trial of the Century'.

Four decades on, Benjamin Ramm explores how this sensational story was driven by exhaustive daily media coverage. He asks to what extent it changed the way news was reported and anticipated many of today's debates about the ethics and appetites of rolling news.

Interviewees include Linda Deutsch, renowned court reporter; John Lester, a news anchor who became the Hearst family spokesman; Bill Deiz, who reported the LA shootout using new camera technology; and former member of the SLA, Mike Bortin.

Producer: Rebecca Maxted.

A Sparklab Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2014.

WED 21:00 Short Cuts (m000fvvk)

Series 22

Tarot

Josie Long presents short documentaries and adventures in sound inspired by the tarot deck. From an imagined reading with Madame Cinnamon Black in New Orleans to a card that helps two sisters understand each other.

Sylvia Plath and the Tarot Pack

Featuring David Trinidad and Rebecca Tamás

Produced by Alia Cassam

Shadow Work

Produced by Ari Mejia

Three Cards

Featuring Madame Cinnamon Black

Produced by Cristal Duhaime

Originally recorded for 48 Hour Party People, a travel podcast hosted by Brendan Francis Newnam

Thanks to Mira Burt-Wintonick, Brendan Francis Newnam, Jackson Musker, Danielle Henderson and the Historic Voodoo Museum

Production Team: Andrea Rangelcroft and Alia Cassam

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.

WED 21:30 The Omen by David Seltzer (b097c1yf)

3. Warning

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In this episode, Father Tassone has a warning.

Abridged by Jeremy Osborne

Produced by Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

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Series 2

3. Cards

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At each crime scene, she's found prayer cards depicting Christian martyrs whose deaths corresponds to the victims in her case.

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Eddie Paine Michael Jibson

DC Purkiss Katie Redford

Martin Turnbull Ewan Bailey

Neighbour Evie Killip

Police Richard Pepple

DCI Parslew Brian Protheroe

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.

WED 22:00 Clare in the Community (m0009b41)

Series 12

Unlucky Louis

Clare's on a client visit to 'Unlucky Louis'. She doesn't believe in bad luck so it's going to be absolutely fine. Back at home, Brian and Thomas find themselves excluded from the neighbourhood street party.

Starring Sally Phillips as Clare Barker, the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

We join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer Alexandra Smith

A BBC Studios production

Clare.....SALLY PHILLIPS

Brian.....ALEX LOWE

Libby.....SARAH KENDALL

Simon.....ANDREW WINCOTT

Joan SARAH THOM

Cilla.....GBEMISOLA IKUMELO

Louis.....TONY WAY

Mrs Bream.....EMMA SIDI

WED 22:30 Delve Special (b007jmq1)

Series 3

City Limits

The money men may be making a killing, but are they getting away with murder?

David Lander looks at the City and in particular the Rouget-Dory Venture Capital Syndicate

Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.

Studio production by:

Felicity Montagu,

Jack Klaff

Robert Bathurst

Dramatic reconstructions by:

Harry Enfield

Mark Arden

Researched by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001w8z3)

The Delightful Sausage 2/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And Jon Holmes has another chat with Amy Gledhill and Chris Cantrill - The Delightful Sausage.

WED 23:00 Jason Cook's Happiness HQ (b0112ydx)

Jason Cook's lively look at happiness in the workplace.

With Chris Ramsey, psychiatrist Dr Sandra Scott and his Jason's mum.

A comedy pilot show.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

WED 23:30 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b01j5nxt)

Series 2

Episode 3

Helen Keen, Peter Serafinowicz and Susy Kane star in the funny but true history of space exploration.

This week, given that on a rocket every ounce of saved weight is crucial, an astronaut who weighs 15% less and breathes less oxygen should have a tremendous advantage. So where were all of NASA's female astronauts? The story of Soviet pioneer Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space, who at one time logged more hours in orbit than all the male American astronauts put together makes a thought-provoking contrast to the marginalised female astronauts of the USA, the so called Mercury 13, none of whom ever got to go into space.

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill

Produced by Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

WED 23:45 Tina C (b01b1jwx)

Tina C's Global Depression Tour

Australia

Country legend Tina C challenges the Secretary for the US Treasury, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve and the former CEO of Goldman Sachs.

Where they have failed, she can come up with a solution to the Global Recession.

So Tina has set off on a six country tour to prove it - and her next stop is down under.

Tina C Christopher Green

With:

Andrew Cornell

Victoria Inez Hard

James Lailey

Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and Christopher Green

Director: Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

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THU 05:00 Nigel Baldwin - Ruminations upon Mortality (b00mkh7z)

When a prominent Bishop's private life is suddenly in the tabloids, his psychiatrist knows that the blame lies with his vengeful daughter.

But whom is she taking vengeance on, and why?

Phil Gilpin Roger Lloyd Pack

Francis Hargreaves Philip Jackson

Helen Gilpin Lizzy Watts

Gunter Orlando James

Fritz Michael Shelford

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

THU 05:45 Chicago, Chicago by Harry Towb (b0b0552b)

An Belfast crime reporter gets more than he bargained for during a visit to the Windy City.

Chicago's most infamous son died nearly 70 years previously. Or did he?

Written and read by Harry Towb.

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jp44)

Father Brown Stories

The Curse of the Golden Cross

What do an itinerant gambler, an English lady, a steward, a vicar and a professor have in common? And who has the right

to it? Father Brown finds the answer.

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.

GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.

Dramatised by John Scotney.

Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Professor Smail Tim Reynolds

Mr Tarrant Peter Marinker

Lady Diana Natasha Pyne

Leonard Smythe Peter Wickham

Steward Terry O'Brien

Driver Jonathan Tafler

Doctor Eric Stovell

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jt94)

Colvil and Soames - Bad Apples

1. Shockwaves

Is a disturbing murder on a Brighton beach a drug-related

killing - or a case of something more sinister..?

Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman star as intelligence

officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Christopher Lee's six-part murder-mystery.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alex Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Joan Davies

Miranda Peel Sheila Reed

DCS Evans John Hartley

Sidney Carpenter Neil Conrich

Doctor Stuart Organ

Police Constable Brian Bowles

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

THU 07:00 Mrs Miniver by Jan Struther (b00nmhmy)

7. Doing a Mole/ 8. Christmas Shopping

Mrs Miniver first appeared in a series of articles on the Court page of 'The Times' newspaper in 1937, and was later

immortalised in the wartime movie starring Greer Garson.

The series brings together ten of Jan Struther's original engaging

stories about an English housewife.

In this instalment we hear 'Doing A Mole' and 'Christmas

Shopping'.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

THU 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09jmdsc)

Dombey and Son

14. Marital Crisis

Dombey engages Carker to act as intermediary with his wife.

Starring Alex Jennings and Robert Glenister.

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-

century London.

Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Dombey Robert Glenister

Mr Carker Adrian Lukis

Edith Helen Schlessinger

Floy Abigail Hollick

Susan Nadine Marshall

Rob Lloyd Thomas

Music by Nicolai Abrahamsen.

Directors: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

THU 07:30 Tudor Owen: Zoo (m000k91c)

2. On The Brink

Last year Tudor Owen brought us 'Where on Earth is Anglesey?', introducing us to his homeland, Ynys Môn and hinted at the rather unconventional goings-on there.

One such eccentric event is the incredible but true story of how he and his family somewhat unwittingly became the owners of what the News of the World would go on to describe as "The Worst Zoo in Britain".

Join Tudor for an engrossing caper about a corrupt animal wrangler, a family on the brink and a climactic wallaby chase across the Menai Strait.

All the events in this story are almost true.

Written and performed by Tudor Owen

With Lisa-Jén Brown and Fergus Craig

Produced by Richard Morris

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

June 2020.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)

Series 2

When Did You Last See Your Money?

Corporal Jones panics when he misplaces £500 destined for the servicemen's canteen.

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 Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mr Blewitt Timothy Bateson

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

THU 08:30 Wrinkles (m001vzvv)

Series 2

2. In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning

The show supplying the answers to questions you never asked.

The mad-cap sitcom set in an old peoples' home.

Starring Tom Mennard and Anthea Askey.

Winston.....Ballard Berkeley

Mr Pettigrew....David Ross

ArnoldGordon Salkilld

Lewis.....Nick Maloney

and the special guest appearance of Candice Barker (age 7 3/4).

Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor - the creators of Red Dwarf.

Produced at BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.

Recovered audio of a series lost from the BBC archive.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1981.

THU 09:00 Guess What? (b06759y1)

Episode 9

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour

game of 20 questions.

On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Frances Edmonds

Nigel Dempster

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

THU 09:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01nm20q)

Series 2

Reunion

A visitor brings new branches to the Conroy family tree.

The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family - in series 2 of Damian Lanigan and Jim Poysner's comedy drama.

Michael Jason Done

Jason Andrew Knott

Maureen Beverley Callard

Eddie John Henshaw

Stu Damian Lanigan

Damian Jim Poysner

Barry Chris Pavlo.

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

THU 10:00 Nigel Baldwin - Ruminations upon Mortality (b00mkh7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

THU 10:45 Chicago, Chicago by Harry Towb (b0b0552b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]

THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jp44)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jt94)

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THU 12:00 Mrs Miniver by Jan Struther (b00nmhly)

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THU 12:15 Charles Dickens (b09jmdsc)

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THU 12:30 Tudur Owen: Zoo (m000k91c)

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THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Wrinkles (m001vzvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 14:00 Guess What? (b06759y1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01nm20q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Nigel Baldwin - Ruminations upon Mortality (b00mkh7z)

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THU 18:30 Wrinkles (m001vzvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:00 Guess What? (b06759y1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 19:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01nm20q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 20:00 Rik Mayall on Radio (m000jq96)

1. A Higher Education

John Lloyd explores the fascinating radio contributions of actor and comedian Rik Mayall to reveal a remarkable and eclectic mix of programmes and archives.

Rik was one of the first and foremost alternative comedians in the UK, best known for his work on TV's The Young Ones, Bottom and The New Statesmen which all had tremendous impact on British comedy. But he also made many captivating contributions to radio which are often overlooked.

This is the first of a two-part tribute made in 2018 - the year Mayall would have celebrated his 60th birthday.

Featuring:

* A Higher Education - a comic drama by Lloyd Peters.

Panic strikes in a university drama department as a siege situation unfolds.

Starring Rik Mayall, Helen Lederer, Philip Glenister Judi Earl and Gary Brown.

Director: Polly Thomas.

First broadcast in 2000.

Producer John discusses the production with the writer Lloyd Peters - and Helen Lederer who co-starred with Rik.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2018.

THU 21:00 Sounds Natural (b0b9tkgp)

Norman Thelwell

Cartoonist Norman Thelwell welcomes Derek Jones to Hampshire to discuss kingfishers, water voles and a walnut tree. Brown Trout feeding and a Cormorant are among his choice of recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.

Norman Thelwell (1923 - 2004) was a prolific British artist known for his humorous cartoons of ponies and horses.

Produced in Bristol by John Burton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1980.

THU 21:30 The Omen by David Seltzer (b097c99t)

4. Danger

Game Of Thrones' Owen Teale reads David Seltzer's

novelisation of his academy award-winning horror.

Released in June 1976 by 20th Century Fox, and starring Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, the movie had a vast and lasting impact - reviving Peck's career, spawning several sequels and remakes, and launching a wave of Antichrist-themed movies.

In this episode, Kathy is in danger.

Abridged by Jeremy Osborne

Produced by Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

THU 21:45 November Dead List (b06yrrbr)

Series 2

4. Martyrs

Lia Williams stars as a detective in the second series of Nick Perry's gritty crime drama.

Set in rural Norfolk, one of the lowest crime areas in the country, DCI Greave leads a team investigating three linked

murders.

The victims have had their heads shaved antemortem and Greave discovers a link to a case in London a couple of years ago: the Dead List murders.

Then she receives her own Dead List but the names on the list don't belong to the victims but to Christian martyrs in the first century. What's the connection?

DCI Greave Lia Williams

John Sweeney Steve Toussaint

Father Manu Paul Ready

DS Ellison George Watkins

Eddie Paine Michael Jibson

DC Purkiss Katie Redford

Radio Ewan Bailey

Receptionist Evie Killip

Police Richard Pepple

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.

THU 22:00 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m000xms)

Series 1

1. Nationality

In this opening episode, Olga and ALGO unpack the flag-waving, beer-chugging and general absurdity of nationality.

Comedian and computer scientist Olga Koch and her trusty digital assistant ALGO dive into the world of computer science - taking the truths you hold dear and tearing them to shreds using logic, like a teenager on the Internet.

In the following episodes, Olga and ALGO take an hilarious and pedantic journey to reveal the inherent absurdities of Beauty, Health and Privacy.

With Sindhu Vee as ALGO.

Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin.

Additional Material from Rajiv Karia.

Producer: Benjamin Sutton

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4

THU 22:30 My Teenage Diary (m000zdv9)

Series 10

Joe Thomas

Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.

In this episode, Inbetweeners star Joe Thomas was a keen cub scout who loved rules and sometimes got his mum to write his diary for him.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2021.

THU 23:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b04001kn)

Series 2

Appearance

Susan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions. This week, she looks at society's obsession with appearance and explains why it has taken her so many years to feel happy with the way she looks.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 23:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b0124nq)

Series 1

Pilot

In one version of his life, Justin is a well-known local Manchester radio DJ who is successful, funny, and stopped in the street by adoring fans. He's the man who has everything.

In another version he's a DJ in a slightly shabby local radio station who gets hassled by the occasional oddball on the street.

And he's the man who hopes for everything. The truth lies somewhere in between.

And at home?

Well, naturally, his private life is chaotic. His wife has left him, taking custody of his 8-year-old son Justin Junior and is in the process of taking him to the cleaners. So he's back on the market. As is his house. So he's currently living in his father-in-law's spare room in Bury. The only person who understands him is his Gran, living in luxury in an old folk's home in Warrington.

Oh, and his producer Bryn but this might not be a good thing. Despite all this mess, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity. "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade".

Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser.

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Justin Justin Moorhouse

Gran Anne Reid

Ray Paul Copley

Lisa Christine Bottomley

Bryn Lloyd Langford

Tanya Susan Cookson

Waiter Jim Poyser

Head Caimh McDonnell

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

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FRI 02:15 Charles Dickens (b09jmdsc)

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FRI 02:30 Tudur Owen: Zoo (m000k91c)

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FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 Wrinkles (m001vzvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Guess What? (b06759y1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01nm20q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Garbo and Gilbert in Love (m000h896)

The dramatised story of legendary Hollywood actress Greta Garbo's celebrated affair with silent movie star John Gilbert.

As the talkies supersede the silents, the brilliant and enigmatic Swedish actress is destined for superstardom.

But her lover descends into drunken obscurity...

Starring Kristin Milward and Henry Goodman.

Colin Shindler's classic celebrity love story.

Greta GarboKristin Milward

John Gilbert Henry Goodman

Louis B Mayer Lou Hirsch

King Vidor William Hope

Eleanor Amy Shindler

Thalberg Lewis Hancock

Winchell John Guerrasio

Stiller Andrew Wincott

Marlene Dietrich Bella Merlin

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b0081lvr)

Father Brown Stories

Actor and Alibi

A theatrical murder amid much back-stabbing is announced in the Chop-House. Father Brown finds himself in the midst of a School for Scandal.

Stars Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.

GK Chesterton's stories of an amateur clerical sleuth with an uncanny understanding of the criminal mind at work.

Dramatised by John Scotney

Father Brown Andrew Sachs

Mundon Mandeville Peter Jeffrey

Mrs Mandeville Sheila Grant

Inspector Bagshaw Bill Wallis

Ashton Jarvis David Brierley

Norman Knight Charles Baillie

Lady Miriam Talbot Fleur Chandler

Miss Maroni Karen Ascoe

Mrs Sans Pauline Letts

House Manager Jonathan Scott

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jt9c)

Colvil and Soames - Bad Apples

2. Numbered

After an unexpected twist in his latest murder investigation, Inspector Guscott has asked his old friends from M16, Colvil and Soames for their discreet assistance.

Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman stars as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Christopher Lee's murder-mystery.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alex Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Jones Davies

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

FRI 07:00 Mrs Miniver by Jan Struther (b00nnp65)

9. Back From Abroad/ 10. Three Stockings

Mrs Miniver first appeared in a series of articles on the Court page of 'The Times' newspaper in 1937, and was later immortalised in the wartime movie starring Greer Garson.

The series brings together ten of Jan Struther's original engaging stories about an English housewife.

In this instalment we hear 'Back From Abroad' and 'Three Stockings'.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

FRI 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09ju2bl)

Dombey and Son

15. Defiant Edith Demands Freedom

Edith is driven to extreme measures by Dombey's attempts to control her.

Starring Robert Glenister and Helen Schlesinger.

The fortunes of shipping firm owner, Paul Dombey in mid-19th-century London.

Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Dombey Robert Glenister
 Alice Claire Rushbrook
 Mr Carker Adrian Lukis
 Edith Helen Schlesinger
 Floy Abigail Hollick
 Harriet Katy Cavanagh
 Mrs Brown Geraldine James
 Rob Lloyd Thomas
 Music by Nicolai Abrahamson
 Director: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.
FRI 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07z44bl)
 Series 11
 Generation Why Bother
 Ed Reardon leads us through the ups and downs of his University Week.
 Escaping a 'Wealth Protection Day' being held at the university Ed, armed with a carrier bag, cushion and sleep mask, heads up to the Oval for a relaxing day at the cricket where he meets a surprisingly interesting accountant who informs him he may be owed money by the HMRC. His agent, Ping, has no intention of helping him pursue this though as she's far too busy flirting with the chap with a 'man-bun' in the office across the road.
 Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.
 Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas
 Olive Stephanie Cole
 Pearl Brigit Forsyth
 Antonia Sylvestra Le Touzel
 Graeme Dan Mersh
 Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Inspector Dan Tetsell
 Stan Geoffrey Whitehead
 Producer: Dawn Ellis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.
FRI 08:00 Marriage Lines (b062nldl)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 George and Kate's first night out since baby arrived doesn't go well.
 Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.
 Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds.
 Originating on BBC TV, Marriage Lines ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.
 George Richard Briers
 Kate Prunella Scales
 Arthur Frederick Treves
 Dennis Robert McBain
 Pauline Audrey Nicholson
 George's Mum Diana King
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.
FRI 08:30 Know Your Place (b019m16k)
 Health Can Damage Your Smoking
 Can caretaker Ramsay manage to quit cigarettes to keep his job?
 Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.
 Starring Roy Dotrice as Ramsay and Patricia Hayes as Elspeth Spurgeon.
 Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.
 With Jon Glover and James Taylor.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1983.
FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (m000w13t)
 Series 11
 The University of Southampton
 Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from the University of Southampton take on their professors.
 A funny and dynamic quiz show with specialist subjects including biological sciences, fashion design and film studies
 Questions range from Harry Styles to dinosaur hips and British Home Stores.
 Producer: David Tyler.
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.
FRI 09:30 Relativity (b0952sv0)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 A Christmas visit to Doris in her care home is simultaneously poignant and hilarious.
 Doris has Alzheimer's so Ken insists on firing mental maths questions to keep her brain cells in good working order, while Margaret struggles to get her mother simply to recognise her.
 Richard Herring's comedy about four generations of a family.
 Starring Alison Steadman, Phil Davies and Richard Herring.
 Relativity is a witty and loving portrait of family life, with affectionate observation of inter generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind, that will resonate with anyone who has ever argued with their dad about how to pronounce crisp brand names.
 Margaret Alison Steadman
 Ken Phil Davies
 Jane Fenella Woolgar
 Ian Richard Herring
 Chloe Emily Berrington
 Holly Effie Woods

Doris Marion Bailey
 Sound Design: Eloise Whitmore
 Producer: Polly Thomas
 Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner
 An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.
FRI 10:00 Garbo and Gilbert in Love (m000h896)
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FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b007j19c)
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FRI 19:30 Relativity (b0952sv0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
FRI 20:00 Reel Histories (m001w1nd)
 Blazing Saddles
 Journalist Gerry Northam explores the history behind the cinematic versions of our past.
 Mel Brooks's 1974 spoof western Blazing Saddles has all the classic ingredients of the Wild West movie, a handsome hero, an alcoholic gunslinger and a tart-with-a-heart.
 But how did the figure of the cowboy, a poorly paid, uneducated, itinerant labourer with no heroic traits at all, become a film star and a symbol of nobility and purity for all Americans?
 Contributors:
 Don Reeves
 David Darey
 David Murdoch
 Gary Anderson
 Al Hotardo
 Producer: John Byrne
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
FRI 20:30 Soul Music (b01r0g4h)
 Series 15
 Shipbuilding
 Written by Elvis Costello and Clive Langer for Robert Wyatt, Shipbuilding was recorded in several versions by Elvis Costello himself, Suede, June Tabor, Hue and Cry, Tamsin Archer and The Unthanks.
 The blend of subtle lyrics and extraordinary music makes this a political song like no other. It transcends the particular circumstances of its writing: the Falklands War and the decline of British heavy industry, especially ship-building.
 Clive and Elvis describe how the song was written in 1982 and how legendary jazz trumpeter and flugelhorn player, Chet Baker, came to perform on Costello's version.
 Philosopher Richard Ashcroft wants the song, which he sees as a kind of secular hymn, played at his funeral because it gives a perfect expression of how he believes we should think about life. Not being able to feel the emotion of the song would, he feels, be like being morally tone-deaf. If you don't like this song, he'd find it hard to be your friend.
 The song's achingly beautiful final couplet about "diving for pearls" makes former MP Alan Johnson cry.
 It's also inspired an oral history and migrant integration project in Glasgow. Chris Gourley describes how the participants found a way to overcome their lack of English and communicate through a shared understanding of ship-building practice.
 Other contributors include Hopi Sen, a political blogger who was an unusually political child, and the Mercury Prize winning folk group The Unthanks. They toured their version to towns with ship-building connections as part of a live performance of a film tracing the history of British ship-building using archive footage.
 Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact
 Producer: Natalie Steed

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.
FRI 21:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b00qy1k5)
 Series 3
 Gigi
 Paul Gambaccini tells how in 1959, the Gallic charm of Gigi, starring Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan, won nine Oscars, including Best Picture.
 In April 1959 the musical Gigi broke the previous record of eight awards which went to Gone With The Wind in 1940. Paul Gambaccini discovers how the combination of Gallic charm and memorable songs, including The Night They Invented Champagne, Gigi and I Remember It Well, sanitised Colette's risqué novella for the big screen.
 Considered to be the last of MGM's great musicals, Gigi tells the story of a young girl being groomed as a courtesan and the movie's producers battled with the censors to get it made.
 Director Vincente Minnelli's lavish film, which was shot mostly in Paris, sugar-coated the subject matter and Caron's gamine performance melted Hollywood cinema goers.
 The programme also explores how Gigi represented the passionate early days of the on-off American love affair with France - a relationship that has come under strain in recent years following the war in Iraq.
 Producer: Paula McGinley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
FRI 21:30 The Omen by David Seltzer (b097ck0d)
 5. Truth
 Game Of Thrones' Owen Teale concludes David Seltzer's novelisation of his academy award-winning horror.
 Released in June 1976 by 20th Century Fox, and starring Gregory Peck and Lee Remick, the movie had a vast and lasting impact - reviving Peck's career, spawning several sequels and remakes, and launching a wave of Antichrist-themed movies.
 In this final episode, Thorn has confirmed the shocking truth about Damien.
 Abridged by Jeremy Osborne
 Produced by Karen Rose
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.
FRI 21:45 November Dead List (b06yrspe)
 Series 2
 5. Connection
 Lia Williams stars as a detective in the second series of Nick Perry's gritty crime drama.
 Set in rural Norfolk, one of the lowest crime areas in the country, DCI Greave leads a team investigating a series of murders.
 She's connected all of the victims to a single crime committed eight years previously: the murder of a young Albanian woman at a Norfolk farm.
 But she's yet to uncover who is behind it all.
 DCI Greave Lia Williams
 John Sweeney Steve Toussaint
 Father Manu Paul Ready
 Magda Jusufi Anamaria Marinca
 DS Ellison George Watkins
 Lady Kirkham Susan Jameson
 DC Purkiss Katie Redford
 Housekeeper Caolan McCarthy
 Director: Sasha Yevtushenko
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.
FRI 22:00 You're Part of the Problem (m001w0x9)
 A brand new sketch show starring Abi Clarke, Aurie Styla, Ed Jones, Lola-Rose Maxwell and Stephen Buchanan, showing us grotesque, everyday characters who are 'Part Of The Problem'. In this pilot, we hear all manner of problem-makers. A lonely exam invigilator, an incontinent king, strange allergies and a kids toy that isn't as cute as it once was, all create situations which get out-of-hand fast, with hilarious and excruciating consequences.
 Recorded at Up The Creek, Greenwich.
 Written by the cast, Cameron Loxdale, Cody Dahler, Kate Dehnert and Zoe Tomalin.
 Production Coordinators: Sarah Nicholls & Caroline Barlow
 Sound Recordists: Paul Brogden and Farid El-Jazouli
 Sound Editing and Design: Rich Evans
 Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies. A BBC Studios production for Radio 4.
 An EcoAudio certified production.
FRI 22:30 Rum Bunch (b08nqkrp)
 World's End on Sea
 Justin Edwards, Mel Giedroyc and Dave Mounfield have been invited by the Mayor of seaside town World's End on Sea to perform a hair raising tribute to Houdini.
 Justin's invited the "nicest woman in showbiz", Rebecca Front, to join them. But he's unaware of history between Mel and Rebecca, dating back to them appearing on Celebrity Supermarket Sweep.
 It turns out that Justin also doesn't know much about Houdini - believing him to be an Italian woman. Luckily Dave, fearing the show may be a disaster causing him to miss out on the free lighter promised by the Mayor, is on hand to rewrite the play.
 Mel persuades Rebecca to perform a radio first, a recreation of one of Houdini's most daring stunts. But will the truth of what really happened on Supermarket Sweep ever be revealed?
 Will the show restore the fortunes of the once fashionable seaside town? Will Dave get his free lighter?
 Starring:
 Justin Edwards

Mel Giedroyc
 Dave Mounfield
 With Rebecca Front.
 House band: Jason Hazeley and David Reed - The Penny Dreadfuls.
 Producer: Jim North
 A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001w8zd)
 The Delightful Sausage 3/3
 From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Jon Holmes has another chat with award-winning double act The Delightful Sausage.

FRI 23:00 The Show What You Wrote (b036kysj)
 Series 1
 Historical
 This is the ketch show made up entirely from sketches sent in by the public.
 We've picked the best sketches from thousands of submissions to make each show, based on different themes, from kitchen sink drama, to suspense heavy thrillers.
 This episode is all about history.
 Recorded in Manchester in front of a live audience.
 Starring:
 John Thomson
 Helen Moon
 Fiona Clarke
 Gavin Webster
 Written by Adam Lebovits, Alex Clissold-Jones, Allnut & Simpson, Andrew Spence, Callum Scott, Charlie Mizon, Dave McKeon, Eleanor Green, Graham Kilvington, Kev Core, Matthew Smith, Michael DeFroand, Phil Collinge, Rob Hayes, Sam Gore, Simon Copley & Oliver Taylor, Simon Ounsworth, Tom Neenan.
 Script Editor: Jon Hunter
 Producers: Carl Cooper & Alexandra Smith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

FRI 23:30 All the World's a Globe (b007k44p)
 2. Civilisation
 From Egypt to origami.
 The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.
 Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.
 Written by Patrick Barlow.
 Additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.
 With thanks to:
 Patrick Barlow
 Jim Broadbent
 Martin Duncan
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

FRI 23:45 Before They Were Famous (b05w3x5n)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Ian Leslie presents the show that brings to light the often surprising, first literary attempts of the world's best known writers.
 In this episode, we get a valuable insight into the origins of Henry Longfellow's poetic success - in the guise of a letter of complaint to a boiler repair company.
 We also hear the troubled, adolescent Mary Shelley craft disturbing notes to accompany floral tributes, marvel at the deliciously spooky auction catalogue copy written by MR James, and hear a slightly disturbing Christmas cracker joke by Fredrik Ibsen.
 Producer: Claire Broughton
 A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2015.