

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

SAT 00:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00fq2xk)

Series 1

2. Then Fancies Flee Away

Travelling through Yorkshire, Pilgrim meets Noreen, whose son has been in a strange coma for the past seven years.

He lies in his bed, surrounded by a huge growth of thorns. How can this enchantment be broken?

As Pilgrim investigates, he is drawn inexorably towards the darkness beneath the mysterious Round Barrow of Willy Howe. Paul Hilton stars as the reluctant and unthanked hero protecting mankind from an enemy they resist believing in.

Written by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.

Pilgrim Paul Hilton

Darren Robert Lonsdale

Tina Jill Cardo

Joey Benjamin Askew

Jaggs Malcolm Tierney

Les Paul Rider

Mulvahy Paul Rider

Girl Agnes Bateman

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

SAT 00:45 The Strange and The Sinister by William Croft Dickinson (b0b53dmg)

2. Let the Dead Bury Their Dead

Will an archaeologist heed the warnings of a local man, or continue to pursue a dangerous excavation?

Read by Moultrie Kelsall.

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

Producer: John Gray

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1961.

SAT 01:00 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 Garbo Kristin 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.

SAT 02:00 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 Briery

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.

SAT 02:30 Whodunnits (b007j19e)

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.

SAT 03:00 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.

Penelope Wilton reads the last two tales:

'Back From Abroad'

'Three Stockings'

Produced at BBC Bristol by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

SAT 03:15 Charles Dickens (b09jn2bl)

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 Abrahamsen

Director: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SAT 03:30 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. Here 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.

The comical world of an author, pipe smoker, consummate fardodger 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

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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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 and Patricia Hayes.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrice

Elsbeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

With:

Jon Glover

James Taylorn.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1983.

SAT 05:00 The 3rd Degree (m000wl3t)

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.

SAT 05:30 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 Davis

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.

SAT 06:00 KM Peyton - Flambards (m001w78m)

**** This drama was suggested by Rowan Messingham as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

An orphan is sent to live on a grand country estate crumbling in parts - run by her injured uncle who staggers around on crutches yelling at everyone.

One son Mark is obsessed with horses and is cruel and reckless whilst the other one, Will, is studious and prefers flying to hunting.

It's an English household divided by emotional undercurrents and cruelty...

KM Peyton's novel first published in 1967.

Dramatised by Diana Griffiths

Christina Ellie Beavan

Will Richard Pearce

Mark Ben Crowe

Dick Daniel Brocklebank

Uncle Russell Struan Rodger

Mary Maggie McCarthy

Aunt Grace / Dick's Mother Patience Tomlinson

Mr Dermot Ian Masters

Violet Tilly Gaunt

Joe Harry Myers

Director Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999

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SAT 07:30 The Senses (b071khhx)

Taste

*** This programme was suggested by Christiane Fischer as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

Can a 14th century Italian food taster protect his master, especially when he's invited to dine with the Borgias.

Six-part comedy drama written by Bob Sinfield.

Candelli Alex Jennings

Massemino John Woodvine

The Pope Charles Gray

Francesquina Kate Duchêne

Cesare Borgia Clive Mantle

Paolo Glynn Edwards

Caterina Caroline Leddy

Biagio David Battley

Lucrezia Borgia Janine Duvitski

The Priest David King

The series boasts a stellar list of star names, including Joan Sims, Charles Gray, Alex Jennings, Sylvestra Le Touzel, Geoffrey Palmer, Lynda Bellingham, Brian Murphy, Rodney Bewes, Liz Fraser, Rory McGrath and Maurice Denham.

As writer Bob explains: "The six half-hour plays dealt respectively with the five obvious senses plus the er... other one".

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

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SAT 08:00 Vita Sackville-West - No Signposts in the Sea (m001w78x)

**** This drama was suggested by Sarah Walton as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

An eminent journalist learns that he has only a short time to live.

He decides to embark on a sea voyage in the company of a widow he has always admired...

Starring Ronald Pickup and Kate Buffery.

Vita Sackville-West's novel first published in 1961.

Dramatised by Jill Hyem.

Edmund ... Ronald Pickup

Laura Kate Buffery

Colonel Dalrymple Geoffrey Whitehead

Miss Cocoran Frances Jeater

Steward Harry Myers

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

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SAT 08:45 RD Wingfield - Nightmare (m001w795)

**** This short-drama was suggested by Michael Hooper as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

It's nearly midnight and a storm is raging. A murderer has escaped from a secure facility and may be returning to the scene of his crime, a remote cottage. Written by RD Wingfield.

John Drummond John Graham

John Smith Hugh Dickson

Insp Thorpe Philip Voss

PC Drew Malcolm Gerard

Other parts:

Jennifer Piercey

Andrew Branch

Gregory de Polnay

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1979.

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SAT 09:00 Petticoat Line (m001w79d)

From 11/11/1969

**** This panel discussion show was suggested by Deb

Griffiths as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

"The programme in which listeners' letters are treated to the feminine point of view".

Years before the invention of texts and emails - panellists discuss and answer questions sent in by letter post from listeners.

Petticoat Line began on the BBC Home Service in 1965 and ran for 11 years.

Chaired by Australian-born actress and broadcaster, Anona Winn.

On the panel:

Renee Houston

Judy Innes

Shelia Van Damm

Margaret Powell

Devised by Anona Winn and Ian Messiter.

Producer: Christopher Serle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1969.

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SAT 09:30 Robbing Hood (m001w79m)

Norman's Trial Run

**** This six-part sitcom was suggested by Jonathan Aitken and Malcolm Hunter as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

Norman Wisdom stars as a small time crook who's just come out of prison.

Hoping to go straight, he is entrusted to widow Natalie Mathews, who offers him a job and accommodation. However, she has an ulterior motive.

Written by John Graham and Peter Ling.

Based on an idea by Norman Wisdom.

Norman Hood Norman Wisdom

Natalie Matthews Moira Lister

Bernard Bassington Norman Jones

Beatrice Bassington Rosemary Leach

Winifred Bassington Anne Windors

Head Waiter Timothy Carlton

Prison Governor Gordon Reid

Warden Peter Gunn

Director: Leslie Lawton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1992.

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SAT 10:00 The Wow Show: For Your Hives Only (m001w79t)

**** This comedy was suggested by Bill Ives as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

Surreal sketch show written by and starring Mark Arden, Lee Cornes, Mark Elliot and Stephen Frost.

The Wow Show ran for two series on BBC Radio 4 in 1985.

This episode is set inside a beehive.

Princess Sucklefoot Mark Arden

Queen Beatrix Herself Lee Cornes

Elile Le Stripe Mark Elliott

Hemlock the Wobbly Stephen Frost

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1985.

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SAT 10:30 Sexton's Tales (m001w79y)

1. The Astonishing Journey

**** This programme was suggested by Mark Sykes as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

George Cole reveals the stories of six extraordinary Victorians buried in London's Highgate Cemetery.

James Holman was a blind solo explorer whose sight was destroyed by scurvy, yet he roamed the world from Siberia to South America.

Written by Emlyn Harris.

George Cole is the Sexton

Other parts played by:

Emlyn Harris

Melanie Hudson

Jill Graham

Dan Strauss

Producer: Neil Rosser

A Rewind and IBN co-production for BBC Radio 2 - first broadcast in August 1995.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 The Senses (b071khkx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 13:45 RD Wingfield - Nightmare (m001w795)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 Petticoat Line (m001w79d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Robbing Hood (m001w79m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 The Wow Show: For Your Hives Only (m001w79t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 15:30 Sexton's Tales (m001w79y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SAT 16:00 Pilgrim by Sebastian Baczkiewicz (b00fq2xk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]

SAT 16:45 The Strange and The Sinister by William Croft Dickinson (b0b53dmg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]

SAT 17:00 KM Peyton - Flambards (m001w78m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 The Senses (b071khkx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:00 Vita Sackville-West - No Signposts in the Sea (m001w78x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

SAT 19:45 RD Wingfield - Nightmare (m001w795)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Petticoat Line (m001w79d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Robbing Hood (m001w79m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 The Wow Show: For Your Hives Only (m001w79t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 21:30 Sexton's Tales (m001w79y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SAT 22:00 Saturday Night Fry (b008yv5q)

Episode 2

Meet a pretentious authoress - and what's really going on at the BBC?

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

With:

Emma Thompson

Jim Broadbent

Robert Bathurst

Written by Stephen Fry.

Additional material by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988.

SAT 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00hcr5l)

Series 2

Barry Cryer

Much-loved comedian Barry Cryer watches an episode of 'Friends', listens to Australian rock band - and tackles nappy changing.

Series in which Marcus Brigstocke invites celebrities to try new experiences.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

SAT 23:00 Vent (b01g98f4)

Series 3

When Was the Last Time You Saw Your Godfather?

Ben is invited to be a godfather to an ex-girlfriend's baby, which doesn't impress Mary and there's a showdown on the stairlift.

Meanwhile, St Paul gives him some tips on responsibility and where to get the best olives.

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

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Karl Matthew Kelly

Sophie Abigail Burdess

Priest Richard Johnson

Director: Nigel Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

SAT 23:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b008khpv)

Series 2

Episode 1

The fastest show on-air is back!

28 performers have just 60 seconds in which to entertain the audience in this traditional variety show, featuring established stand-ups, and some newer talent

The whole thing is presided over by John Humphrys, who sits at the side of the stage with a stopwatch, ready to cut the microphone when the time is up.

And hey - if there's an act you don't like, well, there's another one along in 55 seconds or so...

Jeremy Limb

Des Clarke

Penny Broadhurst

Arbab Chanda

John Sessions

Christina Martin

Gavin Osborn

Aaron Counter

G-Force

James Kettle

Paula Wilcox

James Branch

Pegabovine

Dave Cohen

Jarlath Regan

Dutch Elm Conservatoire

Jeff Innocent

Katherine Jakeways

Carl Donnelly

Stephen Grant

Mara Carlyle

Stephen K Amos

Barry Davies

Jeff Green

Shappi Khorsandi

Martin Jarvis

The Puppini Sisters

Stewart Lee

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024

SUN 00:00 The Man in Black (b00grv3d)

Series 1

3. The White Hare by Lucy Gough

When Izzie and Casper move to the country, they imagine an idyllic lifestyle.

But the reality is very different. Izzie's nerves are already frayed, but with threats from a hostile farmer - she spots an ill-omen...

Dark tale written by Lucy Gough.

Introduced by Mark Gatiss as sinister raconteur, The Man in Black.

Casper Tom Goodman-Hill

Izzie Janice Acquah

Farmer Stephen Critchlow

Café Owner Manjeet Mann

Kaddy Poppy Lee Friar

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.

The Man In Black first appeared in the 1940s as the chilling voice who introduced a series of terrifying radio dramas. He returned on Radio 4 in the 1970s and then again in the late 80s/early 90s.

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

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

SUN 00:30 Haunted (m001w7b4)

The Decoy by Algernon Blackwood

Will a businessman listen to his wife's warning when he decides convert to an old mansion into a nursing home?

A series of stories of the supernatural.

Starring George Baker and Susan Jameson.

Written by Algernon Blackwood.

John George Baker

Nancy Susan Jameson

Harry Peter Woodward

Mr Gower Peter Baldwin

Adapted and directed by Derek Hodinott.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1980.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 05:30 Sexton's Tales (m001w79y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001w7zp)
 Poetry At Bath
 ***As part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's latest All Request Weekend - listener, Margaret Le Couteur requested some poetry by Laurie Lee
 In response, Daljit Nagra introduces Poetry At Bath. Featuring readings of their own work by Laurie Lee and PJ Kavanagh.
 Recorded at the Theatre Royal during the 1981 Bath Festival.
 Producer: Brian Patten
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1982.
 To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk and tell us details of why you'd like to hear it.
SUN 06:30 A Day in the Life of Radio 4 (m001w7zr)
 **** This light-hearted programme was suggested by Edward Jenner as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
 A fairly typical day for the BBC's national speech network - just over 40 years ago...
 Ken Ford falls through the platform in Gardeners' Question Time; Samuel Beckett is the birthday guest on Midweek and the dodo makes a rare appearance in Wildlife.
 What's more it all happens in 40 minutes.
 Written by Russell Davies.
 With:
 Russell Davies
 Chris Emmett
 Sally Grace
 Sheila Steafel
 Eugene Fraser
 Producer: David Perry
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1983.
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SUN 07:15 Alan Plater - Only A Matter Of Time (b007grqk)
 *** This drama was suggested by Margaret Hopkins and MJC Brown as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ***
 When time was standardised in the 19th century, not everyone was convinced by the idea.
 Starring Alan David and James Bolam.
 Written by Alan Plater
 Meredith.....Alan David
 Fanshawe.....James Bolam
 Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.
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SUN 08:00 Robert East - A Far Cry From Brazil (m001w7zw)
 *** This comedy drama was suggested by Paul Newman as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ***
 The manager of Macclesborough FC is desperate for a win. So are the players, the fans and the directors!
 Unfortunately, their fate is in the hands of a referee who's got problems of his own...
 Starring Doug Fisher and John Baddeley.
 Footballing drama written by Robert East.
 Ken Doug Fisher
 Dougie John Baddeley
 Les Steve Hodson
 Ray Keith Drinkel
 Maureen Geraldine Fitzgerald
 Pam Stephanie Turner
 Julian Robert East
 Director: Matthew Walters
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1993.
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SUN 09:00 The Law Game (m001w7zy)
 From 12/12/1988
 **** This panel game was suggested by Chris Lambert as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
 'The Law Game' ran for over 15 years on BBC Radio 2 starting in 1977.
 Chairman Shaw Taylor asks a panel of guests to give their verdicts on some intriguing law cases.
 With:
 Denise Coffey

Susan Rae
 Alan Titchmarsh
 With the Radio Drama Company:
 Joanna Mackie
 Ian Targett
 Richard Tate
 Devised and written by: Brad Ashton.
 Legal Adviser: Doug Cracknell.
 Producer: Sioned William
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1988.
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SUN 09:30 Sam And Janet (m001w801)
 **** This comedy was suggested by Leslie Armstrong as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
 Years of marriage means that Sam and Janet suffer the odd stormy moment together.
 Starring David Kossoff and Joan Sims.
 A searching sociological document by David Cumming, which examines human relationships in depth.
 Sam David Kossoff
 Janet Joan Sims
 With:
 Kim Grant
 Alan Curtis
 Producer: Bill Worsley
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1966.
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SUN 10:00 The Canteen Ladies (m001w803)
 **** This documentary was suggested by Andrew Dalgleish as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
 Meet Babs, Jane, Mary, Rita, Sharon and Trish.
 They make up the team who feed the staff of a big supermarket in Sheffield.
 They've worked together for eight years now and are still good mates at the end of the day.
 Sarah Taylor joins them for a morning in the heat of the kitchen and an evening letting off steam on the tiles.
 Producer: Joy Hatwood
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.
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SUN 10:45 One Man And His Bog by Barry Pilton (m001w805)
 1. Preparations
 **** This series of 5 programmes was suggested by Malcolm Oxborrow as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
 "I approached the three-week trek with a commendable degree of caution. Indeed I filled my rucksack with so many contingency items that I was unable to lift it."
 Barry Pilton's unheroic account of his encounter with Britain's most arduous walk, the Pennine Way.
 Written by one of the country's least experienced walkers.
 Read by David Roper.
 Producer: Thomas Sutcliffe
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 15:45 One Man And His Bog by Barry Pilton (m001w805)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 16:00 The Man in Black (b00gr3vd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]
SUN 16:30 Haunted (m001w7b4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 00:30 today]
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m001w7zp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 17:30 A Day in the Life of Radio 4 (m001w7zr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
SUN 18:15 Richard Hayton - One Friday Not A Million Miles Past (m001w7zt)
 **** This drama was suggested by its author, Richard Hayton, as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend
 It's a play from BBC Radio 4's 1988 Young Playwrights' Festival. When he wrote it, Richard was just 23 and out of work. ***
 It's another Friday in the life of Oldtown. But to Mazeguy it's

his first without Laura, lost to a new lover - and his last as a clerk in the DHSS. (Department of Health and Social Security) Without a job and without a girl, Mazeguy tries to lose himself in the abandon of the provincial city's Friday night.
 Narrated by John Duttine.
 Mazeguy Ian Targett
 Karen Zelah Clarke
 Mr Frank Ian Michie
 Mother Polly James
 Father Michael Tudor Barnes
 Mrs Frank Caroline Gruber
 Mr Shankly Simon Cuff
 Laura Kathryn Hurlbutt
 Claimant/Gerald Ken Cumberlidge
 Woman Philippa Howell
 Woman Lolly Cockerell
 Mr Evans Michael Bilton
 Man Richard Pearce
 Barman/Bouncer Anthony Jackson
 Producer: Jeremy Mortimer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.
 To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk and tell us details of why you'd like to hear it.
SUN 18:50 Inheritance Tracks (b07zcx0d)
 Ade Edmondson
 Ade Edmondson with Flanders & Swann's 'A Song of the Weather' and Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band's 'Jazz Delicious Hot Disgusting Cold'.
SUN 18:55 Robert East - A Far Cry From Brazil (m001w7zw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SUN 20:00 The Law Game (m001w7zy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 20:30 Sam And Janet (m001w801)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SUN 21:00 The Canteen Ladies (m001w803)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 One Man And His Bog by Barry Pilton (m001w805)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 The Confessional (m000wc13)
 Series 1
 The Confession of Phil Wang
 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, award-winning stand-up and sketch comedian, Phil Wang confesses about potty training, supermarket gossip and getting the wrong end of the stick.
 Written and presented by Stephen Mangan
 With extra material by Nick Doody
 Producers: Dave Anderson & Frank Stirling
 A 7 digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.
SUN 22:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jtm1n)
 Series 1
 A Day in the Country
 The gang go on a trip out and wind up at the Sizelfield nuclear power plant.
 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 and David Cohen.
 Producer: David Tyler
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001w9bk)
 Lorna Rose Treen 1/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Arthur Smith talks to Lorna Rose Treen.
SUN 23:00 The Hudson and Peppercorn Show (m0019k4r)
 Series 4
 Dr Hummel
 Mel gets happy tablets from her GP as Vicki stages her leaving party complete with celebrity guests.
 Written by and starring Mel Hudson & Vicki Peppercorn
 With:
 Martin Hyder
 Lewis MacLeod
 Jim North
 Additional material by Rhodri Crooks, Paul Kerensa, Richie Devlin, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.
 Music by Richie Webb
 Producer Chris Neill
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.
SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (m000hhfy)
 Series 2

Episode 1

It's Pink Thursday!

Get 20% off for coming out as gay.

Starring Frances Barber and Mark Benton.

Return of the six-part sitcom about the retail park where they stop at nothing to part you from your money.

Written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst.

Mick Mark Benton

Sonya Frances Barber

Rez Emil Marwa

Valerie Sarah Hadland

Darryl Paul Barnhill

Rebecca Liz Sutherland

Miranda Lindsay Allen

Graham Neil Warhurst

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

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MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001w7zp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 18:15 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00y9455)

1. Inheritance

Russia, 1880: The Karamazovs are reunited for a meeting with their father, to discuss Dmitry's inheritance. But the unpredictable Fyodor Karamazov does not look as if he's going to play the game...

Starring Roy Marsden.

Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.

Dramatised in five parts by Melissa Murray.

Fyodor Karamazov Roy Marsden

Dmitry Paul Hilton

Ivan Nicholas Boulton

Alyosha Carl Prekopp

The Elder Sam Dale

Mrs Khoklakova Rachel Atkins

Lise Emma Noakes

Katerina Juliet Aubrey

Grushenka Katy Cavanagh

Smerdyakov Joseph Kloska

Grigory Desmond McNamara

The Monk Paul Richard Biggin

Katerina's Servant Miranda Keeling

Original music by David Pickavance.

Directors: Marc Beeby and Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

MON 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkk)

1. A Shot in the Night

Sick of the espionage business, professional hitman Art Gordo had quit the British Secret Service.

But then he's offered big money to carry out one last killing...

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Jim Eldridge's five-part thriller adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen

Clarke Manning Wilson

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater

Ben/Roberts Jon Croft

Joe/Ferguson Peter Craze

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jt9p)

Colvil and Soames - Bad Apples

3. Connection

In spite of her denials, the Home Secretary, Maggie Lindley appears to be closely linked with Brighton murder victim,

Norman Tate.

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

Christopher Lee's murder-mystery.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alix Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Maggie Lindley Alphoncia Emmanuel

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

MON 07:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000c9np)

1. Across The Decades

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Translated from the Swedish by Sarah Death.

Abridged in five parts by Polly Coles.

Read by Sarah Lambie

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.

MON 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09k8yk2)

Dombey and Son

16. Homeless and Hopeless

Cast out of her home, who can Florence turn to?

Starring Trevor Peacock 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

Florence Abigail Hollick

Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock

Toots Sam Pamphilon

Mrs Brown Geraldine James

Drunk Simon Treves

Walter Gay Joseph Arkley

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 (b04md4nr)

Series 2

Questioning Loyalties

Field Commander Uljabaan's loyalty cards, rewarding villagers for their collaboration, are not only ruining Katrina's plans but also Richard's chances in the weekly pub quiz.

They turn to Ron, the landlord of the Rose & Crown for help in scuppering the scheme.

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

Ron Dave Lamb

Lawrence Michael Bertenshaw

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 (b007jmhk)

Series 4

A Box in Town

Albert hinders the romantic endeavours of his son Harold.

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:

Yootha Joyce

Katherine Parr

Sheila Grant

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

MON 08:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jskt)

Series 2

26 September 1799

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

Dorothy is perturbed by de Quinine's enthusiasm. Stinking Iris is in an interesting condition.

There is a reconciliation. And Sir Walter Spott is expected...

William Wordsmith Geoffrey Whitehead

Dorothy Wordsmith Denise Coffey

Samuel Tailor Cholericke Simon Calow

Thomas de Quinine Nickolas Grace

Stinking Iris Miriam Margolyes

The Leechpedlar Chris Emmett

Sir Walter Spott Bill Paterson

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 (b01cvk8d)

Series 1

Episode 3

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:

Susie Dent

Natalie Haynes

Jack Whitehall

Milton Jones

Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

MON 09:30 Sneakiepeeks (b00p6307)

Honeytrap Hotel

Comedy about a team of inept, backstabbing surveillance operatives.

Beagle Team infringe every civil liberty in the book in the name of national security.

Can they manage to nab a gang of blackmailers in a hotel?

Written by Harry Venning and Neil Brand.

Bill Richard Lumsden

Sharla Nina Conti

Mark Daniel Kaluuya

Tony Savage Kevin Eldon

Geoff John Biggins

Ted Shaban Arifi

Nanny/Milij Alex Tregear

Mr Smith Nigel Hastings

Mrs Smith Kate Layden

Bishop Ewan Hooper

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009

MON 10:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00y9455)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 11:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jt9p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000c9np)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:15 Charles Dickens (b09k8yk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 12:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04md4nr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jmhk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jskt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 14:00 Wordaholics (b01cvk8d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 14:30 Sneakiepeeks (b00p6307)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 15:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00y9455)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

MON 16:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 16:30 Whodunnits (b007jt9p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 17:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000c9np)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 17:15 Charles Dickens (b09k8yk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

MON 17:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b04md4nr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jmhk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 18:30 The Wordsmiths at Gorsemere (b007jskt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:00 Wordaholics (b01cvk8d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 19:30 Sneakiepeeks (b00p6307)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m00167xv)

Series 12

Holding On, Digging Out & Hanging Up

True stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces stories where everyday moments have lasting impacts.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it.

Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

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

The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.

First heard on PRX in 2020.

MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (b05zlxjr)

Grayson Perry

Artist Grayson Perry chooses 'It's Not Unusual' by Tom Jones and 'I'd Rather Ride Around With You' by Reba McEntire.

MON 21:00 A Good Read (b07hfwrk)

Martin Lewis and Tanita Tikaram

Martin Lewis, founder of MoneySavingExpert.com and singer-songwriter Tanita Tikaram join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by CJ Sansom, Mick Herron and Anita Loos.

Slow Horses by Mick Herron

Publisher: John Murray

Gentlemen Prefer Blondes by Anita Loos

Publisher: Liveright

Shardlake by CJ Sansom

Publisher: Pan Books

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

MON 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001w82w)

Episode 1

Fahrenheit 451 is the temperature at which paper burns.

It's Guy Montag's job to know these things: he's a fireman and he burns books for a living. He loves his job doing this service for the public, but he is not happy. As his life unravels he begins to question all his beliefs.

Ray Bradbury's cult classic was first published in 1953 but it imagines a world very like 2017, in which sophisticated mass media are used to pacify and control people; love is a commodity; attention spans are short and police hunts are live entertainment.

Poetic, dazzling and shocking: Ray Bradbury's vision of the future has become terrifyingly familiar.

Abridged by Sara Davies and read by Alex Jennings.

Music: 'Stitch' from the album Bella by PT-1, on Bandcamp.

Part of BBC Radio 4's 'Dangerous Visions' season.

MON 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000dy9y)

1. Discovery

Two boys out sledding in their local park find the body of an old woman in the snow.

Meet people she has encountered and members of her family and her friends.

All of whom give us clues about what has led the woman to this place.

On our journey to understanding her story we encounter a series of relationships which combine to form a moving and entertaining account of modern life and loves.

Ten-part mystery written by Katie Hims.

Ryan Harry Grasby

Jackson Aaron Gelkoff

Mick David Reed

Hayley Christine Bottomley

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001w0wb)

Series 92

5. Angela Barnes never scrimps on colonics

Sue Perkins challenges Paul Merton, Eshaan Akbar, Lucy

Porter and Angela Barnes 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 Witches to Paisley.

Production Co-ordinator: 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 (b00dn8cf)

Dan and the Panda

The Kiwi parody band aim for UK fame.

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 musical odyssey.

Starring New Zealand musical comedy duo, Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement.

With:

Rhys Darby

Dan Topolski

Daniel Kitson

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 (m001w1gj)

Series 113

Episode 6

Coming to you from Belfast this week, Andy Zaltzman quizzes the news with Zoe Lyons, Neil Delamere, Diona Doherty, and Alex Kane.

In this episode Andy and the panel will be asking if turning the Northern Ireland Assembly off and on has made it work again? Why Labour is keeping the red flag flying?... a Formula 1 style red flag, that is, which they're waving at their own environment policy to tell it it's off.

And whose chopper has got them in trouble?

Written by Andy Zaltzman

With additional material by: Cody Dahler, Alison Spittle, John Meagher, and Claire Sullivan

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Co-ordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

MON 23:30 Concrete Cow (b04v8zsz)

Series 2

Art

Someone goes too far at a murder-mystery party.

Second series of the sketch show in which anything is possible.

Written by James Cary.

Starring:

Robert Webb

Beth Chalmers

Catherine Shepherd

Steven Kynman

Abigail Burduss

Chris Pavlo

Written by James Cary.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024**TUE 00:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov**

(b00y9455)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Whodunnits (b007j19p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000c9np)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Charles Dickens (b09k8yk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade**Carefully (b04md4mr)**

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TUE 05:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov

(b00yb1sd)

2. Deterioration

While Alyosha attends the bedside of the dying Elder, relations between Dmitry and his father become ever more dangerous.

Starring Roy Marsden.

Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.

Dramatised by Melissa Murray.

Fyodor Karamazov Roy Marsden

Dmitry Paul Hilton

Ivan Nicholas Boulton

Alyosha Carl Prekopp

The Elder Sam Dale

Mrs Khokhlakova Rachel Atkins

Lise Emma Noakes

Katerina Juliet Aubrey

Grushenka Katy Cavanagh

Smerdyakov Joseph Kloska

Grigory Desmond McNamara

The Monk Paul Richard Biggin

Father Paisy Philip Fox

Monks Saikat Ahamed

Original music by David Pickvance.

Directors: Marc Beeby and Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

TUE 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkq)

2. The Double Target

Retired hitman, Art Gordo, heads to his friend Louise's flat to plan his next moves.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Jim Eldridge's thriller serial adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen

Clarke Manning Wilson

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater

Roberts/Man on the Phone Jon Croft

Joe/Ferguson Peter Craze

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen

Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b007j19z)

Colvil and Soames - Bad Apples

4. Realisation

With the Home Secretary still denying any nefarious connections with the murdered Norman Tate, Colvil and Soames get a breakthrough in their investigation.

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

Christopher Lee's murder-mystery.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alix Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Maggie Lindley Alphonisa Emmanuel

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

TUE 07:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000c9rf)

2. Italy

In spring 1939 Tove Jansson leaves for Italy.

She feels the lure of Renaissance art, but war is on its way so there is no time to lose. She travels via Berlin and Munich to Verona.

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Abridged by Polly Coles

Read by Sarah Lambie

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.

TUE 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09k9d9r)

Dombey and Son

17. Dombey Abandoned

As Florence is reunited with her old friend, Rob the Grinder spills the beans about his missing master.

Starring Abigail Hollick and Geraldine James.

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

Florence Abigail Hollick

Alice Claire Rushbrook

Rob Lloyd Thomas

Mrs Brown Geraldine James

Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock

Walter Gay Joseph Arkley

Music by Nicolai Abrahamson

Directors: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

TUE 07:30 The Cold Swedish Winter (b09zr9j2)

Series 3

Autumn: Wedding

Linda and Geoff make the final preparations for their wedding. There's lots to be done - the choice of best men and who's

allowed to kiss the groom, preys on Geoff's mind. Then there's the questionable assistance of the juggling Danish Kurd, Soran, accident prone Ian and the Gothic brother-in-law Anders as

they prepare Geoff's Svensxa (or stag do).

Will Geoff survive the celebrations? Will he understand a word of his own marriage ceremony? And will his parents in law stop

laughing at him?

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 Robins
Soran Farshad Kholgi
Anders Fredrik Andersson
With Thomas Eriksson, Cecilia Nilsson and Frank Pitcher
Director: Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2017.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (m001w87s)
Vintage Goons
The Great Bank of England Robbery
By just answering the telephone Neddie becomes embroiled in a villainous plan.

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

Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan

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

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1954.
Re-recording from October 1958 by the BBC Transcription Service made for broadcast overseas.

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

TUE 08:30 The Michael Bentine Show (b007js4v)
From 22/01/1984
Michael Bentine stars as the great Tibetan mystic U Tug, members of the British Bath Craftsman's Guild, the Toastmaster, the entire United Nations and occasionally himself.

The ultimate one man show written and performed by the host. Listen in and you'll believe that telephone boxes can fly.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1984.

TUE 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000plzy)
Nikesh Shukla, Victoria Hislop, Benjamin Partridge
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:
Novelist and screenwriter Nikesh Shukla, known for Coconut Unlimited, Meatspace, and as editor of The Good Immigrant
Author Victoria Hislop, known for The Island, The Return, The Thread and Those Who Are Loved
Comedy writer and podcaster Benjamin Partridge, known for The Beef and Dairy Network podcast, Horrible Histories and others
Producer: Ella Watts

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2020.

TUE 09:30 Artists (b00x59wq)
Series 1
Moor Will Mean Worse
A community of artists in Cornwall bicker over each others' work.
Comedy about a close-knit community of artists who usually hate each other's work and sometimes hate each other as well.
Stars Vicki Pepperdine, Pauline McLynn and Ben Miller.
Written by Gareth Edwards.

Tamsin Vicki Pepperdine
Dolores Pauline McLynn
Gerard Graham Crowden
Nisha Mina Anwar
Josef Ben Miller
Marcus Dave Lamb
Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 March 2003.

TUE 10:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00yb1sd)
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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m001w884)
Secrets of Longevity - Blue Zones
A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.
Manoush Zomorodi explores the secrets of longer lives – from beans to friendship - with longevity researcher Dan Buettner.
First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2023.
TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b0bm6mnn)
Kiki Dee
Singer Kiki Dee chooses 'Some Of Your Lovin' by Dusty Springfield and 'Calling All Angels', performed by Jane Siberry.
TUE 21:00 Sideways (m000tccj)
7. Top of the Pops
You might not have heard of Max Martin, but you've definitely heard the songs he's written. You probably know the words whether you like the songs or not. Martin has written many of the world's biggest pop hits. He has 23 number ones, second only to Paul McCartney and John Lennon.
Matthew Syed explores the extraordinary career of the enigmatic pop powerhouse who's one of Sweden's most significant musical exports. Matthew contrasts Martin's songwriting process with the practice of scientific research which has become overwhelmingly collaborative in recent years.
Matthew discovers that Martin's unique approach to collaboration, drawing upon the experience and skill of a vast and diverse range of musicians, has enabled him to stay ahead of the pack when it comes to crafting world-beating pop songs.
Produced by Thomas Curry and Russell Finch
A Novel production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.
TUE 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001w88k)
Episode 2
Montag's wife had her stomach pumped last night. But will she even remember? He's not certain of anything anymore.
Ray Bradbury's visionary cult classic, abridged by Sara Davies.
Read by Alex Jennings.
TUE 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000dy4t)
2. Missing
Marion has gone missing from her residential care home.
The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.
Kadija Nahel Tzegai
Pat Heather Craney
Rose Jessica Turner
Frank Neil McCaul
Written by Katie Hims.
Directed by Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
TUE 22:00 The Ultimate Choice (m001w17r)
Series 2
6: Crazy Frog v Prince Harry
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 Dane Baptiste and Freya Parker.
Host: Steph McGovern
Guests: Dane Baptiste and Freya Parker
Devised and written by Jon Harvey & Joseph Morpurgo
With additional material from Laura Major
Researcher: Leah Marks
Recorded and mixed by David Thomas
Producer: Jon Harvey
Executive Producers: Ed Morrish and Polly Thomas
Photo: Carolyn Mendelsohn
A Naked production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07wc11v)
Series 1
The Plan
Josh and his wife Monique's big day finally arrives. Josh has the birth ball and all meditation music but typically, at the crucial moment, disaster strikes.
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 Jenny Bede, Carole Dance, Stella Duffy, Caroline Mabey, Debra Tammer and Wendy Wason.
Producer: Ashley Blaker

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

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001w9bg)
Lorna Rose Treen 2/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Arthur Smith talks to Lorna Rose Treen.
TUE 23:00 Domestic Science (b09rzjqp)
Series 2
Kitchen
Science you can play along with at home in a look at the domestic phenomena we relate to on a day-to-day basis.
Hosted by Festival of The Spoken Nerd trio:
* Physicist Steve Mould
* Stand up Mathematician Matt Parker
* Physicist and musician Helen Arney.
A heady combination of maths, science and comedy.
For starters, they're in the kitchen to find out some more about musical mugs, powerful dairy cows, butter.
Plus the team tackle audience questions.
Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2018.

TUE 23:15 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00hkrbb)
Astronomy for Dummies
Josie Long tries to better herself through learning and discovering things in reference books.
She presents her essay on a given subject, as Maeve Higgins helps out with questions, illustrations and interruptions.
For starters, Josie uses the book "Astronomy for Dummies" to unravel the greater mysteries of the cosmos.
Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

TUE 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00j7vtm)
Series 7
Episode 6
Satan has worked how to return baby Patrick to Earth behind God's back.
But God is all-seeing and knows what Satan is up to. And now God is pretty angry.
Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.
Satan Andy Hamilton
God Timothy West
Edith Annette Crosbie
Scumpspawn 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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3. Searching
Following the violent encounter at the Karamazov home, Dmitry flees the town in search of Grushenka.
Starring Roy Marsden.
Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.
Dramatised by Melissa Murray.
Dmitry Paul Hilton
Grushenka Katy Cavanagh
Alyosha Carl Prekopp
Lise Emma Noakes
Mrs Khokhlakova Rachel Atkins
Grigory Desmond McNamara
Makarov Mark Straker
Andrey Philip Fox
Trifon Paul Richard Biggin

Musialowicz Sam Dale
 Constable Saikat Ahamed
 Revellers Miranda Keeling/ Bethan Walker
 Original music by David Pickavance.
 Directors: Marc Beeby and Colin Guthrie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.
WED 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jtkw)
 3. A Life for a Life
 Retired hitman, Art Gordo, faces more pressure to kill the shadowy Charles Allweather.
 Starring Dinsdale Landen.
 Jim Eldridge's thriller serial adapted from his own novel.
 Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen
 Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater
 Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee
 Sally Le Clerk Joanna Wake
 Leon Young Basil Henson
 Charles Allweather Glyn Owen
 Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.
WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jtbm)
 Colvil and Soames - Bad Apples
 5. Corpse
 While Colvil and Soames are searching the flat of murder victim Norman Tate, who should walk through the door but ... Norman Tate.
 Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman stars as intelligence officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.
 Christopher Lee's murder-mystery.
 Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin
 Alix Soames Amanda Redman
 DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton
 Miranda Peel Sheila Reid
 Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher
 Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan
 Maggie Lindley Alphonsia Emmanuel
 Norman Tate Brian Bowles
 DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Jones Davies
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.
WED 07:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000cc85)
 3. Eve
 "You're right, I'm your best friend – I always will be," writes Tove Jansson to Eva Konikoff in 1947.
 It is over six years since Eva moved to the USA but their friendship endures.
 Out of the thousands of letters Moomin creator Tove Jansson wrote, a cache remains that she addressed to her family, her dearest confidantes, and her lovers, both male and female.
 Into these, she spilled her innermost thoughts, defended her ideals and revealed her heart.
 To read these letters is both an act of startling intimacy and a rare privilege.
 Penned with grace and humour, Letters from Tove offers an almost seamless commentary on Tove Jansson's life as it unfolds within Helsinki's bohemian circles and her island home. Spanning 50 years between her art studies and the height of Moomin fame, we hear the bleakness of war, the hopes for love that were dashed and renewed, and her determined attempts to establish herself as an artist.
 Translated from the Swedish by Sarah Death.
 Abridged by Polly Coles
 Read by Sarah Lambie
 Producer: Clive Brill
 A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.
WED 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09k9kqg)
 Dombey and Son
 18. Edith's Revenge
 Walter Gay plucks up the courage to tell Florence what she means to him.
 Starring Abigail Hollick and Joseph Arkley.
 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
 Florence Abigail Hollick
 Walter Gay Joseph Arkley
 Major Bagstock Nicky Henson
 Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock
 Mr Carker Adrian Lukis
 Edith Helen Schlesinger
 Music by Nicolai Abrahamson.
 Directors: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.
WED 07:30 The Golden Age (b01p068b)
 Minority Appeal
 Mabel suggests making some programmes for "minorities"; a suggestion which takes Lord Reith by surprise.
 Meanwhile, Tharb does his best to cheer up BBC Radio's most depressed newsreader, Roger Eves.
 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 ego of radio's biggest stars.
 Starring Robert Bathurst.
 Conclusion of the radio-based sitcom written by Arthur Mathews.

Robert Bathurst.....John Tharb
 Vicky McClure.....Mabel Hopcraft
 Ford Kiernan.....Lord Reith
 Peter Egan.....Doctor Ganley
 Malcolm Tierney.....Sergeant Major
 Kevin Bishop.....Ordinary Cockney Father / Perfumed Pete
 Pippa Evans.....Ordinary Cockney Mother
 Ewan Bailey.....Roger Eves / Fancy Dan
 Moisty.....Arthur Mathews
 Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.
WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp9g)
 Series 6
 The Childhood Sweetheart
 The Lad sets off for a romantic reunion pledged 25 years before.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Kenneth Williams and Patricia Hayes.
 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 October 1959.
WED 08:30 Ballylenon (b00gddtk)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 After "overhearing" that Reverend Hawthorne is leaving Ballylenon for a larger congregation, telephone operator Vera McConkey loses no time in communicating the good news to the local newspaper, The Vicindicator.
 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.
 Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Boal, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher, Charlie Bonnar as Packy McGoldrick, Ciara McKeown as Josie Doherty and Gerard Murphy as Rev Samuel Hawthorne.
 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? (b008s32f)
 Episode 5
 From landing a plane in a crisis to a trip to the dentist.
 Clive Anderson hosts the famed improvisation game.
 Regular team captains:
 Stephen Fry
 John Sessions
 With:
 John Bird
 Jimmy Mulville
 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 (b04vf6rt)
 Age Concern
 With the big three-o looming, zookeeper Terry is desperate to recapture his youth.
 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
 Producer: Richard Wilson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1996.
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WED 20:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to Love and Romance (m000dqsx6)
 1. First Loves and Valentines
 Comedian Isy Suttie comes over all romantic using her unique brand of humour to share her lessons in life and love.
 Suttie has often observed other people's love lives and regularly intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse.
 Discussing 'all things love' in the 21st century with friends, gathering fresh contributions and introducing extracts from the BBC's Listening Project she builds a hilarious and often moving account of amour and desire.
 With friends, her partner Elis James and the radio archive, Suttie relates real life anecdotes from her own, often disastrous, love life.
 The first of three programmes.
 Featuring:
 'Valentine's Day' by John Osborne [2013]
 Producer: Stephen Garner
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2018.
WED 21:00 Short Cuts (m000g3jk)
 Series 22
 Call Me
 Wrong numbers that make the right connections and the comforting voices of strangers - Josie Long presents short documentaries and adventures in sound about phones.
 Monitoring
 Produced by Mark Vernon
 The Phoneline
 Made by Jodie Taylor, producer at Fat Rat Films
 This documentary featured recreated calls, all calls to NACOA's helpline remain absolutely confidential.
 Please Hold
 Produced by James T. Green
 Originally made for the podcast u+1f60c
 A 6 instead of a 9
 Featuring Kasey Bergh and Henry Glendening
 Produced by Claire Crofton
 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 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001w887)
 Episode 3
 The Mechanical Hound doesn't seem to like Montag. And his new neighbour, the 'crazy' seventeen-year-old, Clarisse McClellan, has disappeared.
 Ray Bradbury's visionary cult classic, abridged by Sara Davies.
 Read by Alex Jennings.
WED 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000f06h)
 3. Zoe
 On her way to Bridlington by train, Marion meets Zoe who is on a romantic mission.
 The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.
 Marion Marcia Warren
 Zoe Amanda Wilkin
 Eve Sinead MacInnes
 Bloke Ian Cunningham
 Eli Greg Jones
 Written by Katie Hims.
 Directed by Mary Peate.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
WED 22:00 Clare in the Community (m0009ktd)
 Series 12
 Ray of Sunshine
 The Sparrowhawk office have a visit from an old team member. Ray's gone up in the world, and he's got a proposition for them. At home, Brian is becoming suspicious about Clare's behaviour. But he knows just who to call.
 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

CAST

Clare.....SALLY PHILLIPS

Brian.....ALEX LOWE

Ray.....RICHARD LUMSDEN

Simon.....ANDREW WINCOTT

Mrs Singh..... NINA WADIA

Joan SARAH THOM

Vaughn.....JENNY BEDE

WED 22:30 Rob Newman (b08mb1g6)

Rob Newman's Neuropolis

Love on the Brain

One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman, is our guide on a unique audio odyssey of the brain, taking in everything from love and guilt to robot co-workers and the unlikely importance of prehistoric trousers.

It's a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of neuroscience with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and hilarious.

Rob offers an alternative to some of the more bizarre claims in modern popular science, as well as rejigging theories of our brains in light of what we know about nature, artificial intelligence and Belinda Carlisle.

Created by the award-winning team behind Robert Newman's

Entirely Accurate Encyclopaedia of Evolution.

Written by and starring Rob Newman.

Co-starring:

Claire Price

Richard McCabe

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

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

WED 23:00 Jokes (m00057qs)

Phil Wang: Wangsplaining

The UK is more divided than ever, and no one seems able to agree on anything.

What does it mean to be British? To be a man? To be white or "of colour", gay or straight, young or old, or none of the above? It seems we can't see the woods for the trees.

What's needed is a little outside perspective.

Enter: Phil Wang – a caustic British-Malaysian comedian who grew up on the island of Borneo. A centrist with a heart; an artist with an engineering degree.

In this pilot episode, Phil turns his attention to the British Empire - was British colonialism really one big crime?

Modern liberalism would say so, but Phil's Dad sure misses those prompt British buses – "I wish they'd come take us over again. Maybe I'd get to work on time!"

Written by and starring Phil Wang

Original music by Fauxe

Produced and edited by Matt Stronge

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

WED 23:30 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b01jhdhr)

Series 2

Episode 4

Last in the series of Helen Keen's quirky comic but true look at the past and future of space exploration.

This week looks at what we could do if a giant asteroid was heading straight for us and looks at where else we might be able to go in the solar system if Earth was destroyed, and how we might get there. And we ask the most searching of all questions, why didn't the dinosaurs avoid extinction by developing a space programme of their own? And if they had, how could a T Rex have flown a spaceship with those tiny arms?

With Helen Keen, Peter Serafinowicz, Susy Kane.

Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill.

Produced by Gareth Edwards.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

WED 23:45 Tina C (b01bb7qh)

Tina C's Global Depression Tour

Europe

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 Europe.

Tina C Christopher Green

With:

Paul Mason

Victoria Inez Hard

Musical arrangements by Duncan Walsh Atkins and

Christopher Green

Director: Jeremy Mortimer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

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THU 05:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00ybxz9)

4. The Trial

As Dmitry goes on trial for the murder of his father, Alyosha desperately seeks proof of his innocence.

Starring Roy Marsden.

Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.

Dramatised by Melissa Murray.

Dmitry Paul Hilton

Ivan Nicholas Boulton

Alyosha Carl Prekopp

Mrs Khokhlakova Rachel Atkins

Katerina Juliet Aubrey

Grushenka Katy Cavanagh

Smerdyakov Joseph Kloska

Grigory Desmond McNamara

Judge Ian Masters

Prosecutor Philip Fox

Fetyokovich Mark Straker

Devil Sam Dale

Spectators Paul Richard Biggin/ Saikat Ahamed/ Bethan Walker/ Miranda Keeling

Original music by David Pickvance.

Directors: Marc Beeby and Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

THU 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007tcfh)

4. The Professionals

Retired hitman, Art Gordo, makes a decision about his target.

Charles Allweather.

But what about Louise?

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Jim Eldridge's thriller serial adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen

Louise Lenehan Frances Jeater

Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Leon Young Basil Henson

Francis/Forbes Douglas Blackwell

Parson Terrence Hardiman

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jtbv)

Colvil and Soames - Bad Apples

6. Revelation

The precise relationship between the Home Secretary, the

Prime Minister's Press Secretary, and the man murdered on

Brighton beach is made uncomfortably clear.

Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Redman star as intelligence

officers Henry Colvil and Alex Soames.

Conclusion of Christopher Lee's murder-mystery.

Henry Colvil Christopher Benjamin

Alix Soames Amanda Redman

DCI Guscott Dudley Sutton

Miranda Peel Sheila Reid

Tom Margeson Tom Cotcher

Charlie Lofthouse Alistair McGowan

Maggie Lindley Alphoncia Emmanuel

Norman Tate Brian Bowles

DS Gwen Jenkins Sue Jones Davies

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

THU 07:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000cc0t)

4. Atos

Tove Jansson describes Atos Wirtanen, author, politician, journalist and newspaper editor, in 1944. They have been a couple for over a year.

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Abridged by Polly Coles

Read by Sarah Lambie

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

December 2019.

THU 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09k9mvh)

Dombey and Son

19. Reunited

Dombey's manager, Mr Carker, has an appointment with fate.

Starring Claire Rushbrook and Adrian Lukis.

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

Florence Abigail Hollick

Alice Claire Rushbrook

Susan Nadine Marshall

Harriet Katy Cavanagh

Mr Carker Adrian Lukis

Edith Helen Schlesinger

Toots Sam Pamphilon

Music by Nicolai Abrahamson

Directors: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

THU 07:30 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b083mrvf)

Series 1

Beef Olives

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's

comedy, set in a 1960s bedsitter - inspired by Katharine

Whitehorn's cookery classic.

In this opening episode, Trisha embarks on bedsit life,

determined to make it as a get-ahead girl about town.

Trisha Beattie Edmondson

Deepak Nikesh Patel

June Alison Belbin

Len John Bowler

Tony John Dougal

Katharine Whitehorn Karen Bartke

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jp6h)

Series 2

Fallen Idol

During platoon training, fellow officers lead Captain

Mainwaring astray.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard

platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV

scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Captain Reid Jack Watson

Captain Square Geoffrey Lumden

Sergeant Major Michael Brennan

Pritchard Norman Emtlinger

Announcer..... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

THU 08:30 Wrinkles (m001w7dj)

Series 2

3. The Dog Who Laughed

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

Arnold Gordon Salkilld

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? (b068bf83)

Episode 10

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour

game of 20 questions.

On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Clare Frances

Chris Serle

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 (b01nrd26)

Series 2

Spears

Eddie leaves home while The Sweater Girls are on the verge of

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a big break.

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

Michael Jason Done

Jason Andrew Knott

Maureen Beverley Callard

Eddie John Henshaw

Stu Damian Lanigan

Damian Jim Poyser

Colin Chris Pavlo.

Bernie Emily Fleeshman

Special guests: BBC Radio 1's Mark Radcliffe & Marc Riley as themselves

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

THU 10:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00ybxz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

THU 11:00 Down Payment on Death (b007tcfh)

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THU 17:30 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b083mrvf)

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THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b007jp6h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 18:30 Wrinkles (m001w7dj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:00 Guess What? (b068bf83)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 19:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01nrd26)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 20:00 Rik Mayall on Radio (m000jvtd)

2. The Reunion and Bedside Tales

John Lloyd explores more of 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 last of a two-part tribute made in 2018 - the year Mayall would have celebrated his 60th birthday

Producer John is joined by Steven Canny, the producer of 'Rik Mayall's Bedside Tales'.

Featuring:

* 'The Reunion' [BBC Radio 4 - 2018]

* 'Rik Mayall's Bedside Tales: 22nd May' [BBC Radio 4 - 2009]

Producer: Stephen Garner

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

THU 21:00 Great Lives (b0938pwl)

Nicholas Stern on Muhammad Ali

Nicholas Stern is IG Patel Professor of Economics and Government at the London School of Economics, among other positions, and former Chief Economist at the World Bank. He is also a massive boxing fan and chooses the life of Muhammad Ali to explore with Matthew Parris and sports journalist and boxing commentator Ronald McIntosh.

Not only does Stern admire Ali's prowess in the ring, but more so his fearless stance against the Vietnam War which cost him dearly both personally and professionally.

Ali's humanitarian work in later life has also been a huge source of inspiration to him.

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

THU 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001w7dy)

Episode 4

Montag is too distressed to go to work, after what happened yesterday. He's supposed to burn books, that's his job.

Burning things.

Not people.

Ray Bradbury's visionary cult classic, abridged by Sara Davies.

The reader is Alex Jennings.

THU 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000dxsw)

4. Bridlington

Marion arrives in Bridlington and makes her way to 24 Kildare Road.

The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.

Marion Marcia Warren

Ben Greg Jones

Taxi Driver Neil McCaul

Shirley Heather Craney

Written by Katie Hims.

Directed by Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

THU 22:00 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m000y0qw)

Series 1

3. Health

Olga Koch and her digital assistant are on a mission to get healthy, but the topic is very tricky to compute. How can we be healthy if we don't know what health even means? What is a placebo, and why don't we know any of their songs?

Comedian and Computer Scientist Olga Koch takes a deep dive into the world of computer science with her trusty virtual assistant ALGO as the digital duo take the truths that you hold dear and tear them to shreds using logic, like a teenager on the Internet. By applying computer science to the world around her, Olga and ALGO take a hilarious and pedantic journey to reveal the inherent absurdities of the modern world.

Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin

Starring Sindhu Vee as Algo

Additional Material from Rajiv Karia

Produced by Benjamin Sutton

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

THU 22:30 My Teenage Diary (m000zmlj)

Series 10

Sofie Hagen

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

In this episode, comedian, writer and campaigner Sofie Hagen, whose teenage diaries are full of Westlife, dodgy poetry and finding out about boys.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

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

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001w9bm)

Lorna Rose Treen 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Arthur Smith talks to Lorna Rose Treen.

THU 23:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b040j1lx)

Series 2

Intellectual Snobbery

Susan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions. She explains why she is an evangelist for embracing the broadest possible spectrum of cultural pursuits, and why intellectual snobbery is the one thing that makes her angry enough to HULK SMASH in public.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

THU 23:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01292g0)

Series 1

Episode 2

Justin is a Manchester DJ who tries to balance love, work and everything else without much success.

Now his job seems to be on the line.

Starring Justin Moorhouse, Anne Reid and Paul Copley.

Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser.

Despite his messy life, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity. "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade".

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Anne Reid Gran

Christine Bottomley Lisa

Justin Moorhouse Justin

Lloyd Langford Bryn

Paul Copley Ray

Susan Cookson Tanya

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01nrd26)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00yc3jw)

5. Decisions

Following Ivan's dramatic appearance at his brother's trial, Katerina prepares to deal Dmitry a fatal blow.

Starring Roy Marsden.

Conclusion of Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.

Dramatised by Melissa Murray.

Dmitry Paul Hilton

Ivan Nicholas Boulton

Alyosha Carl Prekopp

Katerina Juliet Aubrey

Grushenka Katy Cavanagh

Lise Emma Noakes

Mrs Khokhlakova Rachel Atkins

Grigory Desmond McNamara

Devil Sam Dale

Judge Ian Masters

Prosecutor Philip Fox

Fetyukovich Mark Straker

Bystanders Paul Richard Biggin/ Saikat Ahamed

Original music by David Pickvance.

Directors: Marc Beebey and Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

FRI 06:00 Down Payment on Death (b007jt19)

5. The Moment of Truth

Retired hitman, Art Gordo, finally comes face-to-face with his mysterious nemesis.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Gripping conclusion of Jim Eldridge's thriller adapted from his own novel.

Art Gordo Dinsdale Landen

Louise Lenahan Frances Jeater

Paul Le Clerk Donald Gee

Sally Le Clerk Joanna Wake

Leon Young Basil Henson

Forbes Douglas Blackwell

Parsons Terence Hardiman

Hotel Porter Frank Coda

Charles Allweather Glyn Owen

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1976.

FRI 06:30 Something To Fear (m0018qf8)

A man in a wheelchair waits for an unavoidable revenge he's anticipated for ten years.

A psychological thriller written by John Graham.

The Man Anthony Jacobs

The Woman Mary Wimbush

Michael Malcolm Hayes

First Girl Beth Boyd

Second Girl Diana Olsson

Neighbour Noel Hood

Producer: RD Smith

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1967.

FRI 07:00 Letters From Tove by Tove Jansson (m000cc0f)

Episode 5

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Read by Sarah Lambie

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 07:15 Charles Dickens (b09k9vw3)

Dombey and Son

20. Wedding Bells

As Florence and Walter embark on a new life in the Far East, Dombey reaches the limits of his despair.

Starring Robert Glenister and Abigail Hollick

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

Conclusion of Charles Dickens's novel dramatised by Mike Walker.

Charles Dickens Alex Jennings

Dombey Robert Glenister

Florence Abigail Hollick

Walter Gay Joseph Arkley

Major Bagstock Nicky Henson
Susan Nadine Marshall
Captain Cuttle Trevor Peacock
Toots Sam Pamphilon
Vicar Ben Crowe
Paul Jacob Theato

Music by Nicolai Abrahamsen

Director: Jeremy Mortimer and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

FRI 07:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b07zzg8h)

Series 11

The Rectifier

Ed realises that one of the pleasures of being at university is that he can use his time to write about whatever takes his fancy. So it is that he embarks upon a definitive piece of social history about the workhouse, inspired by his own great-grandfather who, as an inmate, suffered at the hand of the terrifying Beadle. It seems too that history might be repeating itself when Ed discovers that his grandson, Smile, is suffering certain terrors of his own as he may be being bullied at nursery.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Olive Stephanie Cole

Pearl Brigit Forsyth

Jaz Milvain Phillip Jackson

Bow-Tie Man Geoff McGivern

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 (b063ml9j)

Series 2

Episode 7

Can Kate and George organise their baby Helen's Christening? George and Kate's first night out since baby arrived doesn't go well.

Starring Richard Briens 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 Briens

Kate Prunella Scales

Kate's Mother Joan Sanderson

Miles Edward de Souza

George's Mum Diana King

George's Dad Geoffrey Sumner

Bertie Peter Hawkins

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

FRI 08:30 Know Your Place (b01b3b6b)

Out of the Closet

Ramsay needs help after a close call with the local gangster.

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 John Graham, John Blythe and James Taylor.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1983.

FRI 09:00 The 3rd Degree (m000wrn6)

Series 11

The University of Cumbria

Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from the University of Cumbria take on their professors.

A funny and dynamic quiz show with specialist subjects including marine and freshwater biology, education and forestry management and conservation

Questions range from brothels and bats to Barnaby Bear.

There's also a chance to brush up on your fronted adverbs.

Producer: David Tyler.

A Pzozitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

FRI 09:30 Relativity (b095t037)

Series 1

Episode 4

When Ken is rushed into hospital, and Margaret has to hold the fort alone, the family do their best to reach hospital as fast as possible - in a typically chaotic manner.

Pete is nearly done for stealing chocolate Hob Nobs, Jane relives her glory days as a teen sprinting champ and Ian and Chloe have their first row.

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

Jane Fenella Woolgar

Ian Richard Herring

Chloe Emily Berrington

Pete Gordon Kennedy

Holly Effie Woods

Mark Fred Haig

NickHarrison Knights

Billy Danny Kirrane

Other roles Danny Kirrane

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 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00yc3jw)

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FRI 18:00 Marriage Lines (b063ml9j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Know Your Place (b01b3b6b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:00 The 3rd Degree (m000wrn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Relativity (b095t037)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 20:00 When Cassius Met The Beatles (b00r8b1k)

The tale of an unexpected encounter between 20th century legends - a meeting which created a new template for global celebrity.

February 1964: The Beatles fly into Miami, sparking Beatlemania as they prepare to perform on The Ed Sullivan Show.

Meanwhile in a low-rent Miami gym, the underdog Cassius Clay trains to fight reigning champion Sonny Liston for the world title. The pundits say Clay hasn't a hope. Quite unexpectedly, the paths of these legendary figures cross.

British photographer Harry Benson arranges for The Beatles to visit Cassius Clay in the gym. Clay picks up Ringo and swings him around the ring as if he's no heavier than a toddler, as the other band-members lie at his feet. Clay pretends to knock all four Beatles down with a single punch. The resulting images remain in the memory long after this brief encounter.

The Beatles triumph on TV. Cassius Clay amazes all the boxing writers by defeating Liston. They suddenly both find themselves on the cusp of a new kind of stardom - they're young, outspoken and able to capture the global imagination.

John Wilson reports from Miami on the background to this unique encounter, with the memories of three people who were there at the time: photographer Harry Benson, who was travelling with the Beatles, writer Robert Lipsyte, who was covering the fight for the New York Times as a rookie reporter, and fight doctor Ferdie Pacheco, then working at the gym in Miami. All witnessed the moment when Cassius met The Beatles. John also taps the memories of Paul McCartney. Producer John Goudie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 20:30 Soul Music (b03zb49y)

Series 18

Rhapsody in Blue

"I'm convinced it's the best thing ever written and recorded in the history of things written and recorded" - Moby.

Rhapsody in Blue was premiered on February 12, 1924, in New York's Aeolian Hall. Through its use at the opening of Woody Allen's 'Manhattan' it's become synonymous with the city that inspired its creation.

But for people around the world, George Gershwin's "experiment in modern music" has become imbued with the most personal of memories. LA based screen writer Charles Peacock reflects on how this piece has become entwined with his life and how, on an evening at the Hollywood Bowl this music "healed him". When Adela Galasiu was growing up in communist Romania, Rhapsody in Blue represented "life itself, as seen through the eyes of an optimist".

For world speed champion Gina Campbell, the opening of that piece will forever remind her of the roar of the Bluebird's

ignition as it flew through the "glass like stillness of the water" and brings back the memories of her father, the legendary Donald Campbell - it was played at his funeral when he was finally laid to rest decades after his fatal record attempt on Coniston Lake.

Featuring interviews with Professor of Music Howard Pollock and musician Moby.

Producer: Nicola Humphries

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

FRI 21:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b00r32b3)

Series 3

Unforgiven

The series about how some of the greatest Oscar-winning films were made, and what they tell us about the history of the time.

Clint Eastwood's 1992 film Unforgiven, starring Morgan Freeman, Gene Hackman and Eastwood himself as both actor and director, won the Best Picture Oscar.

Paul Gambaccini reflects on Clint Eastwood's extraordinary Hollywood career, from the epitome of the lonesome cowboy to respected Hollywood director.

When the screenplay of Unforgiven landed on his desk, Clint Eastwood optioned it, then sat on it for two decades, developing his directoral skills, gathering a team of experts around him at Malpaso Productions, and waiting till he himself was the right age to take the leading role.

Film editor Joel Cox, cinematographer Jack N. Green, actor Jaimz Woolvett and screen writer David Webb Peoples tell of the experience of working with a legend as director and star. While biographer Richard Schickel, and critics David Thomson and Kenneth Turan ruminate on how Clint Eastwood, the eternal cowboy, became Best Picture director.

Producer: Sarah Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010.

FRI 21:30 Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (m001w8c1)

Episode 5

Montag has resolved to quit his job as a fireman. No more burning books. But it's a dangerous stand to take . And he must tell Millie.

Ray Bradbury's visionary classic, abridged by Sara Davies. Read by Alex Jennings.

FRI 21:45 24 Kildare Road (m000dyn2)

5. Paramedics

Paramedics Ozzy and Ned wait for a call out on a snowy January day.

The story of a woman's body found in the snow and what led her there.

Ozzy Ikky Elyas

Ned Will Kirk

Call Handler Scarlett Courtney

Jackson Aaron Gelkoff

Hayley Christine Bottomley

Ryan Harry Grasby

Marion Marcia Warren

Written by Katie Hims.

Directed by Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

FRI 22:00 United Thingdom (m001w75c)

A knockout sketch show that truly covers all corners of the UK.

Featuring a cracking team of comedy performers and writers

drawn from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Showcasing recognisable comic characters navigating modern life and lampooning contemporary culture. Raising big laughs from what unites and divides us. Tackling universal issues and having great fun in all the nooks and crannies of the nations and regions.

Presented and narrated by four co-anchors from across the UK.

Each one flying the flag for their bit of the flag. Mixing

sketches, quickies, one-liners, songs, spoofs, skits and send-ups.

Mining material from shared UK lived experience and

celebrating a proliferation of perspectives. Recorded before a

live audience in Glasgow. Starring Diona Doherty, Paul G

Raymond, Tudor Owen, Lana Pheutan and Karen Bartke. A

British Lions of comic talent.

Hilarity comes with the territory. It's a Thingdom thing.

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 Rum Bunch (b08pfq3j)

Great Hillston

The Rum Bunch have been invited by the parishioners of the

sleepy rural idyll of Great Hillston-Near-Water - birthplace of

the Jacobean playwright Lydia Le Provost - to perform her

most famous play, The Murderous Priest.

Justin has invited the showbiz legend and serious actress, Jane

Asher, to take the leading role.

It's been her lifetime ambition to perform the play's famous

death scene.

Starring:

Justin Edwards

Mel Giedroyc

Dave Mounfield

With Jane Asher.

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 23:00 The Show What You Wrote (b036w3pn)

Series 1

Kitchen Sink

The Show What You Wrote is a brand new sketch show, which

is made up entirely from sketches sent in by the public.
Recorded in Manchester in front of a live audience, and starring John Thomson, Helen Moon, Fiona Clarke and Gavin Webster. We've picked the best sketches from thousands of submissions to make each show, and every week we'll be covering a different theme, from sci fi and fantasy, to historical. This week's episode is Kitchen Sink.

Script editor Jon Hunter

Producers Carl Cooper and Alexandra Smith

Writers Chris Allen, Elise Bramich, Alex Buchanan, Steve Bugeja, Alex Clissold-Jones, Alex Collier, Andy Fury, Jez Gee, Lucy Guy, Mike Haskins, Katherine Knowles, Maeve Larkin, Sarah Page, Ash Williamson.

FRI 23:30 All the World's a Globe (b007k4cp)

3. The Fall of Troy. The Rise of Greece

The Fall of Troy and the Rise of Greece

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.

With guest star Juliet Stevenson.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with 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 (b05wykj1)

Series 3

Episode 3

Ian Leslie presents the show which brings to light the often surprising first literary attempts of the world's best known writers.

In this episode, we gain some understanding of the force that was to be reckoned with in the case of William Blake, and how his spiritual leanings came to bear on his copy for public signs in London parks.

We also hear the beginnings of Will Self's acerbic style in his submission as a child, re-working a classic fairy tale for an adolescent magazine.

There's also the much loved poet Pam Ayres and her sadly unused submission for a reworking of the 3 minute warning in the event of a nuclear bomb.

Finally, we hear another of the questionable offerings from Henrik Ibsen to the joke department of a Christmas cracker manufacturer.

Producer: Claire Broughton

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2015.