

SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

SAT 00:00 Paul Evans - Owls (b00dx253)

A fictional story written and narrated by Paul Evans and based on an island legend about a brother and sister who were bound by a wish sworn on a barn owl feather, which in turn became a curse that proved fatal. Isolation, human desire and the supernatural are explored in this unsettling drama about the relationship between hope and desire, man and nature. Old Man Jimmy Yuill Young Boy David McLellan Old sister Alyth McCormack Young Girl Michaela Sweeney Recorded on location in Scotland. Producer: Sarah Blunt First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008. SAT 00:45 HG Wells (b08wvdmr7) Ghost Stories by HG Wells The Temptation of Haringay Any artist can take constructive criticism, but what happens when the painting itself has an opinion? HG Wells' short story was first published in 1895 in St. James Gazette. Abridged by Madge Hart. Reader: David McAlister Producer: Pat McLoughlin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1985. SAT 01:00 Twenty Thousand Streets under the Sky (b07gjc61) 3. The Plains of Cement London, 1927. Bob gives Jenny an ultimatum and Ella confronts Mr Eccles. Starring Steven Pacey, Annette Badland, Emily Morgan and John Moffatt. Conclusion of Patrick Hamilton's semi-autobiographical trilogy. Dramatised by Frederic Bradnum. Ella's mother Anna Cropper Prosser.....Geoffrey Whitehead Prunella Elizabeth Mansfield Sammy.... Tina Marian Andy ... David Goudge Guvnor David King Mrs Guvnor Jo Kendall Other parts played by: Donald Gee Michael Kilgariff Marcia King Producer: Glyn Dearman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989. SAT 02:00 Dick Francis (b007ncw9) Proof 8. Connections Tony Beach and his detective chum Gerard MacGregor attempt to unearth the true identity of Paul Young. Starring Nigel Havers. Fine living, fast horses, and shattering suspense - the gripping conclusion of Dick Francis's compelling thriller. Dramatised by Ernest Dudley. Tony Beach Nigel Havers Gerard George Parsons Paul Young Stuart Organ Chief Superintendent Wilson Manning Wilson Producer: Matthew Walters First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987. SAT 02:30 Whodunnits (m000m0kf) A Walk in the Dark 5. The Ends Justify the Means? After the kidnapping of Ruth Cobb, DC 'Birdie' Partridge gets an unexpected ally. But an ever bigger surprise is still to come... Patrick Mower stars as Detective Constable 'Birdie' Partridge. Chris Boucher's vintage crime serial about the mystery disappearance of a passenger from an ocean liner. DC 'Birdie' Partridge Patrick Mower Ruth Cobb Helen Atkinson Wood Daryl Kennedy.... John Rowe Garvey Gregory de Polnay Bank Clerk Gary Cady Stuart Cobb David Timson Producer: Gerry Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1981. SAT 03:00 Other People's Children by Joanna Trollope (b007jn8y) 10. Trials and Triumphs Relationships falter under the strains of living as a step-family when decisions need to be made. Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of adjusting to a step-family. Abridged by Pat McLoughlin. Concluded by Penelope Wilton. Producer: Di Speirs First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998. SAT 03:15 The Latvian Locum (b09gkk3t) Series 1 5. Teen Pregnancy An offbeat comic drama series following the experiences of Latvian locum Dr Dace Zake - mistakenly hired in the belief she speaks Polish - in a beleaguered medical centre in the

deprived South Shore area of Blackpool. A teenage girl comes to the surgery fearing she is pregnant and Dace is running late again for something important. Dr Dace Zake Dolya Gavanski Written by Ben Cottam. Directed by Alison Crawford. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017. SAT 03:30 All Those Women (b086ftbm) Series 2 Episode 2 It's time for some well-earned relaxing after Maggie won some vouchers to a spa. But what should be the opportunity for a bit of a lie down soon gets a bit fraught. 'There's a fine line between a spa day and a detention centre isn't there?' Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations of women living under one roof. All Those Women explores familial relationships, ageing, marriages - it's about life and love and things not turning out quite the way that you'd expected them to. Every week we join Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily as they struggle to resolve their own problems, and support one another. Hetty Marcia Warren Maggie Lesley Manville Jen Sinead Matthews Emily Lucy Hutchinson Sylvia Clare Perkins Producer: Alexandra Smith A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017. SAT 04:00 Marriage Lines (b0674hjd) Series 2 Episode 11 Could a new arrival upset George and Kate's house plans? Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales. Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds. Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity. George Richard Briers Kate Prunella Scales Patty Anna Gilchrist Neville Derek Fowlds Jean Rosemary Miller Miles Edward de Souza Dr Bennett Frederick Treves Producer: Charles Maxwell First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967. SAT 04:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008klgh) Up the Pole When Harold Perkins befriends the Carnival Queen, the workmates plot a little sabotage. Six anarchic tales from those demob days "when we was going to build the new Jerusalem - you know, before the world turned lax and sour". Written by Ted Walker. Narrated by Bernard Cribbins. Big Jim Norman Rossington Harold Perkins Roland Curram Old Ned Harold Goodwin Nimrod David John Turps ... Sylvester McCoy Chick David Beckett Harry Steven Harold Miss James Carol Hawkins Producer: Martin Fisher First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987. SAT 05:00 The 3rd Degree (m000xkz0) Series 11 Nottingham Trent University Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from Nottingham Trent University take on their professors. A funny and dynamic quiz show with specialist subjects including English literature, broadcast journalism and law. Questions range from oblate spheroids to Grover Cleveland via Le Corbusier and BT Openreach. Producer: David Tyler A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021. SAT 05:30 In and Out of the Kitchen (b017ckf5) Series 1 September 18th to 24th Damien's routine is thrown into disarray when Anthony's goddaughter, Libby, is sent to stay with them for "respite". Meanwhile, Anthony finally has his long-awaited job interview and Damien is offered the chance to front his own TV cookery show. More entries from the kitchen diary of cookery writer, Damien Trench - "no matter how grizzly" as he puts it "or, indeed, how gristly". Written by and starring Miles Jupp. The programme also features Damien's easy-to-follow recipes for: * Cracking crepes Suzette * Spanish-as-sangria, "chorizo und patatas" * A tasterbud tantalising, Beef Oxford. Damien Trench Miles Jupp Anthony Justin Edwards Damien's Mother Selina Cadell

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey Ian Frobisher Philip Fox Libby/Angie Maggie Service Producer: Sam Michell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011. SAT 06:00 Owen Holder - Love's Old Sweet Song (m001xf6g) Isabel and Olive are identical twins in their eighties. Life is serene. But when Frank, a retired doctor, comes on the scene they discover that it's not too late at eighty for love to disrupt their friendship. Written by Owen Holder. Olive/Isabel Mary Wimbush Young Olive/Isabel Jenny Funnell George Bernard Brown Lilian Gwen Cherrell Florence Tessa Worsley Thomas Colin Starkey Harry Simon Hewitt Frank Godfrey Kenton Pianist: Geoffrey Brawn Director: Ian Cottrell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985. SAT 07:15 Ernest and Gwendolin (an Old-Fashioned Love Story) (m001xf6j) It's 1951, and a love affair starts in Greenwich Village. And it involves a couple of geckos... Read by William Hope. Written by Jonathan Treitel Producer: Duncan Minshall First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997. SAT 07:30 The Crying Book by Heather Christie (Omnibus) (m000fz08) Shedding tears is a universal human experience, but why - and how - do we cry? American poet Heather Christie has lost her dear friend Bill to suicide and must now reckon with her own depression. In this personal, lyrical book she faces her grief by researching the act of crying. In her Ohio home, Christie assembles a "crybrary" in which she investigates the science and art of tears: from their chemical composition to their depiction in literature. Moving deftly between poetry and prose, she lays bare her own experience. Following her preoccupation with tears back to its origins, she recalls crying in a car after being dumped; lying in tears on the bathroom floor after an argument with her husband. Anticipating the arrival of her first child, she considers the tears of infants and parents. A friend and fellow poet dies, so Heather turns to the Internet for crying folklore and remedies for tears. When a young Black man is shot by the police in Walmart, Heather's investigation becomes political and she researches the power and meaning of "white lady tears". She also mines history for attitudes to crying and mental illness by exploring the relationship between 19th century feminist writer Charlotte Perkins Gilman - who suffered from depression - and her physician Silas Weir Mitchell. Finally, Heather visits Bill's grave and with some help from her mother, makes peace with her own family history of depression. The Crying Book is an honest, thought-provoking and surprising reflection on life, loss and mental illness. Omnibus of five parts read by Alexandra Metaxa, featuring Paterson Joseph, Alibe Parsons, Oliver Soden and Sofia Pedersen. Abridged by Joanne Rowntree Produced by Miranda Hinkley Assistant Producer Alexandra Quinn A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2020. SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrjv) Series 2 Last Respects Uncle Mort and Carter Brandon tie off their sampling of Welsh hospitality with a funeral. The conclusion of Peter Timmiswood's tale of long-suffering Carter Brandon on his travels in Wales with curmudgeonly Uncle Mort. Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne Carter Brandon Sam Kelly Pat Liz Goulding Mrs Partington June Barrie Mansell Hubert Williams Richard Davies Narrator Christian Rodska Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire-based family first appeared in Timmiswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV in four series from 1975 to 1979. Producer: Pete Atkin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1996. SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08jpfkk) Series 2 Pastures New It's moving day for the Corner family, but the removal men are a little too thorough... Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthew. The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.

Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig
Henry Corner Francis Matthews
Mary Charlotte Mitchell
Trudi Roberta Tovey
Amanda Jill Riddick
Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston
Removal Man 1 Benny Lee
Removal Man 2 David Tate
Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970.
Richard Waring adapted his own scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes. Wendy Craig won a Best Actress BAFTA award for the TV version of Not in Front of the Children in 1969.
Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst.
Producer: Trafford Whitecock
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1970.
SAT 09:30 Robbing Hood (m001xf6l)
Norman And The Pearls
Norman Wisdom stars as a small time cook 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.
Natalie asks Norman to lose an heirloom, but the heirloom just won't go away.
And the psychiatrist next door wants to know why Norman's talking to trees?
Norman Hood Norman Wisdom
Natalie Matthews Moira Lister
Dr Doberman Andrew Sachs
Miss Conway Liza Goddard
Heidwig Sally Kinghorn
Michelle Sirol Jenkins
Director: Leslie Lawton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 1992.
SAT 10:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)
1. Great Gardens: Gertrude Jekyll
The great gardener, Gertrude Jekyll, once said:
"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."
Through her fascination with colour, cottage gardens and experimentation, it has been said she "changed the face of England more than any save the Creator and perhaps Capability Brown".
In the first of three programmes, Penelope Keith explores Miss Jekyll's own 10-acre garden – the enchanting Munstead Wood in Surrey.
Penelope discusses Gertrude's influence and changing horticultural fashions with broadcaster and author, James Wong, author Catherine Horwood and Munstead Wood's head gardener, Annabel Watts
Penelope also unearths some horticultural wisdoms and delights from the BBC sound archive:
* Great Gardens - Gertrude Jekyll meets Chris Serle - BBC Radio 4 - 1984
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in February 2014.
SAT 11:00 Owen Holder - Love's Old Sweet Song (m001xf6g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:15 Ernest and Gwendolin (an Old-Fashioned Love Story) (m001xf6j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SAT 12:30 The Crying Book by Heather Christie (Omnibus) (m000fz08)
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SAT 16:00 Paul Evans - Owls (b00dx253)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:00 today]
SAT 16:45 HG Wells (b08wdmr7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]
SAT 17:00 Owen Holder - Love's Old Sweet Song (m001xf6g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:15 Ernest and Gwendolin (an Old-Fashioned Love Story) (m001xf6j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SAT 18:30 The Crying Book by Heather Christie (Omnibus) (m000fz08)
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SAT 19:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrjv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08jpfkt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Robbing Hood (m001xf6l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m0007wwd)
Series 1
Episode 1
Paul Sinha - comedian, lapsed GP, Chaser and genuinely the

fourth best quizzer in the United Kingdom - is here to tell you about... well, everything.
Paul has already told you about history in the Rose d'Or-winning Paul Sinha's History Revision, as well as Britishness (Paul Sinha's Citizenship Test), Magna Carta (The Sinha Carta), the Olympics (The Sinha Games) and, most importantly, cricket (The Sinha Test). But as a competitive quizzer, Paul learns fascinating facts all the time. As a curious man, he then looks up the stories behind those facts and they often turn out to be even more fascinating. In Paul Sinha's General Studies, he shares these stories with you.
This week's show starts with a question about the city in which Paul recently got engaged, and takes you through the worlds of exploration, immigration and politics, ending with a quick quiz on facts about current MPs you may not be aware of. He also takes on the audience, as he challenges them to ask him questions for a change.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Produced by Ed Morrish
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2019.
SAT 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00j0h9n)
Series 2
Sandi Toksvig
Sandi Toksvig tries on high heels for the first time, samples a Pot Noodle – and attempts to view the world wearing a pair of stilts.
Series in which Marcus Brigstocke invites celebrities to try new experiences.
Producer: Bill Dare
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009
SAT 23:00 Please Use Other Door (m0014p8w)
Series 1
Episode 3
Naturalistic sketches taking a sometimes dark look at the world of work, relationships, institutions and families. Should helmets be worn by children at all times and the guilty pleasure of schadenfreude.
Performed by: Gabby Best, Will Hartley, Chris Ryman, Rebecca Shorrocks, Witney White and Toby Williams
Writers: Kat Butterfield and Dan Audritt, Sophie Dickson, Laura Major, Rob Darke, Alex Nash and Sam South, Ed Amsden and Tom Coles, Cody Dahler, Toby Williams, Ed Tew, Anna Goodman, Imogen Andrews, Matt Harrison, Carwyn Blayney, Natasha Dhanraj, Alice Etches and Nathalie Antonia, Chris Ryman, Simon Alcock, Leigh Douglas, Chazz Redhead, Paul F Taylor, Jo Wiggins, Cameron Loxdale, Lewis Cook, Owen Petty, Tom Oxenham, Rebecca Heitlinger and Bill Dare.
Produced and created by Bill Dare
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2022.
SAT 23:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b00r2cy5)
Series 1
3. 'I'm a clown with a secret'.
'I'm a clown with a secret'
'Do age-gap relationships work?'
'Is 65 in slippers the new 30 in a suit?'
Sarah Millican plays a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.
Assisted by her very own team of experts.
Sarah Sarah Millican
Marion Ruth Bratt
Terry Simon Daye
Judith Susie Blake
Malcolm Mark Heap
Helen Debra Stevenson.
Written by Sarah Millican.
Producer: Lianne Coop
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

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SUN 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmbm)
Series 1
2. Towards the Unknown
One of Space Force's crew members, Magnus Carter, reveals the true nature of their latest mission
Charles Chilton's intergalactic adventure starring Barry Foster and Nicky Henson.
Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster
Lemuel 'Chipper' Barnett Nicky Henson
Magnus Carter Nigel Stock
Lauderic Sincere Tony Osoba
with Wendy Murray and Teresa Stretfield
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.
SUN 00:30 Susan Hill - The Woman in Black (b007jlps)
2. A Causeway and a Pony Trap
Solicitor Arthur Kipps feels rattled spending the night in the eerie isolated house of the reclusive Mrs Drablow...
John Woodvine and Robert Glenister star in Susan Hill's chilling ghost story.
Dramatised by Jon Strickland.
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Young Kipps Robert Glenister
Old Kipps John Woodvine
Esme Paula Tilbrook
Bentley Stuart Richman

Keekwick James Quinn
Music composed by Derek Pearce.
Directed at BBC Manchester by Chris Wallis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1993.
SUN 01:00 Owen Holder - Love's Old Sweet Song (m001xf6g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Saturday]
SUN 02:30 The Crying Book by Heather Christie (Omnibus) (m000fz08)
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SUN 03:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jrjv)
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SUN 04:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08jpfkt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]
SUN 04:30 Robbing Hood (m001xf6l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]
SUN 05:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001xfph)
Sylvia Plath and Paul Muldoon
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and continues with a special collection of programmes across the month featuring Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes. With a reading from Daljit's Poetry Extra Book of the Month: Egg /Shell by Victoria Kennefick. And, an archive reading from Paul Muldoon to mark St Patrick's Day.
This week Daljit chooses The Living Poet - Sylvia Plath featuring the poet as she introduces a selection of her own poems read by herself and Marvin Kane.
Produced by Anthony Thwaite
First broadcast on the Third Programme in 1961.
Three Score and Ten - Paul Muldoon
Featuring the poet reading his poem 'Loaf' - from the series Work in Progress, 2001
Produced by Sharon Sephton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2016.
SUN 06:30 Other People's Children by Joanna Trollope (Omnibus) (m001xfpk)
Episode 2
Joanna Trollope's novel about the traumas and delights of adjusting to a step-family. Read by Penelope Wilton.
Episodes 6-10/10 in this concluding omnibus 2/2.
The complications facing parents when a marriage breaks down and a new relationship begins. Elizabeth tries to cope with Dale, Tom's possessive daughter who, at 25, still behaves like a child. For Dale, no one can replace her dead mother. The rivalries continue and stepmother Josie struggles when Matthew's three children move in with them. Josie reaches the end of her tether with Becky. After the complications of broken marriages, and rebuilt step families, today is when decisions will be made.
Abridged in ten parts by Pat McLoughlin.
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.
SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001xfpp)
Wynne Evans
Opera star Wynne Evans inherits 'Be My Love' by Mario Lanza and passes on 'Vesperae Solennes de Confessore' by Mozart.
SUN 07:50 The Latvian Locum (Omnibus) (b09h3ry9)
Series 1
Offbeat comic drama following the experiences of Latvian locum Dr Dace Zake - mistakenly hired in the belief she speaks Polish - in a beleaguered medical centre in the deprived South Shore area of Blackpool.
She's late on her first day, incurring the wrath of Jan the receptionist - and she encounters a man throwing up into a carrier bag outside the surgery.
Not a good start to the day.
Starring Dolya Gavanski.
Omnibus of five parts written by Ben Cottam.
Dr Dace Zake Dolya Gavanski
Jan Michelle Holmes
Chris Ben Cottam
Candis Talisa Garcia
Jack Jack Loxton
Francis Sean Barrett
George Ian Puleston-Davies
Eileen Pippa Haywood
Lauren Ciara Baxendale
Director: Alison Crawford
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.
SUN 09:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jppw)
Series 2
The Bishop Gives a Present
The Archdeacon's not too keen on celebrating the Dean's silver wedding.
All Gas and Gaiters was a television ecclesiastical sitcom which aired on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971. It was written by the husband-and-wife team Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps, with the pilot featuring as a one-off in Comedy Playhouse. Selected scripts were later revised for Radio 4.
This programme is an off-air recording, and so does have a few issues with its technical quality – but we hope you enjoy it anyway.
The Archdeacon Robertson Hare
The Bishop William Mervyn
The Bishop's Chaplain Jonathan Cecil

The Dean John Barron
Mrs Pugh-Critchley Joan Sanderson
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1972.
SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (m001xfpw)
Series 10
Mr Philips' Wrong Uniform
Loveable Leslie gets that shrinking feeling after an impromptu dip in the dock.
CPO Pertwee Jon Pertwee
Sub-Lieut. Phillips Leslie Phillips
Number 1 Stephen Murray
Captain Povey Richard Caldicot
WREN Chasen Heather Chasen
The Admiral/Leading Seaman Goldstein Tenniel Evans
Rear Admiral Ironbridge Michael Bates
Able Seaman Tiddy Lawrie Wyman
Written by Lawrie Wyman.
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1969.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001xfq3)
Comic Castaways 4
Johnny Vegas
From Don McLean to Johnny Cash. Comedian Johnny Vegas talks to Kirsty Young about his music castaway choices.
As a stand-up comic he made his name as one of the most brilliant and unpredictable acts on the circuit. His stage persona was a belligerent drunk who would heckle his own audience. But the more successful he became, the more the similarities between his own life and his stage character seemed to blur. "I found popularity through self-destruction" he says, "and that can be quite addictive".
In recent years, he has cut down on his drinking, lost weight and now got engaged - all part of a plan to ensure he reached his 40th birthday and could be a proper father to his young son. "Life's actually turned around and been very good to me," he says.
DISC ONE: Johnny Cash - Hurt
DISC TWO: Deacon Blue - Dignity
DISC THREE: The Who - Love Reign O'er Me
DISC FOUR: Pulp - Common People
DISC FIVE: Colin Hay - Waiting for My Real Life to Begin
DISC SIX: The Beautiful South - Domino Man
DISC SEVEN: The La's - There She Goes
DISC EIGHT: Don McLean - Vincent
BOOK CHOICE: The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists - Robert Tressell
LUXURY CHOICE: Kiln
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Johnny Cash - Hurt
Producer: Leanne Buckle
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0106x58)
Series 2
Identities
You get a very different insight into the natural world when you have the opportunity to study the behaviour of individual animals.
Sir David Attenborough recalls with sumptuous delight spotting a blackbird in his garden with a white feather - "whitey" - giving him a window into the life of blackbirds and what's more, that individual. And, he says, he saw what blackbirds get up to!
David remembers filming spiders and filming chimpanzees, both of which benefited from someone knowing about the individuals - and whether you're a spider or a chimpanzee, you have a personality all of your own.
Written and presented by David Attenborough
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
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SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0106x58)
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SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b007jrqj)
Series 1
Storm Clouds
The year is 1770 and Baltimore shopkeeper, Samuel Oliphant has much to worry about.
Historical sitcom written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.
Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses
Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton
Mary Oliphant Sophie Thompson
Captain Brimshaw James Fleet
Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis
Cora Oliphant Felicity Montagu
Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley
Mrs Arbutnot Susie Blake
Announcer/Other Michael Fenton Stevens
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.
SUN 22:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000h2d3)
Series 4
The Theatrical Impresario
Curtain up! Light the lights!
Milton's got nothing to hit but the people from the rival theatre who are trying to destroy his theatrical dreams.
Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!"
In this series, Milton and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure. Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give you a push.
Written by Milton with James Cary and Dan Evans.
With regulars:
Tom Goodman-Hill as the ever-faithful Anton
Josie Lawrence
Colin Houlton
Music by Guy Jackson.
Produced and directed by David Tyler.
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.
SUN 23:00 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jq3n)
Series 2
The Gangrene of the Mastersons
The Masterson's epic Crimean War struggle of carnage, carnality and cad.
Award-winning improvised historical comedy series.
Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding saga of the Mastersons - a family at war with itself.
Starring:
Paul Merton
Josie Lawrence
Lee Simpson
Jim Sweeney
Phelim McDermott
Caroline Quentin
Producer: Phil Clarke
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.
SUN 23:30 Edge Falls (b00drt1r)
Series 2
Episode 6
Innocent celebrations spark disaster at Edge Falls retail park.
Starring Frances Barber and Mark Benton.
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
Councillor Neil Warhurst
Miranda Lindsay Allen
Rosa Joan Walker
Manager Stephen Critchlow
Man Ben Crowe
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001xfph)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Other People's Children by Joanna Trollope (Omnibus) (m001xfpk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001xfpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]
MON 01:50 The Latvian Locum (Omnibus) (b09h3ry9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]
MON 03:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jpw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]
MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (m001xfpw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001xfq3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0106x58)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Charles Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities (b018g3n8)
1. Recalled to Life
'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times' this novel by Charles Dickens, tells the story of the redemptive powers of love in the face of cruelty, violence and neglect.
Written and published in weekly instalments in 1859, A Tale of Two Cities is set in London and Paris before and during the violence of the French Revolution. The story follows several characters through these events, notably Charles Darnay, a French former aristocrat who falls victim to the indiscriminate wrath of the revolution, and Sydney Carton, a dissipated English barrister who tries to redeem his ill-spent life out of love for Damay's wife, Lucie Manette.
Although the events in the novel span eight years, the plot develops and builds powerfully from the moment the story opens, with the coded rumours of Dr Manette being 'restored to life' and Dickens orchestrates the wider political picture behind the story of Lucie, Darnay and Carton, with his customary brilliance.
Charles Dickens Robert Lindsay
Jarvis Lorry Jonathan Coy
Miss Pross Alison Steadman
Lucie Manette Lydia Wilson
Dr Alexandre Manette Karl Johnson
Charles Darnay Andrew Scott
Ernest Defarge James Lailey
Therese Defarge Tracy Wiles
Gaspard Simon Bubb
Jerry Cruncher Carl Prekopp
Joe Rikki Lawton
With Adam Billington and Christopher Webster
Dramatised by Mike Walker
Music by Lennert Busch
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole and Jeremy Mortimer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
MON 05:45 A Healthy Congregation by Rhidian Brook (m001xfcj)
A vicar faces the closure of his church due to a fall in attendance. So he comes up with an unusual plan to boost his congregation.
Read by Iestyn Jones.
Producer Caroline Sarll
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.
MON 06:00 Whodunnits (m001xfce)
Hercule Poirot - Dumb Witness
1. The Letter
One morning, Hercule Poirot's post includes a distressing communication from an elderly spinster seeking his help, but not saying why.
However, what intrigues him most is that the letter was written two months ago. He persuades Captain Hastings that they must investigate immediately.
Written by Agatha Christie.
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Poirot John Moffatt
Hastings Simon Williams
Miss Lawson Joanna David
Miss Peabody Rosalind Knight
Ellen Elizabeth Proud
Theresa Tracy Wiles
Charles Ifan Meredith
Bella Becky Hindley
Dr Tanius Sam Dale
Chemist Damian Lynch
Bob the dog Richard Beadmoore
Music composed by Tom Smail.
Director/Producer: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
BILLING ENDS
MON 06:45 Whodunnits (b013f0xp)
Village SOS by Val McDermid
1. Murder Call
DCI Marion Bettany (Helen Baxendale) and DS John Hodgson investigate a murder in the sleepy Northumbrian village of Shilwick.
They love their work, they enjoy each other's company and like nothing better than investigating a new crime. The only thing that makes life difficult is dealing with the public. Take the residents of the former mining community of Shilwick, for example.
A new detective team created for BBC Radio 4 by award-winning author Val McDermid, creator of TV's Wire in the Blood.
Village SOS is a fictional version of the BBC One series of the same name.
DCI Marion Bettany Helen Baxendale
DS John Hodgson David Seddon
Kai Ling Arnott Liz Sutherland
Colin Arnott Antony Byrne
Pamela McIntosh Elaine Claxton
Marcus Francis Adrian Grove
Tilly Francis Rachel Bavidge
Tom Briggs Christian Rodska

WED 23:00 Rubbish (b00770xw)

Series 1
Rage
Martin is dragged along to Life Editing by its course tutor and on-off girlfriend Sarah.
The one thing that would improve his life, he decides, would be being able to say no. But this doesn't mean that people won't carry on saying no to him.
Reece Dinsdale stars as local government officer, cynic and manic-depressive, Martin Christmas in Tony Bagley's sitcom.
Martin Reece Dinsdale
Woman Susie Donkin
Roger Paul Copley
Peter/Chris Jim North
Sarah Nicola Walker
Scott Kevin Eldon
Barney James Lance
Producer: Claire Bartlett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

WED 23:30 The Skewer (m001x54r)

Series 11
Episode 5
The week's biggest stories like you've never heard them before. The news, remixed as a satirical comedy concept album. This week - Slide to the Right, Cars-tian Horner, and That Photo of Kate.

Jon Holmes presents the multi-award winning The Skewer. Headphones on.

Producer: Jon Holmes
An unusual production for BBC Radio 4
WED 23:45 Crème de la Crime (b007znpf)
Series 1
A Bowl Full of Serial Killers
A melange of multi-murderers for Michael Feydeau -TV's much-loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert David Pershore
Tales from the vaults of villainy written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.
With:
Emma Kennedy
Chris Pavlo
Director: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

THU 00:00 Charles Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities (b018gqzp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:45 Crumbs by Michelene Wandor (b0761dhm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Drama on 4 (b062jy8y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:45 Whodunnits (b013fj15)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Sunshine and Laughter by Louis Barfe (m000z6dx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Cry Babies (m0008wnj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 Dot (b08pdx15)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b009h714)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]
THU 03:30 Ballylenon (b007jvg9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 Dilemma (b017vkrp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00c3b7g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Charles Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities (b018grvp)

4. The Grindstone
Against the heartfelt wishes of his new wife, Charles Darnay is now determined to travel to Paris to go to the aid of a family retainer imprisoned by the revolutionary committee.
Charles Dickens Robert Lindsay
Jarvis Lorry Jonathan Coy
Miss Pross Alison Steadman
Dr Alexandre Manette Karl Johnson
Lucie Manette Lydia Wilson
Charles Darnay Andrew Scott
Sydney Carton Paul Ready
Ernest Defarge James Lailey
Therese Defarge Tracy Wiles
Jerry Cruncher Carl Prekopp
Court President Paul Moriarty
With Adam Billington, Rikki Lawton and Christopher Webster
Novel by Charles Dickens
Dramatised by Mike Walker
Music by Lennert Busch
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole and Jeremy Mortimer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
THU 05:45 Camisole by Beatrice Colin (b093m6rj)
Penny was once the type of child who used to hide between her mother's fur coats.

She stroked them like huge affectionate pets in the dark of the wardrobe.
Tamara Kennedy reads Beatrice Colin's short story.
Produced at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998

THU 06:00 Drama on 4 (b062kfmj)

The Gold Killing
2. Dancing with Death
Boxer turned businessman Joe Stein wouldn't normally get involved with mafia money but he's on his uppers; when he invests the money in a Ghanaian gold mine he sets off a macabre series of murders and Joe finds himself in the biggest fight of his life - a fight to stay alive.
Joe Stein.....Robert Glenister
The Marquess.....Pip Torrens
Tony Bollom.....David Hounslow
George.....Obi Abili
Father Dubaku.....Obi Abili
Suzy Alex.....Tregear
Tanu.....Danny Sapani
DI Hume.....Danny Sapani
Val.....Amelia Lowdell
Yelena.....Amelia Lowdell
Written by Paul Sellar
Directed by Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

THU 06:45 Whodunnits (b013ff3)

Village SOS by Val McDermid
4. Grudges
In Shilwick's beach house workshops, CI Bettany and her sidekick DS Hodgson interview even more villagers with a grudge against murder victim Colin Arnott, his grieving widow Kai Ling, and their plans to turn a disused chapel into a performing arts centre.
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DS John Hodgson David Seddon
Pamela McIntosh Elaine Claxton
Bob Brandon Bill Fellows
Kai Ling Arnott Liz Sutherland
Marcus Francis Adrian Grove
Peter Robson Shaun Prendergast
Producer / Director: Fiona Kelcher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

THU 07:00 Sunshine and Laughter by Louis Barfe (m000z6sf)

4. Mr Preview and Company
'How long do you want him for?' André Prev'n's agent says his client can't possibly rehearse with Eric and Ernie for a whole week! Before long, other well-known people are just longing to get the call inviting them on to the Morecambe and Wise Show - including news anchormen and women - all frustrated song and dance performers!
Reader: Penelope Keith
Written by Louis Barfe
Abridger: Libby Spurrier
Producer: Celia de Wolff
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2021.

THU 07:15 Cry Babies (m0008wkr)

Series 1
4. Together
Ophelia Lovibond and Montserrat Lombard star in a frank and funny exploration of female friendship in all its gruesome glory. Sally and Bea are best friends in their late 30s - which means it's crunch time. The decisions they make now will affect them forever.
They meet whenever they can for coffee, but life - work, money, family - is in danger of pushing them apart.
Bea feedbacks about Sally's 'manifesto of how to live in the modern age' that she unleashed at their last meeting. But Sally, can't remember what she said, or anything about it.
Sally Montserrat Lombard
Bea Ophelia Lovibond
Eddie Shaun Mason
Waiter ...Shaun Mason
Writer E V Crowe
Director Abigail le Fleming
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

THU 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b08c0rr5)

Series 3
The Riot
The Amos household are caught up in the Brixton riot. Stephen K Amos stars in this sitcom about growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s south London.
Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.
With:
Ellen Thomas
Laurie Kynaston
Bola Okun
Emerald Crankson
Karen Bartke
David Sterne
Producer: Paul Sheehan
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jpp4)

Series 3
The Honourable Man
With a visitor from the Soviet Union due to pay a visit, Captain Mainwaring is feeling peeved with Sergeant Wilson.
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
Private Frazer John Laurie
Private Pike Ian Lavender
Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
Private Walker Larry Martin
Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee
The Town Clerk Julian Orchard
Russian Visitor Fraser Kerr
Announcer John Snage
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1976.

THU 08:30 Huddwinks (b00941jx)

Series 1
Henry The Vee
"A speech a speech my kingdom for a speech....."
Roy Hudd stars as Henry V in Laurie Rowley's comic parodies.
With:
Denise Coffey
Chris Emmett
David Gooderson
Fred Harris
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1986.

THU 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000s1sr)

Series 25
Episode 5
David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which comedic couples are encouraged to tell lies.
They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as goats, sound, fighting and ghosts.
Sindhu Vee
Lloyd Langford
Zoe Lyons
Henning Wehn
Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2021.

THU 09:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076bj5)

Series 2
Episode 5
If you've been to a party and woken up the following morning in bed with the postman, you might be forgiven for rushing to pick up your mail for the next couple of days...
Amanda Murphy's comedy-drama series about Cassie and Pete, who'd make a great couple - if they weren't so busy being friends.
Starring Debra Stephenson as Cassie and David Lamb as Pete.
Dad Mike Grady
Mum Brigit Forsyth
Jenny Mika Simmons
PJ Brendan Burns
Producer: Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

THU 10:00 Charles Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities (b018grvp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
THU 10:45 Camisole by Beatrice Colin (b093m6rj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]
THU 11:00 Drama on 4 (b062kfmj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:45 Whodunnits (b013ff3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
THU 12:00 Sunshine and Laughter by Louis Barfe (m000z6sf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 12:15 Cry Babies (m0008wkr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
THU 12:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b08c0rr5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jpp4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 13:30 Huddwinks (b00941jx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000s1sr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 14:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076bj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 15:00 Charles Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities (b018grvp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
THU 15:45 Camisole by Beatrice Colin (b093m6rj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:45 today]
THU 16:00 Drama on 4 (b062kfmj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 16:45 Whodunnits (b013ff3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
THU 17:00 Sunshine and Laughter by Louis Barfe (m000z6sf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 17:15 Cry Babies (m0008wkr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
THU 17:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b08c0rr5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b007jpp4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 18:30 Huddwinks (b00941jx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 19:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000s1sr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 19:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076bj5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
THU 20:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
THU 21:00 Great Lives (b00s77ft)

Matthew Flinders
 Sir Stuart Rose, chairman of Marks and Spencer, chooses the cartographer Matthew Flinders for Great Lives. Flinders mapped Australia over two hundred years ago in His Majesty's ship the Investigator. "Since neither birth nor fortune have favoured me," he wrote, "my actions shall speak to the world."
 Sir Stuart Rose clearly finds inspiration in what Flinders achieved and the way he led his men. Rose also reveals that his first ambition was to join the Royal Navy, and that he applied to 25 companies before Marks and Spencer took him on. Dr Nigel Rigby of the National Maritime Museum offers the expert's view on Flinders life and Matthew Parris presents. Producer: Miles Warde
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.
THU 21:30 Rabbit Redux by John Updike (b09h6k1c)
 9. Slipping Away
 Skeeter leaves town, Harry's younger sister Mim arrives for a visit and, while Harry and Nelson struggle to adjust to a new reality, his mother's time is fast slipping away.
 John Updike's masterful Rabbit quintet established Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom as the quintessential American White middle class male. The first book Rabbit, Run was published in 1960 to critical acclaim. Rabbit Redux is the second in the series, published in 1971 and charting the end of the sixties - featuring, among other things, the first American moon landing and the Vietnam War.
 Despite its very strong language, sex, and reflection of racist attitudes of the time, Time Magazine said of the book and its author, "Updike owns a rare verbal genius, a gifted intelligence and a sense of tragedy made bearable by wit. A masterpiece." It's extraordinary how many of its themes reverberate down to the present day.
 Abridged by Eileen Horne
 Read by Toby Jones
 Produced by Clive Brill
 A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.

THU 21:45 Anna's War by Lizzie Nunnery (b03szwsv)
 4. Everyone Looks Like the Enemy
 September, 2004. When Anna hears of the seizure of a school by Chechen militants - she heads off to Beslan to report on the crisis but can only get a flight to Rostov. As they descend, Anna becomes very sick. When she recovers from the suspected poisoning, Anna is congratulated at her book launch but her editor Dmitry says two of his staff have already been murdered and if necessary, he will get her off the paper and out of Moscow. Following a desperate call from Muratov's wife, Anna thinks it is best to end their love affair.
 Based on the true story of the award-winning Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya who was murdered in 2006.
 Anna Politkovskaya.....Anastasia Hille
 Dmitry Muratov.....Conrad Nelson
 MarcuDavid
 Fleeshman
 Vera Politkovskaya /Airline StewardessHarriet Chandler
 Judd
 Stella/Airport AttendantFiona Clarke
 Drama in five episodes by Lizzie Nunnery
 Produced by Pauline Harris
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

THU 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m001x553)
 Series 5
 4. You Don't Have to Say You Love Me
 Everybody's talking – but not necessarily to each other...
 Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam play loving, long-marrieds, in the 5th series of Jan Etherington's award-winning comedy. This week, everybody's talking – but not necessarily to each other. In the care home, indomitable Auntie Hilda is moving in with fellow resident, Jack, who tells Roger he's worried she'll expect him to 'perform'. Their friend Sally's wayward husband, Peter, is in Canada, with the mother of his child and 'not answering his phone'. Jack won't talk to Hilda because 'their generation didn't talk about sex' and Sally won't ask Peter what's going on because 'she's afraid of the answer'. Roger tells Joanna lack of communication is 'not a problem we're ever likely to have'. But Joanna is definitely in the mood for a little less conversation...
 Conversations from a Long Marriage is written by Jan Etherington. It is produced and directed by Claire Jones. And it

is a BBC Studios production for Radio 4.
 Wilfredo Acosta - sound engineer
 Charlotte Sewter - studio assistant
 Jon Calver - sound designer
 Katie Baum - production coordinator
 Conversations from a Long Marriage won the Voice of the Listener & Viewer Award for Best Radio Comedy in 2020, was nominated for a Writers' Guild Award in 2022 and a British Comedy Guide award in 2024.
 Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam have had illustrious acting careers but can they ever have done anything better than Jan Etherington's two hander? This is a work of supreme craftsmanship.' RADIO TIMES
 'Peppered with nostalgic 60s hits and especially written for the pair, it's an endearing portrait of exasperation, laced with hard won tolerance – and something like love.' THE GUARDIAN
 'You've been listening at my window, Jan'. JOANNA LUMLEY
 'Sitcom is what marriage is really like – repetitive and ridiculous – and Jan's words are some of the best ever written on the subject'. RICHARD CURTIS
THU 22:30 Clare in the Community (b015pbhd)
 Series 7
 Debt of Honour
 Social Worker, Clare Barker, is being plagued by Brian's Marriage proposals. Her driving lessons lead to an unexpected encounter and there is an unveiling of a piece of public art at the Sparrowhawk Family Centre.
 Sally Phillips is 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.
 Each week 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
 Clare.....Sally Phillips
 Brian.....Alex Lowe
 Megan / Nali..... Nina Conti
 Ray / Nick Powell.....Richard Lumsden
 Helen / Lady Mayoresa/Carol Morley..... Liza Tarbuck
 Simon / Frankie 'The Fruiteake' Finigan..... Andrew Wincott
 Libby.....Sarah Kendall
 Spartacus /James Naughtie'..... Gerard McDermott
 Producer Katie Tyrrell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

THU 23:00 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076d57)
 Hereford Hop
 The comedy duo behind the Morecambe and Wise tribute 'The Play What I Wrote' finally give their big interview and spill the beans to Michael Parkinson.
 This time, they tell Parky about diversifying into cheese.
 Written by and starring Sean Foley and Hamish McColl.
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
THU 23:15 Jigsaw (b01r9rtx)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 Dreams of opening a cattery, ordering dessert - and a song in praise of father-in-laws.
 A rapid-fire and surreal collection of silly, clever, dark sketches.
 Pieced together by stand-up comedians Dan Antopolski, Tom Craine and Nat Luurtsema.
 Producer: Colin Anderson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.
THU 23:30 And the Winner Is... (b00rfl1j)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show – The Lucases - as selected by his guests.
 Awards include the Lucas for The Most Disappointing Film Sequel, Most Unhelpful Proverb, Greatest Ever Couple and Most Depressing School Subject.
 The nominations are provided by this week's guests, who are Stephen K Amos, Jo Caulfield and Jon Richardson, but the ultimate decision is down to the whim of the host.
 Script written by Ashley Blaker, Bill Matthews and Ged Parsons.
 Producer: Ashley Blaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2010.

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FR/ 05:00 Charles Dickens - A Tale of Two Cities (b018gz8m)

5. The Substance and the Shadow
 Sydney Carton is in Paris with Lucie and her father, determined to try and save Charles Darnay's life.
 Then, an encounter in a Paris street with someone from the import-export trade, may just provide the ghost of a chance.
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 Charles Dickens Robert Lindsay
 Jarvis Lorry Jonathan Coy
 Miss Pross Alison Steadman
 Dr Alexandre Manette Karl Johnson
 Lucie Manette Lydia Wilson
 Charles Darnay Andrew Scott
 Sydney Carton Paul Ready
 Therese Defarge Tracy Wiles
 Jerry Cruncher Carl Prekopp
 Barsad Gerard McDermott
 Court President Paul Moriarty
 Young Manette Christopher Webster
 Young Evremonde Adam Billington
 With Rikki Lawton and Alex Rivers
 By Charles Dickens
 Dramatised by Mike Walker
 Music by Lennert Busch
 Directed by Jessica Dromgoole and Jeremy Mortimer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
FR/ 05:45 Ash on Guavas by Lawrence Scott (m001xclg)
 Sarah loves geography and starts to write her essay while her grandparents head up to the hills - but then, everything is changed by the beautiful but dangerous landscape.
 Story set on the Caribbean Island of Montserrat.
 Written and read by Lawrence Scott
 Producer Pam Fraser Solomon
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.
FR/ 06:00 RD Windingfield (b0089kpv)
 Daylight Robbery
 'Elderly lady living alone in remote house, willing to take in paying guests.'
 When Miss Pickering puts this ad in the newspaper, she has an ulterior motive.
 So have the four gentlemen who reply...
 Monica Grey stars in RD Windingfield's crime drama.
 Miss Pickering Monica Grey
 Colonel Fryatt Norman Shelley
 Dr Brown Jonathan Scott
 Harris Peter Woodthorpe
 Wakeson Howard Goorney
 Bank Manager Lewis Stringer
 Woman in Telephone Kiosk Daisy Bell
 Jones Brian Gear
 Woman in Crowd Elizabeth Havelock
 Constable Douglas Leach
 Car Driver David Ponting
 Other parts played by the cast.
 Directed at BBC Bristol by John Cardy.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1977.
FR/ 06:45 Whodunnits (b013gen9)
 Village SOS by Val McDermid
 5. Pub Night
 DCI Bettany fears she's no closer to finding Colin Arnot's murderer.
 Colin's plans to convert a United Reformed chapel into a performing arts centre made him enemies in the village. Bettany hopes that spending a night in the village pub will bring her closer to the killer.
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 Peter Robson Shaun Prendergast
 Kai Ling Arnott Liz Sutherland
 Pamela McIntosh Elaine Claxton
 Tom Briggs Christian Rodska
 Producer / Director: Fiona Kelcher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
FR/ 07:00 Sunshine and Laughter by Louis Barfe (m000z78r)
 5. He Didn't Want to Go
 In 1979, Eric Morecambe has a procedure for a faulty heart valve. In 1980 the duo start working for Thames TV. Eric, by this time, with a pacemaker fitted was enjoying performing with a friend at The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury.

Each episode, Stuart looks at a chapter of his own unbelievable, but absolutely true, life story.

A working class boy, with huge aspirations, Stuart achieved everything he dreamed of and more. However, he soon came to realise that the cost of having everything was more than he was willing to pay. A morality tale featuring his time working in Westminster, moving to a highly paid job in banking and willingly losing it all to find happiness; Stuart will make us all question the true cost of living.

Written and performed by Stuart Mitchell

Produced by Lauren Mackay

FRI 22:15 Jokes (p0hbp37g)

Jazz Emu: The Sound of Us

The Sound of Family

The Emu family is made up of a long line of Hollywood foley artists. But when Jazz turned his back on the family business to pursue a career as a pop star, his father's disappointment made him seriously ill. In order to save his father's life, Jazz must reconnect with his foley roots. Pass me my coconut hooves.

Jazz Emu: musician, 70s lothario-type, ex-Hollywood foley artist and internationally renowned idiot. After a long career in (and often out) of the spotlight, he has decided to present a radio show in order to connect with the average Joes (and Janes, and other boring names) and bestow his expert knowledge of Sound upon the universe.

Written by Archie Henderson and Adrian Gray

Starring: Archie Henderson, Adrian Gray, Emmanuel Sonubi,

Lorna Rose Treen, Cody Dahler

Produced by Sasha Bobak

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

FRI 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking

(b00773bh)

Series 1

Episode 3

More from China Lion and the new barn conversion couple, plus a visit to the Dragon's Den.

Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With:

Ben Moor

Katherine Parkinson

Ben Willbond

Written by Laura Solon.

With additional material by the cast, Carl Cooper, Tony Roche and Andy Marlatt.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

FRI 23:00 Absolute Power (b007r395)

Series 1

Episode 5

Prentiss and McCabe are set their hardest challenge so far - to substantially increase listening figures for BBC Radio 3.

Will this prove a wheeze too far for the Wheeze-master Generals?

Mark Tavener's comedy about the machiavellian doctors of PR spin with contacts at the highest level of government.

Starring Stephen Fry as Charles Prentiss and John Bird as Martin McCabe.

With:

Rebecca Front

Roger Sloman

Philip Fox

Beth Chalmers

Mark Tonderai

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

FRI 23:30 All the World's a Globe (b007jwvz)

8. From 20th Century Wars to Twiggy

From 20th Century Wars to Twiggy.

Concluding the history of mankind.

Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent -

Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim

Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With guest star Peter Barker.

With thanks to

Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

FRI 23:45 Ivor Cutler - A Wet Handle (b00cl648)

Episode 2

'Walking Down the Road' and 'The Jambeena Body Affair'.

Music, prosaic idiosyncrasy and whimsy from the unique Ivor Cutler.

With:

Alison O'Kill

Craig Murray-Orr

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1997.