

SATURDAY 30 MARCH 2024

SAT 00:00 Hidden Treasures (m001xm6s)

JM Barrie - What Every Woman Knows
 "Every man who is high up loves to think that he has done it all himself; and the wife smiles, and lets it go at that. It's our only joke. Every woman knows that."
 JM Barrie's stage play set in Scotland towards the close of the 19th Century.
 Maggie Wylie hides her capabilities to let her husband, John Shand think he has done it all by himself to get into the Houses of Parliament.
 But during the newly established 'ladies committees', Lady Sybil becomes a distraction.
 Who is really behind John Shand's success?
 Starring Phyllis Logan and David Hayman.
 Dramatised by Stewart Conn.
 Maggie Wylie Phyllis Logan
 John Shand David Hayman
 Teller of the Tale Tom Fleming
 Alick Wylie Tom Watson
 David Wylie John Shedden
 James Wylie Ray Dunsire
 Lady Sybil Hetty Baynes
 Comtesse de la Briere Vivienne Dixon
 Venables Alan Rothwell
 The stage play was first performed at the Duke of York's Theatre in London on 3rd September 1908.
 Director Marilyn Ireland
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.

'What Every Woman Knows' is part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hidden Treasures collection selected from titles returned to the BBC by various collectors.

Our warm thanks go to the Radio Circle.

SAT 01:30 Whodunnits (b007j8w)

Julie Enfield Investigates - The Smithfield Murders
 5. A Passion for Hunting Something
 With big business involved, DSI Julie Enfield finds herself trapped with hired killers underneath Smithfield meat market...
 Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
 Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.
 DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
 Dad Geoffrey Matthews
 Stephen Temple Gavin Muir
 Alex Wild Deborah Berlin
 Joey Jones Don McCorkindale
 DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
 Sally Jane Whittenshaw
 Rachel Jones Jilly Bond
 Benjamin Travis Geoffrey Whitehead
 Henry Sinclair John Turner
 Johnson Jonathan Keeble
 Gordon Richards David Timson
 Voice 1 David Collings
 Voice 2 John Hartley
 Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1995.

SAT 02:00 The Restaurant: A History of Eating Out by William Sitwell (m000h934)

5. Getting Spicy
 The history of eating out is a story of life - of politics, courage, skill, art, innovation and of luck.
 We start in Pompeii, where many restaurants doubled up as brothels.
 In the Ottoman Empire, we discover that doner kebabs were cooked in the open air at dainty picnics.
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 Albert and the late Michel Roux set the standard of English restaurant food in 1960s London whether it was liked it or not. Customers complained that the portions were too small. "This is French gastronomy". But there were enough Londoners to keep the restaurant busy and full from day one. By March 1968, Le Gavroche was famous.
 Written by William Sitwell.
 Read by Lesley Sharp.
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.

SAT 02:15 Life Lines (m000bgt)

Series 3
 5. Support
 When Carrie takes a call from Frances, she realises that she's in as much need of emotional as physical support.
 Al Smith's award-winning drama series set in an ambulance control room.
 Carrie Sarah Ridgeway
 Ian Michael Jibson
 Frances Rebecca Root
 Will Rick Warden
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2019.
 SAT 02:30 All Those Women (b088jj62)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Layla and Stu are having their new baby Barclay christened and have asked Maggie to be the godmother. She's thrilled. Jen's 'completely fine' with that.
 Add in a newly released prison penpal, some impulsive behaviour, and a free bar and inevitably it's not a party that runs very smoothly...
 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.
 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
 Stuart Nick Underwood
 Layla Katie Redford
 Kenneth Sam Dale
 Rosie Catriona McFarlane
 Producer: Alexandra Smith
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017.

SAT 03:00 Marriage Lines (b068r53p)

Series 2
 Episode 13
 It's baby's christening day and George is packing for Africa.
 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 Starling Richard Briers
 Kate Prunella Scales
 Miles Edward De Souza
 George's Mum Diana King
 George's Dad Geoffrey Sumner
 Kate's Mum Joan Sanderson
 The Mystery Guest Charlotte Mitchell
 Other Roles Peter Hawkins
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.
 SAT 03:30 Big Jim and the Figaro Club (b008p8q2)
 The Old Dunkirk Spirit
 Harold Perkins has no materials to rebuild post-war Britain, which well suits the workmates.
 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
 Fortescue Norman Bird
 PC Speedworth Norman Mitchell
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.
 SAT 04:00 Whispers (b007k2sf)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.
 Joining team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip:
 Richard Herring
 Louise Doughty
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.
 SAT 04:30 Bookcases (b00svclm)
 Series 1
 Gone for a Burton
 London 1855: Primus's latest publishing coup is the explorer Richard Burton, but drink and other substances seem to have destroyed Burton's sense of direction.
 Starring Michael Cochrane and Maggie Steed.
 Martyn Wade's Victorian era comedy.
 Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed
 Edith Elizabeth Spriggs
 Gerald David Horovitch
 Katie Joiner Frances Jeater
 Richard Burton Norman Rodway
 Waiter David Antrobus
 Director: Cherry Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.
 SAT 05:00 JD Salinger: Made in England (b070hbss)
 JD Salinger is feted as the writer of one of greatest ever American novels.
 The Catcher in the Rye established him as the most celebrated chronicler of urban New York and, in Holden Caulfield, he created the enduring embodiment of disaffected American youth.
 Less well known is that Salinger spent three months in Tiverton, Devon, while preparing to be part of the D Day landings in 1944, and that during this short time he wrote a revealing autobiographical short-story and worked on the development of Holden Caulfield's character.
 Mark Hodgkinson - a Salinger devotee who edited his best-selling biography - travels to Tiverton to retrace Salinger's steps and discover how Devon influenced Salinger's work.
 The central character in the short-story, For Esme - with Love and Squalor, is, as Salinger was, a fledgling writer who becomes a US sergeant stationed in Devon. With the help of a local reading group, Mark visits the most likely church featured in the story and learns from people who remember the GIs being in town.
 Mark is also accompanied by Dr Sarah Graham of the University of Leicester. They discuss how the story and Salinger's time in Devon informed his work, and life.
 There's also an exclusive interview with a 96 year old New Yorker who served with Salinger in Tiverton and remained friends with the reclusive writer for the rest of his life.
 "Salinger liked Devon," says the veteran soldier. "Any free time he had was taken up by writing on his portable typewriter."
 Producer: Ian Bent
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
 SAT 05:30 Soul Music (m001ljwq)
 Ain't No Mountain High Enough
 Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell made Ain't No Mountain High Enough a hit for Motown in 1967.
 Diana Ross followed suit in 1970 as a solo artist with her version of the song.
 It has a place in people's hearts with its anthemic themes of love, loyalty, triumph and perseverance.
 Cynthia Dagnal-Miron is an African American who grew up in the 1960s and she says the song gave black people a sense of comfort and of being loved.
 Kevin Patterson recalls meeting an elderly lady in a store in Philadelphia and hearing the song. He learned she had been part of a movement to desegregate a local school in the 1960s and she had sung it then at a talent show.
 John Harris says music and being part of a choir were what saved him when he sank into drug addiction and crime and ended up in court. When he got clean he sang that song at the Court's 25th anniversary celebration.
 "No wind no rain no winters cold can stop me from getting to you" were the words Lesley Pearl sang to her birth mother as she lay gravely ill in hospital. Lesley had braved Hurricane Sandy to fly to Charleston to be with her and it brought them closer towards the end of her life.
 At the height of the pandemic in 2020 when New York was suffering huge numbers of Covid deaths and hospitalisations, nurse Kym Villamer sang it to staff and patients at the hospital where she works to remind them of the perseverance of the human spirit and the goodness of humanity.
 An Assistant Professor of Music at Washington University in St Louis breaks down the various musical elements that make it such an enduring powerful uplifting anthem.
 Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.
 Producer: Maggie Ayre
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2021.
 SAT 06:00 Whodunnits (m001xwrj)
 Sergeant Cribb - Swing Swing Together
 Among fashion conscious Victorians, Jerome K Jerome's novel 'Three Men in a Boat' is the inspiration for countless boat-trips on the River Thames.
 Out for a swim, Harriet Shaw notices an unlikely-looking threesome.
 The next day a tramp is found drowned. The three men become the chief suspects. Harriet is the key witness.
 Sergeant Cribb and Constable Thackeray take to the water in hot pursuit.
 Starring Barry Foster and John Cater.
 Peter Lovesey's murder mystery, first published in 1976.
 Dramatised by Geoffrey M Matthews.
 Sergeant Cribb Barry Foster
 Constable Thackeray John Cater
 Harriet Shaw Moir Leslie
 Constable Hardy Brian Hewlett
 Inspector Jowett Roger Hume
 Fernandez/Lucifer Tim Brierley
 Humberstone/Warden Stephen Hancock
 Bustard/Goldstein Gordon Reid
 Hackett/Lockman Terry Molloy
 Gold/Matthew Tim Reynolds
 Melanie Avril Clark

Miss Plummer Margaret Ward
Molly Jayne Dowell
Jane Deborah Makepeace
Director: Vanessa Whitburn
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1987.
SAT 07:30 The Peregrine read by David Attenborough (Omnibus) (m000gf0x)
David Attenborough reads from JA Baker's British nature writing classic which was published over 50 years ago to critical acclaim.
Written in the form of a diary, it covers seven months from autumn to spring, charting Baker's observations of this extraordinary predator.
The diaries give us insights into Baker's obsession with the peregrine's hunting life in and around the Essex countryside, a county where Baker lived all his life.
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Katrin Williams.
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.
SAT 08:45 Singular Women (b0075569)
Frances
Celia Inmie plays Frances, a shy teacher with an unwanted notoriety.
Following a school related incident, Frances takes some time out to reassess her life and career.
Stewart Permutt's bittersweet comedies of the world according to the second of four very different women.
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1997.
SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b0816y6m)
Series 2
Domestic Help
Desperate to get a cleaner - how can Jennifer raise the cash?
Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.
The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.
Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970.
Richard Waring adapted his own TV scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes.
Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig
Henry Corner Francis Matthews
Mrs Scraggs Doris Rogers
Mrs Foskett-Dyke Joan Sanderson
Trudi Roberta Toyan
Amanda Jill Riddick
Mrs Hobson Olwen Griffiths
Don Scraggs Nigel Lambert
PC Wilson Frederick Treves
Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst
Producer: Trafford Whitecock.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1970.
SAT 09:30 Ray's a Laugh (b00t141c)
From 29/01/1960
When Kitty hears about Ted's pay rise, she's keen to start splashing out....
Starring Ted Ray.
Ray's a Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961.
Written by Eddie Maguire, George Wadmore and Ted Ray.
With:
Kitty Bluett
Kenneth Connor
Pat Coombs
Laidman Browne
Music from the BBC Variety Orchestra
BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.
Producer: Leslie Bridgmont
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1960.
SAT 10:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)
3. Percy Thrower and Christopher Lloyd
Penelope Keith concludes her exploration of Gertrude Jekyll's ten-acre garden - the enchanting Munstead Wood in Surrey
In the last of three programmes, 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.
Horticultural wisdoms and delights featured from the BBC Archive:
* Percy Thrower from 'BEYOND THE BACK DOOR: THAT REMINDS ME' - BBC Home Service - 1963
* DESERT ISLAND DISCS - Christopher Lloyd - BBC Radio 4 - 2000
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in February 2014
SAT 11:00 Whodunnits (m001xwrj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:30 The Peregrine read by David Attenborough (Omnibus) (m000gf0x)
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SAT 14:30 Ray's a Laugh (b00t141c)
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SAT 15:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Produce (b0bhfhkm)

A couple discover that they can't have a healthy baby naturally. Zenith Genomics seems to offer the solution.
They can create a perfect, bespoke child, with every gene hand-picked. For a price.
But the parents soon find that perfection brings its own problems....
Joseph Wilde's unsettling drama - set in the near future - is a dark fable about parental expectation - and the pressures of parenting in a competitive and commodified world.
Anita Laura dos Santos
Tom Joseph Kloska
Dr Ahmed Seeta Indrani
Beth Amy-Jayne Leigh
Mr Dean Ewan Bailey
Director: Abigail le Fleming
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
SAT 16:45 HG Wells (b08wdsnj)
Ghost Stories by HG Wells
The Stolen Body
When a paranormal researcher experiments with astral projection, an interested party intervenes.
H G Wells' short story was first published in 1898 in The Strand Magazine.
Read by David McAlister.
Abridged by Madge Hart.
Producer: Pat McLoughlin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1985.
SAT 17:00 Whodunnits (m001xwrj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 The Peregrine read by David Attenborough (Omnibus) (m000gf0x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 Singular Women (b0075569)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b0816y6m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Ray's a Laugh (b00t141c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m00088nj)
Series 1
Episode 3
Paul Sinha - comedian, lapsed GP, Chaser and genuinely the fourth best quizzer in the United Kingdom, is here to tell you about... well, everything.
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 this series Paul Sinha's improves your general knowledge sharing fascinating facts and hilarious stories.
In this episode, Paul explains the illustrious company he's joined since the previous recording of this series.
This showbiz-themed episode, sees him taking in the great American songbook, the biggest-selling single to have never been a hit in America, and a Nobel Literature Laureate's contribution to action movies.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
Producer: Ed Morrish
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2019.
SAT 22:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b03k0s5j)
Series 5
Episode 2
The real point of owning a cat and a culture clash at the Proms.
Comedy from the lopsided world of David Mitchell and Robert Webb.
With:
Olivia Colman
James Bachman
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.
SAT 23:00 Andrew Maxwell's Public Enemies (b007jtr3)
The Food Industry
Andrew Maxwell is one of the UK's most informed and fearless stand ups.
In this series of one-off stand up shows, he uses his trademark intelligence and political incisiveness to dig behind the clichés and assumptions about four possible threats to British society:
* The Food Industry
* The internet
* Drugs
* Nationalism
Andrew kicks off with a look at the food industry.
From horse-burgers right up to snail ice-cream, it seems like there's something wrong with every rung of the food ladder.
But given that food is essential to survival, shouldn't we be clearer about what it is we want from the industry that provides it?
A series showcasing a comedian at the top of his abilities tackling difficult and important 'slow news' topics with a depth and perceptiveness that remains outside the remit of mainstream 'topical' comedy.
Written and performed by Andrew Maxwell.
Script edited by Paul Byrne.
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in October 2013.
SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00vs38k)
Series 2

Royal Visit
It's panic stations at Hut 33!
A member of the royal family is paying a visit but the top brass suspect he might be a Nazi sympathiser.
The team has to delay him and make sure he doesn't see any of the codebreaking machines.
James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers,
Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Charles Robert Bathurst
Gordon Fergus Craig
Joshua ... Alex McQueen
Minka Olivia Colman
Mrs Best Lill Roughley
Duke of Kent Michael Fenton Stevens
Producer: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

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SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001xv4n)
Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive to conclude his special collection of programmes across this month featuring Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath.
Listening and Writing - Writing About Landscape. This is a masterclass by Ted Hughes illustrated by poems: Virginia by TS Eliot; Inversnaid by Gerald Manley Hopkins and Wuthering Heights by Sylvia Plath.
Producer: Sam Langdon
First broadcast on the Home Service in May 1964
And Three Score and Ten featuring Ted Hughes' great fishing friend Seamus Heaney. Featuring archive readings from 1968 and 1978. Seamus Heaney talks about and reads his poems 'Digging' and 'The Ministry of Fear.'
Producer: Sharon Sephton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2016.
*** And for Easter Sunday, Daljit selects a reading from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: Egg/Shell by Victoria Kennefick.
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The history of eating out is a story of life - of politics, courage, skill, art, innovation and of luck.
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Omnibus of five parts written by William Sitwell.
Read by Lesley Sharp.
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SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001xv4z)
Owain Wyn Evans
The marathon drumming presenter Owain Wyn Evans chooses 'The Masquerade' by The Carpenters and 'This Hell' by Rina

Sawayama.
SUN 07:50 Life Lines (m000bmh3)
 Series 3 (Omnibus)
 Award-winning drama series set in an ambulance control room. Carrie the call handler must deal with heart-stopping situations. A man is intent on taking his own life. Can the emergency services get to him in time?
 Omnibus of five parts written by Al Smith.
 Carrie Sarah Ridgeway
 Peter Jonjo O'Neill
 Will Rick Warden
 Ian Mike Jibson
 Martin/Policeman Shaun Mason
 Darren Michael Ajao
 Monica Amelia Lowdell
 Gracie/Flo Laura Christy
 Luke/Craig Will Kirk
 Ailsa Lucy Reynolds
 Police Officer/Bill Clive Hayward
 Man/Paramedic Ily Elyas
 Chris Jonny Holden
 Mike Greg Jones
 Arthur Neil McCaul
 Jenny Sinead MacInnes
 Paramedic Scarlett Courtney
 Frances Rebecca Root
 Producer: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2019.
SUN 09:00 All Gas and Gaiters (m001xv5b)
 Series 2
 The Bishop Keeps His Diary
 The Bishop's 10th anniversary portrait causes a stir. But where will it be displayed?
 Ecclesiastical sitcom which started life on BBC TV.
 Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.
 The Archdeacon Robertson Hare
 The Bishop William Mervyn
 The Bishop's Chaplain Jonathan Cecil
 The Dean John Barron
 All Gas and Gaiters started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971. Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio.
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1972.
 ***** 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.
SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (b04bs00t)
 Series 10
 Weathering
 Can the inept crew of HMS Troutbridge manage to help a scientist complete their research mission?
 Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.
 Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.
 Written by Lawrie Wyman.
 The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips
 The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee
 The Number One Stephen Murray
 Captain Povey Richard Caldicot
 Mrs Povey Heather Chasen
 The Admiral Tenniel Evans
 The Professor Michael Bates
 AS Tiddy Lawrie Wyman
 The Spy Elizabeth Morgan
 The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.
 Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1969.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001xv5m)
 Comic Castaways 4
 Ricky Gervais
 Comedian and writer Ricky Gervais is castaway Kirsty Young. In just twelve episodes, his show The Office changed the face of British TV comedy. At its centre was the comic monster, David Brent, a middle-manager being filmed for a mock-documentary who saw the ever-present cameras as his route to popularity and fame. Ricky Gervais's performance was both excruciating and unmissable – one critic called the programme "among the most affecting and invigorating works of fiction since the turn of the century".
 As he discusses with Kirsty Young, comedy was the language he grew up with – the youngest of four children, being able to come up with a gag or a smart rejoinder was the linguistic currency of his home. That, he says, is where the 'show-off performer' was born.
 Now with seven BAFTAs, two Golden Globes and an Emmy to his name, Ricky is gratified that his work is recognised and says his aim has always been to bring art into comedy.
 Favourite track: Lilywhite by Cat Stevens
 Book: A coffee table book of art
 Luxury: Vat of novocaine – a non-addictive pain-killer.
 DISC ONE: Bob Dylan – If You See Her, Say Hello
 DISC TWO: Yusuf Islam – Lilywhite
 DISC THREE: Sex Pistols – Anarchy in the UK
 DISC FOUR: Neil Young – After The Gold Rush
 DISC FIVE: Radiohead – Bones
 DISC SIX: David Bowie – Letter To Hermione

DISC SEVEN: Jimmy Webb – Galveston
 DISC EIGHT: Willie Nelson – Always on My Mind
 Producer: Leanne Buckle
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.
SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011ppq4)
 Series 2
 Nectar
 The beautiful thick, sweet and luscious tasting delicacy of honey is one of the world's natural goodies.
 Indigenous peoples from all over the world will go to great lengths to get the honey from wild bees – and for most of us less connected to the natural world, we love this product of bees bought from the shop.
 Honey is nectar and David Attenborough poignantly points out this "was the first bribe in nature..." – it evolved 100,000,000 years ago with the flowering plants and drove the evolutionary relationship between animals and plants.
 Written and presented by Sir David Attenborough.
 Producer: Julian Hector.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
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SUN 16:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmd7)
 Series 1
 4. The Time Ship
 "The ship was as tall as a skyscraper and as long as an ocean liner – its hull was round, like a submarine's."
 Taken hostage by the aliens, the crew discover more about their mysterious captors.
 Starring Barry Foster and Nicky Henson.
 Charles Chilton's intergalactic adventure.
 Captain Saxon Berry Barry Foster
 Chipper Nicky Henson
 Magnus Nigel Stock
 Lauderic Tony Osoba
 Ifwa Wendy Murray
 Treia Theresa Streetfeild
 Voedica Lolly Cockerell
 Jennie Jenny Twigg
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.
SUN 16:30 Susan Hill - The Woman in Black (b007jls5)
 4. Letters and Death Certificates
 Can solicitor Arthur Kipps finally unravel the eerie mystery of the isolated house of the reclusive Mrs Drablow?
 Susan Hill's chilling ghost story.
 Starring John Woodvine and Robert Glenister.
 Dramatised by Jon Strickland.
 Young Kipps Robert Glenister
 Old Kipps John Woodvine
 Esme Paula Tilbrook
 Stella Jane Cox
 Samuel Daily Rod Arthur
 Music composed by Derek Pearce.
 Directed at BBC Manchester by Chris Wallis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in December 1993.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m001xv4n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 17:30 The Restaurant: A History of Eating Out by William Sitwell (Omnibus) (m001xv4t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
SUN 18:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001xv4z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]
SUN 18:50 Life Lines (m000bmh3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 today]
SUN 20:00 All Gas and Gaiters (m001xv5b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SUN 20:30 The Navy Lark (b04bs00t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001xv5m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011ppq4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Revolving People (b007jrt6)
 Series 1
 More Storm Clouds
 Baltimore 1770. The reception of Cora and Ezekiel's 'wedding of the year' ends in drunken chaos.
 Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence.
 Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.
 Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses
 Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton
 Cora Oliphant Felicity Montagu
 Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Mr Snavely Michael Fenton Stevens
 Captain Grimshaw James Fleet
 Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley
 Mary Oliphant Sophie Thompson
 Mrs Arbutnot Susie Blake
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.
SUN 22:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000h8h0)
 Series 4
 Milton Jones – Eco Worrier
 Milton goes under the sea to save the earth and stumbles across a mysterious Great Aunt at the same time.
 Meanwhile, Anton gets his fingers burnt by an old flame.
 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 Hoult
 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 (b007jq63)
 Series 2
 The Mastersons Go Down
 The Masterson's epic tale of murder, intrigue and a fast-talking parrot aboard a luxury cruiser.
 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
 Jim Sweeney
 Phelim McDermott
 Lee Simpson
 Caroline Quentin
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.
SUN 23:30 The In Crowd (b007jp55)
 Series 4
 Episode 1
 Compulsive Liars Anonymous and a birthday shock.
 Comedy sketch show from Manchester.
 With:
 Helen Moon
 Robin Ince
 Smug Roberts
 Kate Ward
 Written by Carl Cooper, Susan Vale, Martin Moore, Susan Murray, Robin & Neil Gibbons, The Trap and Robin Ince.
 Producer: Graham Frost
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

MONDAY 01 APRIL 2024

MON 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmd7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Susan Hill - The Woman in Black (b007jls5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Poetry Extra (m001xv4n)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:30 The Restaurant: A History of Eating Out by William Sitwell (Omnibus) (m001xv4t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]
MON 02:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001xv4z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]
MON 02:50 Life Lines (m000bmh3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]
MON 04:00 All Gas and Gaiters (m001xv5b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]
MON 04:30 The Navy Lark (b04bs00t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001xv5m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011ppq4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p24p)
 Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 7
 1. The Dancing Men
 Seemingly childish drawings foreshadow tragedy and death.
 Carleton Hobbs and Norman Shelley star in their final series of stories about the Baker Street Sleuth by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
 Dramatised by Michael Hardwick.
 Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs
 Doctor Watson Norman Shelley
 Mrs Hudson Janet Morrison
 Elsie Cubitt Ann Murray
 Hilton Cubitt Humphrey Morton
 Hunt John Gray
 Inspector Martin Fred Yule

Mrs King Janet Hitchman
Abe Slaney John Bentley
Producer: Graham Gault
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.
MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b011q9fr)
Agatha Raisin - Series 3
1. The Murderous Marriage
After pursuing him for nearly four years, Cotswold sleuth Agatha Raisin is finally set to marry James Lacey, the handsome Colonel next door.
But there's just one little problem....
Penelope Keith stars as the PR guru turned amateur detective. MC Beaton's novel dramatised in six parts by David Semple.
Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith
James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair
Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy
DC Wong Stephen Hogan
Roy Silver James Holmes
Mrs Wendle Tina Gray
Jimmy Raisin John Rogan
Martin Tim Whitnall
Producer: Carol Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.
MON 07:00 Winston (b007rdrz)
Winston Comes to Town
Repeat After Me
A mystery letter sparks a family surprise thanks to William - and a decision is taken over the fate of Father...
Peter Tinniswood's bawdy comedy serial.
Winston Bill Wallis
Father Maurice Denham
Nancy Shirley Dixon
Rosie Liz Goulding
William Christian Rodska
Director: Shaun MacLoughlin
First broadcast on BBC Radio in January 1990.
MON 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)
Series 5
A Winter's Tale
Harold admits he's planning a holiday - but without his dad Albert.
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
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.
MON 08:00 Mum's on the Run (b00tpt3n)
Episode 4
Jen has trouble with mice, cats and the local constabulary. Mum's on the Run is a modern-day twist on the single-family situation. It follows the hectic life ("What life?") of single mum, Jen.
Starring Romni Ancona.
Mother of two, Master of none - Jen seems to spend most of her time as an unpaid chauffeur to a 15 year-old teenage existentialist son, Toby, and a tonally challenged recorder-practising 11 year-old daughter, Felicity
She must also cope with her jazz musician ex-husband, the fiercely competitive and annoying downstairs neighbour and a huge crush on her son's history teacher.
Written by Alexis Zegerman.
Jen Romni Ancona
Mr. Rigby John Gordon Sinclair
Shelley Alexis Zegerman
Vivienne Christine Kavanagh
Felicity Amy Dabrowa
Toby Alexander Heath
Policeman Tony Bell
Police Radio Sam Dale
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.
MON 08:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017t53)
1. Childhood
Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man.
It begins with an exploration of Charles Dickens's troubled childhood.
He's portrayed as a writer "so charged with imaginative energy that he rendered 19th century England crackling, full of truth and life, with his laughter, horror and indignation - and sentimentality."
The Artful Dodger, Mr Pickwick, Pip and David Copperfield are just a handful of the characters he created and who continue to endure.
He was also a hard-working journalist, a philanthropist, a supporter of liberal social causes, and father of ten, and yet his genius also had a dark side which emerged with the breakdown of his marriage.
Read by Penelope Wilton.
Abridged in five parts by Richard Hamilton.
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
*** Claire Tomalin was literary editor of The New Statesman and then the Sunday Times before becoming a full

time writer. The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft, won the Whitbread First Book Award, and Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self was Whitbread Book of the Year in 2002.
MON 08:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b06zqn14)
1. Accident
The Williams bumble along in a normally dysfunctional way until something happens which causes them all to unravel.
Lucy Catherine's beautifully observed ten-part account of a family in meltdown.
Luke Tyger Drew-Honey
Nettie Katie Angelou
Ailsa Sharon Small
Martin Justin Salinger
Orla Rebecca Hamilton
Director: Mary Peate
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
MON 09:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001xm0y)
Series 1
6. Everybody Loves Velociraptor
Frank and guests Simon Evans, Ania Magliano, Sunil Patel and Kiri Pritchard-McLean find out what you think about sharp carpets and a keg with a difference.
This is the panel game based on what we all sit down and do at least once a day – shop online and leave a review, as an all-star panel celebrate the good, the bad and the baffling.
Written by Frank Skinner, Catherine Brinkworth, Sarah Dempster, Jason Hazeley, Rajiv Karia, Karl Minns, Katie Sayer & Peter Tellouche
Devised by Jason Hazeley and Simon Evans with the producer David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
MON 09:30 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b036k1s5)
1. Log Piles and Long Grass
Brett Westwood joins naturalist Phil Gates in a garden near Bristol.
With the help of wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson, they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most likely to see and hear in different habitats around the garden.
They find "tiggly hogs and coffin cutters", local names for woodlice; endearing little armoured scavengers that feed mostly on fungi. And where you find woodlice you might also find their predators; a spider, "which has got these enormous fangs and the woodlice meets a sticky end!"
The decaying leaves which accumulate in log piles are also good hibernation sites for bumblebees; which in spring will emerge to collect nectar and pollinate garden plants. So log piles can help ensure pollination.
In the long grass nearby, Brett and Phil go looking for cuckoo spit, and an insect which can catapult itself to a height of 140 times its body length! They are also attracted by a hive of activity; the sounds of red mason bees buzzing around artificial nesting sites which have been built for them; these are short lengths of drainpipe containing dozens of hollow tubes in which the bees make their nests and lay their eggs. Artificial nests are a great way of encouraging pollinators into your garden.
Finally they discuss the merits of wood mice in a garden and the creatures they attract:
"What could better than being in bed at night and hearing Tawny Owls hunting in your garden, wood mice are something you really do need!"
Producer Sarah Blunt
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m001xv57)
Hymns: Thine Be The Glory - Thine Be The Glory
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Hymns: Thine Be The Glory - Thine Be The Glory
Led by the Revd Delyth Liddell
Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9
Thine be the glory
See what a morning gloriously bright
Crown him with many crowns.
MON 10:00 Radiolab (m001xv5k)
Series 11
Family People
Radiolab on Alex Neason's journey into her family history marked by slavery in the USA.
With Lulu Miller and Latif Nasser.
Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.
The Radiolab team investigate a strange world.
From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2023.
MON 10:55 Inheritance Tracks (b073gtrg)
Joan Baez
American folk singer Joan Baez chooses 'Tonerna' sung by Jussi Bjorling and her own song 'Diamonds and Rust'.
MON 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p24p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b011q9fr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 Winston (b007rdrz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Mum's on the Run (b00tpt3n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017t53)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b06zqn14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Many a Slip (b007jy0k)
From 08/08/1978
Quizmaster Roy Plomley challenges his contestants to spot the mistakes.
Eleanor Summerfield and Gillian Reynolds battle
David Nixon and Tim Rice
With some tune-twisters from Steve Race
Devised and written by Ian Messier.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1978.
MON 14:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01g8d6p)
Series 3
Willing It Away
Stella's luck goes from bad to worse.
Not only has daughter Alison moved back in, but granny's come to stay indefinitely!
Where will everyone sleep?
Starring Duncan Preston and Pippa Haywood.
Lucy Clare and Ian Davidson's sitcom about topsy-turvy family life.
Patrick Duncan Preston
Stella Pippa Haywood
Alison Claudie Blakley
Rick Bruce MacKinnon
Xanthe Catherine Shepherd
Egg Daniela Denby-Ashe
Rita Davies Mother
Director: Elizabeth Freestone
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.
MON 15:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hnlj)
1. The Outcast
1867 Lyme Regis: Charles Smithson's complacent snobbery is about to be shattered as he encounters a young social outcast, Sarah Woodruff.
Passionate epic tale of two lovers in conflict with starched Victorian society.
John Fowles' novel, first published in 1969.
Starring Jonathan Firth and Emily Bruni.
With John Hurt as the narrator.
Dramatised in two parts by Graham White.
Narrator John Hurt
Charles Jonathan Firth
Sarah Emily Bruni
Ernestina Kelly Reilly
Mrs Tranter Elizabeth Spriggs
Dr Grogan TP McKenna
Mrs Poulteney Susan Jameson
Sam Nick Sayce
Mary Ella Smith
The Dairyman Gerard McDermott
Mrs Fairley Colleen Prendergast
Ostler Wayne Foskett
Producer: Peter Kavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.
MON 16:00 Radiolab (m001xv5k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:55 Inheritance Tracks (b073gtrg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 today]
MON 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p24p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Whodunnits (b011q9fr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 Winston (b007rdrz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Mum's on the Run (b00tpt3n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017t53)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b06zqn14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Many a Slip (b007jy0k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01g8d6p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hnlj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001xm0y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jv3v)
Series 1
Episode 3
Bhangraman must save the world - and the downside of keeping a cow as a family pet
Starring:
Sanjeev Bhaskar
Kulvinder Ghir
Meera Syal
Nina Wadia

Nitin Sawhney
Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC Two from 1998 to 2001. Written by Sharat Sardana, Richard Pinto and the cast. Producers: Gareth Edwards & Anil Gupta
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.
MON 23:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001y3wx)
Jonny Weldon 1/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to Jonny Weldon.
MON 23:30 The Now Show (m001xf2)
Series 64
Episode 3
Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches. Starring Geoff Norcott on cynical advertising strategies, Rachel Fairburn on our nation's obsession with conspiracy theories and an original song from Rachel Parris. With voices from Jon Culshaw and Laura Shavin.
The show was written by the cast with additional material from Cameron Loxdale, Tasha Dhanraj, Pravanya Pillay & Christina Riggs.
Producer: Sasha Bobak
Executive Producer: Rich Morris
Production Coordinator: Caroline Barlow
A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.
MON 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007qcsw)
Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix
Episode 2
Dave Podmore, the cricketer's cricketer is due to get the call any day now. But will it be from the Test selectors or VAT inspectors?
And Felicity Kendall had better watch out...
Christopher Douglas stars as Pod.
Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.
Dave Chris Douglas
Andy Andrew Nickolds
With Chris Pavlo and Nicola Sanderson.
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

TUESDAY 02 APRIL 2024

TUE 00:00 Radiolab (m001xv5k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:55 Inheritance Tracks (b073gtrg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p24p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Whodunnits (b011q9fr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Winston (b007rdrz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Mum's on the Run (b00t3n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017t53)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b06zqn14)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Many a Slip (b007jv0k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01g8d6p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 John Fowles - The French Lieutenant's Woman (b00hnn1j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p1tk)
Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 7
2. A Case of Identity
The Baker Street sleuth investigates a missing fiancé and shady stepfather.
Carleton Hobbs and Norman Shelley in their final series of tales by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle stories
Dramatised by Michael Hardwick.
Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs
Doctor Watson Norman Shelley
Billy Terry Raven
Mary Sutherland Ysanne Churchman
Mrs Sutherland Eva Haddon
Hosmer Angel Lewis Stringer
Cabby Humphrey Morton
Producer: Graham Gauld
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.
TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b011qfr6)
Agatha Raisin - Series 3
2. The Disappearing Trick
With her marriage dreams in tatters, Agatha Raisin has the small task of returning all the wedding presents.
Plus the slightly larger one of clearing her name of murder...
Penelope Keith stars as the PR guru turned amateur detective.
MC Beaton's novel dramatised by David Semple.
Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith
James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair

Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy
DC Bill Wong Stephen Hogan
Ry Silver James Holmes
Mrs Wendle Tina Gray
Martin Tim Whitnall
Harriet Belinda Lang
Producer: Carol Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.
TUE 07:00 The Michael Bentine Show (b00k3myf)
From 15/04/1984
This is the ultimate one man show.
Michael Bentine stars as everyone from his own father to a huge hairy mountain gorilla.
Written and performed by the host.
Producer: Jamie Rix
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1984.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007k43y)
Series 5
The Affair of the Lone Banana
Neddie Seagoon tracks young Fred Nurke, who's vanished from his banana-growing family's home.
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by July Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: Peter Eton
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1954.
TUE 08:00 Bad Salsa (b092ft05)
Series 3
Something Cold
Jill plans to re-marry her ex-husband Colin to protect their son's financial future.
This gives Terri an idea that involves Chippy.
Sitcom about three women who meet during cancer treatment and start going to salsa class together to maintain their friendship. As they adjust to life after cancer they realise that they've all changed.
The series is not about cancer, but about life after cancer, how you cope the changes in your outlook, your desires and your expectations. It's also about how other people cope with the change in you.
Terri Camille Coduri
Chippy Jessie Cave
Jill Natasha Little
Joel Joe Johnsey
Gordon Andrew Obeney
Corinne Kay Stonham
Colin Martin Trenaman
Shop Assistant Kerry Gooderson
Celebrant Kerry Gooderson
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
A BBC Studio Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2017.
TUE 08:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mrhj)
2. Early Successes
An exploration of Charles Dickens's early successes as a writer, and new beginnings.
Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of Britain's great novelist paints a vivid portrait of an extraordinarily complex man.
Tomalin describes the writer at work, and his extraordinary energy allowing him to write at an intense rate.
His personal life required almost as much energy, a husband, a father of ten and a man who enjoyed a busy social life, with evenings spent at the theatre among friends before returning home to write.
Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
Read by Penelope Wilton.
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
TUE 08:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b0705763)
2. Unhappy
A beautifully observed account of a family in meltdown by Lucy Catherine.
Nettie's mum and dad wait by her hospital bed to see if she will come round after her accident.
Luke tries to find out who has been making her so unhappy.
Luke Tyger Drew-Honey
Nettie Katie Angelou
Ailsa Sharon Small
Martin Justin Salinger
Orla Rebecca Hamilton
Doctor Susan Jameson
Mr Holbrook Richard Pepple
Director: Mary Peate
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
TUE 09:00 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (m001xmc4)
2. Customs
More comic chaos from Tim Key, Tom Basden, Katy Wix and guest star Mike Wozniak.

A poetry show like no other – over the course of 6 series Key has performed magic, music, cookery and witchcraft; he's delivered a baby, gone underground, up the Shard and into space.
And sometimes he finds time to read poems.
This series our regulars are joined by guest stars Stephen Merchant, Lolly Adefope, Mike Wozniak, Sam Campbell, Simon Armstrong and Morgana Robinson.
Written and presented by Tim Key
Produced by James Robinson
A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4
TUE 09:30 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b036tsnf)
2. Ponds
Brett Westwood is joined by naturalist Phil Gates in a garden near Bristol.
With the help of recordings by wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson and Tom Lawrence, they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most likely to see and hear in a garden pond.
Brett and Phil begin by watching pond skaters (the wolves of the pond) and whirligig beetles on the surface of the water. These beetles are able to look down and up at the same time. Imagine if we could this!
Below the surface, life is anything but quiet as water boatmen communicate with one another by stridulation - producing a remarkably loud tapping sound. There are also backswimmers (so called because they swim upside down), which can be identified explains Phil as "the ones that bite really painfully" so best left alone.
Further below the surface, you might find frogs (their loud purring courtship calls announcing their return to the pond after hibernation and the arrival of spring), and the terrors of the deep; the dragonfly nymphs. These are fearsome predatory larvae with needle-sharp pincer-like jaws, "jet propelled" and feed on tadpoles.
These larvae are transformed into the beautiful flying adults, which are not uncommon; species like the Southern Hawker Dragonfly readily colonise small garden ponds and "they'll come and check you out. They're curious insects, they hover round your head and come and look at you." Don't be alarmed they are completely harmless despite their old names such as 'Horse stinger' and 'Devil's damning needle!'
Producer Sarah Blunt
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m001xxg9)
Hymns: Thine be the glory - risen, conquering Son
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Hymns: Thine be the glory - risen, conquering Son
Luke 24: 13-24
Led by Stef Benstead
Now the green blade riseth
Exmoor Singers
In Christ Alone
Lou Fellingham
O for a closer walk with God
Stuart Townend
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b07z44bj)
Sebastian Faulks and Sarfraz Manzoor
Birdsong author Sebastian Faulks and journalist Sarfraz Manzoor join Harriet Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Joseph Conrad, Philip Roth and Diana Athill.
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Publisher: Penguin
The Plot Against America by Philip Roth
Publisher: Vintage
Stet by Diana Athill
Publisher: Granta
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.
TUE 10:30 My Dream Dinner Party (m0008h3n)
Shappi Khorsandi's Dream Dinner Party
Comedian and author Shappi Khorsandi hosts a dinner party with a twist. All her guests are from beyond the grave, her heroes brought back to life by the magic of the BBC radio archive.
She's joined by poet and memoirist Maya Angelou, broadcaster and comedian Kenny Everett, actor Richard Burton, post-war Labour politician and feminist campaigner Dr Edith Summerskill and singer songwriter Amy Winehouse.
While the saffron-inspired Persian feast simmers gently, the conversation around the dinner table heats up. But the early tensions soon dissolve as Shappi and her guests discuss the joy of music and the power of the human voice, home and exile, fighting prejudice, and Elizabeth Taylor.
Alongside frank confessions, there's laughter, singing and tales of love.
Presented by Shappi Khorsandi
Produced by Sarah Peters and Peregrine Andrews
A Tuning Fork and Open Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2019.
TUE 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p1tk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 11:30 Whodunnits (b011qfr6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 12:00 The Michael Bentine Show (b00k3myf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b007k43y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Bad Salsa (b092ft05)

David Copperfield, to Mr Micawber and Nicholas Nickleby. His literary output was phenomenal. He was also the father of ten, and a supporter of various social causes, all evident in his novels. He was also a deeply complex man and a dark side accompanied his genius.

Claire Tomalin was literary editor of the *The New Statesman* and then the *Sunday Times* before becoming a full time writer. *The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft*, won the Whitbread First Book Award, and Samuel Pepys: *The Unequalled Self* was Whitbread Book of the Year in 2002. Read by Penelope Wilton. Abridged by Richard Hamilton. Produced by Elizabeth Allard. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

WED 08:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b07053mk)
3. Strain
A beautifully observed account of a family in meltdown by Lucy Catherine. Everyone is feeling the strain of Nettie's situation. Luke Tyger Drew-Honey
Nettie Katie Angelou
Ailsa Sharon Small
Martin Justin Salinger
Rachel Jane Slavin
Doctor Susan Jameson
Orla Rebecca Hamilton
Joe Leo Wan
Police Officer Ewan Bailey
Mrs Straun Debra Baker
Directed by Mary Peate.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

WED 09:00 Janey Godley: The C Bomb (m001xmgs)
Series 2
4. Friends, Enemies, and a Big Decision
Janey knows she's got a big mouth – and sometimes that's a great thing. She can talk to anyone, and often makes celebrity mates without even knowing who they are! But it's also got her into trouble on many occasions. In this episode, she tells us all about making friends and enemies – and the Hollywood star she's making a surprise gift! Things also take a surprising turn as Janey decides in the spur of the moment to make a big decision, and say goodbye to something that's been a massive part of her life for years, but which has now become a toxic influence that needs to go. Reflecting with rare candour on her life, as she continues to live with a terminal diagnosis, she still finds humour and insight in both the darkness and the ridiculous. A mix of stories told onstage to a hometown audience, and intimate conversations with her daughter Ashely Storrle, recorded in the living room of the home they share. Produced by Julia Sutherland
Featuring Ashley Storrle
A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4
WED 09:30 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b03757cm)
3. Hedges
Ever wondered what causes the semi-circular holes in your rose bushes, and what is it that raids the honeysuckle for nectar? Well the answers to these garden mysteries are revealed when Brett Westwood is joined by naturalist Phil Gates in a garden near Bristol and with the help of recordings by wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson and Geoff Sample, they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most likely to see and hear in a garden hedge. Hedgerows provide food, shelter and nesting sites for birds, climbing frames for plants and food for insects. Male wrens build multiple nests (often in hedges) and the female then selects one in which to lay her eggs. Wrens are also notable for their song: it's a very loud explosive song for such a small bird "The whole bird seems to vibrate". Brett and Phil then turn their attention from song to scent; and to the honeysuckle which grows in this garden around the porch, but is often entwined in hedges and likely to attract the lovely Twenty-plume Moth - so called because "their wings look like beautiful Chinese fans ... and each wing is divided into what look like little feathers", and although it's called the Twenty-plume Moth, it actually has 24 plumes, six on each of the four wings; a really exquisite moth. They also look for signs of leafcutter bees, before finally discussing hedgehogs, the ardent adventures of one particular male in Phil's garden, their extraordinarily noisy courtship, and the importance of hedges as highways and corridors between gardens.

Producer Sarah Blunt
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m001xxgc)
Hymns: Thine be the glory – thou over death has won
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Hymns: Thine be the glory – thou over death has won
Romans 6: 5-14
Led by Angel Morgan
Delorosa Hymn - Juanita Francis
Victory Belongs to Jesus - Todd Dulaney
Son of Suffering - Matt Redman
WED 10:00 Short Cuts (m000jvyl)
Words to Live By
Josie Long presents short documentaries about the writers and musicians whose words help us navigate the difficult moments

in our lives. From James Baldwin to Adrienne Rich, the lyrics of Jimmie Rodgers to a new poem by Axel Kacoutié.

James Baldwin in conversation with Studs Terkel
Originally broadcast in 1961
Courtesy of the Studs Terkel Radio Archive
for George, Breonna, Ahmad, and Christian
Produced by James T. Green
Originally made for the podcast u+1f60c
Dedications
Featuring Mary Jean Chan
Produced by Alia Cassam
Featuring recordings of Adrienne Rich from the audio archives of the public radio show, *New Letters on the Air*, a production of *New Letters* magazine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City
The Watertank
Featuring Damian Le Bas
Produced by Andrea Rangecroft
You Got Through the Day
Produced by Axel Kacoutié
Production team: Andrea Rangecroft and Alia Cassam
Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2020.

WED 10:30 The Science of Dr Seuss (b085z058)
Comedian Robin Ince enters the wonderful wacky world of Dr Seuss, and uncovers some surprising real world science hidden within these childhood classics. He's joined by scientists and fellow Seuss fans Sophie Scott, Andrea Sella, Mark Miodownik and Adam Rutherford who reveal some of the very real scientific ideas hiding within the seemingly nonsensical worlds and rhymes of Dr Seuss. From "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back" to "The Lorax" and "Oh the Places You'll Go!", Robin and his team of scientists, reveal how ideas about the environment, scale, chemistry, genetics and psychology, can all be found within some very well known favourites. They explore why they think Dr Seuss, perhaps surprisingly, thought like a scientist. Producer: Alexandra Feachem
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

WED 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p14z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 Whodunnits (b011qm8t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Ballylenon (b007szbq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jppj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Dot (b08r1l1g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mv1k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b07053mk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 14:00 Dilemma (b01888wg)
Series 1
Episode 6
Sue Perkins puts Zoe Lyons, Phill Jupitus, Simon Garfield and Humphrey Ker through the moral and ethical wringer in the show where there are no "right" answers - but some deeply damning ones...
Quandaries on the agenda include swapped babies, one-night stands, and biochip crime prevention. They also try to solve some dilemmas the audience have brought along. Devised by Danielle Ward. Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

WED 14:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00cbm6c)
Series 1
Plethora Princess Regent
Awaiting news of a new pope, Plethora takes over Monte Guano and Ludovico take to his bed. Neal Anthony's 16th century comedy drama about the chaotic lives of the ruling family of Renaissance Italy's most inconsequential city-state. Ludovico David Swift
Plethora Sian Phillips
Francesco Graham Crowden
Alessandro Paul Bigley
Rosalia Saskia Wickham
Salvatori Nick Romero
Guido Christopher Kelham
Father Ignazio Kim Wall
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

WED 15:00 Good Queen Bess and the Dastardly Don (m001xvfv)
It is 1599, and unless a compromising letter can be recovered, Elizabeth's reputation as the Virgin Queen will be in tatters. Time to call in Mistress Phoebe Fosdyke, Secret Agent. A right royal historical romp by written by George MacDonald Fraser, author of the *Flashman* novels. The Queen Vivienne Dixon
Robert Cecil Crawford Logan
Phoebe Fosdyke Katherine Igoe
Don Diego Mark McDonnell

Walter Raleigh James Bryce
Tracy Julie Austin
Director: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

WED 16:00 Short Cuts (m000jvyl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:30 The Science of Dr Seuss (b085z058)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
WED 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p14z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 17:30 Whodunnits (b011qm8t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 18:00 Ballylenon (b007szbq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 18:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jppj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 19:00 Dot (b08r1l1g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 19:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mv1k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 19:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b07053mk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 20:00 Dilemma (b01888wg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
WED 20:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00cbm6c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
WED 21:00 Good Queen Bess and the Dastardly Don (m001xvfv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
WED 22:00 Janey Godley: The C Bomb (m001xmgs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 22:30 Delve Special (b007jn2h)
Series 4
Resurrection of St Jerome
Intrepid reporter David Lander probes the extravagant lifestyle of Caribbean despot Felipe Delnazo and his wife Isabella. Written by Tony Sarchet. Starring Stephen Fry as David Lander. With Brenda Blethyn, Robert Bathurst, Andrew Sachs, Philip Pope and Mark Arden. Producer: Paul Mayhew Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1987.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001y3wz)
Jonny Weldon 2/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Jonny Weldon.

WED 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b042jhzs)
Series 3
Sara Pascoe and James Acaster
Stand-up Alex Horne and his band explore the theme of technology through live music and comedy. With songs about a record player, Hoover and a teasmait amongst others. With guest comedians: Sara Pascoe
James Acaster
Alex's Horne Section are: Joe Auckland
Mark Brown
Will Collier
Ben Reynolds
Ed Sheldrake
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

WED 23:30 The Skewer (m001xmjp)
Series 11
Episode 7
The week's biggest stories like you've never heard them before. The news, remixed as a satirical comedy concept album. This episode - We're Going On A Bear-emy Hunt, Peppa Pig Goes To Gaza, and fun with flags. 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 (b0080sx1)
Series 1
A Death on the Ocean Wave
A case of murder on a luxury cruise liner. Recalled by Michael Feydeau - TV's much-loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert David Pershore
Using a daring mixture of reconstructions, interviews, music and specially made noises, tales from the vaults of villainy. Written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis. With: Simon Greenall
Emma Kennedy
Director: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

THURSDAY 04 APRIL 2024

THU 00:00 Short Cuts (m000jvyl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 The Science of Dr Seuss (b085z058)

Captain Teach John Kazek
Dutton Simon Tait
Jess Broun Lesley Hart
Lord Durrissdeer Tom Fleming
Producer: Bruce Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.
THU 16:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
THU 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p8kk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 17:30 Whodunnits (b011tz3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:00 Second Thoughts (b00jzckp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jpvh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 19:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08dnwrr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mvx0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 19:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b0705clm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 20:00 Genius (b0076vc0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
THU 20:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076c0t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 RL Stevenson - The Master of Ballantrae (b00cbcpd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 22:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m001xmj0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 Clare in the Community (b01693gs)
Series 7
Basic Attraction
Finally, it's Clare and Brian's wedding day! But first there's the Hen Party and Stag Night to get through.
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.
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.
Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Megan Nina Conti
Ray Richard Lumsden
Helen Liza Tarbuck
Simon Andrew Wincott
Libby Sarah Kendall
Nina / Mrs Mellish Tracy Wiles
Registrar Gerard McDermot
Gavin / Terry Adam Billington
Nurse / Trudi Victoria Inez Hardy
Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
Producer Katie Tyrrell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.
THU 23:00 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076dcq)
For You the War is Over
Has Sean's hobby of historical re-enactment gone too far?
Written by and starring Sean Foley and Hamish McColl.
With Michael Parkinson as himself.
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
THU 23:15 Prince Ivor (b072969m)
Scottish musician and humorist, Ivor Cutler is invited by the BBC's Piers Plowright to write a 20-minute opera, 'Prince Ivor'. However, from contract to the debut performance, nothing goes to plan...
Written by Ivor Cutler.
With:
Julianne Mason
John Fletcher
Producer: Piers Plowright
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in March 1983.
THU 23:30 And the Winner Is... (b00rpnw2)
Series 1
Episode 6
Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show – The Lucases. Awards include the Lucas for Most Redundant Technology, The Greatest Historical Fatty, Ghostliest Holiday Destination and Worst Ever Vocal Performance on a Hit Single.
The nominations are provided by this week's guests, who are Bob Mortimer, Alex Macqueen and Tom Baker, 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.

FRIDAY 05 APRIL 2024**FRIDAY 00:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
FRI 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p8kk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (b011tz3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Second Thoughts (b00jzckp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jpvh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08dnwrr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]
FRI 03:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mvx0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b0705clm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Genius (b0076vc0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Gilbert Without Sullivan (b0076c0t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 RL Stevenson - The Master of Ballantrae (b00cbcpd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p16q)
Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 7
5. The Lion's Mane
The Baker Street sleuth postpones a spot of beekeeping in order to investigate a violent death.
Carleton Hobbs and Norman Shelley star as Holmes and Watson in their final series of dramatisations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle stories.
Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs
Doctor Watson Norman Shelley
Stackhurst Garard Green
Murdoch Henry Davies
Bellamy Humphrey Morton
Maud Bellamy Pat Pleasance
Mrs Hudson Janet Morrison
Dramatist: Michael Hardwick
Producer: Graham Gauld
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in July 1969.
FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b011vf01)
Agatha Raisin - Series 3
5. The Fairies of Fryfam - Part 1
Hurt by James once too often, Agatha takes a trip to the Cornish village of Fryham, but is soon disturbed by some strange lights at the bottom of her garden.
Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith
James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair
Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy
Lucy Danvers Rebecca Saire
Tolly Danvers Mark Straker
Mr Poplewell Stephen Critchlow
Dramatised in two parts by David Semple from the novel by MC Beaton.
Producer: Carol Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.
FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)
Series 1
New Year, Old Problems
It's the beginning of a new school term and Izzy is dreading it...
Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.
Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.
Adapted by Sue Limb from her 1984 novel into 3 radio series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.
Izzy Imelda Staunton
Maria Marty Cruickshank
Michael Nicholas Le Prevost
Dick Mike Grady
Gwyn Sion Probert
Class 4C:
Cheryl Miller
Sarah Doyle
Mark Monero
Sam Smart
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.
FRI 07:30 Albert and Me (b007k0dw)
Series 2
A Moving Story
Single dad Bryan tries to get a loan to move house, but it's not simple.
Stars Robert Lindsay and Pat Coombs.
Written by Jim Eldridge.
Robert Lindsay takes over as the single parent struggling to find work and raise his baby son.
In the original 1977 series, Bryan was played by the late Richard Beckinsale who tragically died in 1979. After a six-year hiatus, the series returned with Bryan's mother and baby Albert played once again by the ever-versatile Pat Coombs.
Bryan Archer Robert Lindsay
Mum/Albert Pat Coombs
Mrs Willis Diana King
Mr Benson John Arnatt
Mrs Hagger Dilys Laye
Ron Larry Martyn
Mary Rosalind Adams

Mr Tibbies Roland MacLeod
Incidental music by Max Harris.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1983.
FRI 08:00 Plum House (b0b48ksz)
Series 2
A Sound Investment
The team are making an audio tour they hope will bring visitors flocking. But they can't agree on who will star in the recording, and Tom has a bigger problem when he accidentally breaks the most valuable artefact in the museum.
Comedy about the inept staff at a historic house.
Every year, thousands of tourists flock to the Lake District. But one place they never go to is Plum House - the former country home of terrible poet George Pudding (1779-1848). Now a crumbling museum, losing money hand over fist, it struggles to stay open under its eccentric curator Peter Knight.
Tom Collyer tries and fails to get the museum back on track, alongside the hopelessly out of touch deputy Julian, corner-cutting gift shop manager Maureen, put-upon education officer Emma, and enthusiastic but dim-witted caretaker Alan.
Peter Simon Callow
Julian Miles Jupp
Maureen Jane Horrocks
Tom Tom Bell
Alan Pearce Quigley
Emma Louise Ford
Gerry Danny Webb
Ralph Ed Easton
Written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna
Produced by Sarah Cartwright
Directed by Paul Schlesinger
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.
FRI 08:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mwz2)
5. Adulation and Farewells
Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man, in this episode exploring adulation and farewells.
Tomalin evocatively portrays Dickens as a writer charged with tremendous imagination and energy, enabling him to create characters who continue to endure in our popular culture from The Artful Dodger, Mr Pickwick, Pip and David Copperfield. He was also a hard-working journalist, a philanthropist, a supporter of social causes, and father of ten, and yet his genius also had a dark side.
Claire Tomalin was literary editor of The New Statesman and then the Sunday Times before becoming a full time writer. The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft, won the Whitbread First Book Award, and Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self was Whitbread Book of the Year in 2002.
Read by Penelope Wilton.
Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
Produced by Elizabeth Allard.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
FRI 08:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b0705ckj)
5. Struggles
A beautifully observed account of a family in meltdown by Lucy Catherine.
Ailsa is struggling to accept that her daughter will never recover.
Luke Tyger Drew-Honey
Nettie Katie Angelou
Ailsa Sharon Small
Martin Justin Salinger
Orla Rebecca Hamilton
Michael Ewan Bailey
Male PC Caoan McCarthy
Directed by Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
FRI 09:00 Jokes (p0hc2b2d)
Stuart Mitchell's Cost of Living
6. Stuart is Happy
Comedian Stuart Mitchell examines his own cost of living crisis. After losing his dad and giving up everything, Stuart shares the lessons he has learnt that have brought him true happiness.
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 09:15 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076d91)
Series 1
Duvet Control
It's a miracle men and women ever manage to share a bed - and the drawbacks of counting sheep.
More deep thoughts on trivia.
Written by and starring Guy Browning.
Producer: Jonquil Panting
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
FRI 09:30 A Guide to Garden Wildlife (b037smx8)

5. Stones

Stones, patios, rockeries and walls may at first seem an unlikely habitat for wildlife but that's far from the truth as you can hear when Brett Westwood is joined by naturalist Phil Gates in a garden near Bristol and, with the help of recordings by wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson, they offer a practical and entertaining guide to the wildlife which you're most likely to see and hear associated with walls and stones in the garden.

Many invertebrates like to sunbathe on sun-drenched stones whilst others live in the cool shade under the stones. Wolf spiders and zebra spiders (the latter so called because of their black and white markings) can be found sunbathing on patios or house walls. "Watch out for their courtship - this is real edge of the seat drama" says Phil of the wolf spider as the smaller males risk their lives as they approach the female signalling to her, often for hours, before he mates, or in some cases, is eaten! Stone walls may also harbour slow worms, although you can also encourage these into your garden with pieces of corrugated iron as Phil explains. Turning over some edging stones, Brett and Phil discover masses of black garden ants, which milk aphids for their sugary honeydew "rather like we milk herds of cattle", explains Phil. Snails in the garden are kept in check by Song Thrushes which use stones as anvils on which to crack the snail shells and extract the contents for a juicy meal. Perhaps most valuable of all are ivy-clad walls which offer shelter in winter for many species, as well as nesting sites for birds, and year round food. And if you have ivy and holly in your garden then you could be rewarded with the sight of a lovely Holly Blue butterfly which requires both to complete its life cycle.

Producer Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m001xxgh)

Hymns: Thine be the glory – glorious Prince of life

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Hymns: Thine be the glory – glorious Prince of life
Romans 6:5-14

Led by Leslie Griffiths

Because He Lives

The Spirituals

The Strife is O'er

Ripon Cathedral Choir

How Great Thou Art

Rachel John

FRI 10:00 Great Lives (m001h60k)

Comedian Chris McCausland on Kurt Cobain

Comedian, actor and writer Chris McCausland chooses

Nirvana's lead singer, Kurt Cobain:

Chris McCausland tells Matthew Parris that for him, "it's all about his authenticity".

Kurt Cobain, lead singer, guitarist and songwriter of the band Nirvana became the voice of a generation and is to this day considered one of the most influential musicians in the history of alternative rock. His angst ridden, often politically driven lyrics challenged the conventions of the day and resonated with youth audiences around the world. He championed the underdog and stood up for all those who had ever felt excluded from the mainstream.

Kurt's message resonated with comedian, actor and writer Chris McCausland, but so did his music. With its raw energy and Kurt's 'take me as I am' performances, Chris found a rock band that delivered the authenticity he'd been searching for.

Accompanied from New York by author, journalist and music specialist Laura Barton, Chris discusses the Great Life of Kurt Cobain, his music, his message, his sense of humour and why it's never too late to jump in a mosh pit.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Nicola Humphries

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2023.

FRI 10:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b05329jq)

Series 5

Chariots of Fire

Race, class and religion to a rhythm by Vangelis. Paul Gambaccini explores the story behind the Best Picture winner for 1981, Chariots of Fire.

It was the brainchild of Lord Puttnam, the screenplay by socialist Colin Welland, and yet adored by President Ronald Reagan, for its patriotic glory.

David Puttnam was looking around the bookshelves of a rented house in Los Angeles.

He'd just finished Midnight Express and was scouting for a new story to tell. The books were all about yachting - these people were sailing nuts - until suddenly "The History of the Olympic Games" stood out on a shelf.

Sitting back and reading about the games in the early decades of the 20th century, he came across two remarkable stories - Eric Liddell, son of Scottish missionaries, who was supposed to run in the 100 metres, but withdrew as the heats were held on a Sunday - but who went on the break world records and take Gold medal in the 400 metres. And the story of Harold Abrahams, a Cambridge scholar, determined to win in a world where anti-semitism was rife.

Paul Gambaccini meets the men who made these stories into the Best Picture Oscar winner of 1981; Lord Puttnam, editor Terry Rawlings, director Hugh Hudson, actor Nigel Havers and athletics adviser Tom McNab, who all give fresh accounts of their own race to the top of the pile at the Academy Awards. With contributions from David Thomson and Toby Miller. Archive interviews with Colin Welland and Ben Cross.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p16q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b011vf01)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Albert and Me (b007k0dw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Plum House (b0b48ksz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mwz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b0705ckj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 Whispers (b007k2sl)

Series 3

Episode 3

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

Dan Tetsell and John O'Farrell join team captains Lucy Moore

and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

FRI 14:30 Bookcases (b00xt6h)

Series 1

The Man in White

London 1858: A little bored by Gerald, Cordelia is having fun with the novelist Wilkie Collins, who's having a spell of writer's block with The Woman in White.

Primus has the answer...or does he?

Primus Michael Cochrane

Cordelia Maggie Steed

Edith Elizabeth Spriggs

Gerald David Horovitch

Wilkie Collins David Timson

Simeon Charles Simpson

George Eliot David Antrobus

Written by Martyn Wade.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

FRI 15:00 RL Stevenson - The Master of Ballantrae (b00cjmp9)

2. The Unpeaceful Rest

After the brother's bitter duel - the body of James Durie has mysteriously disappeared. The House of Durrisdeer is shattered for a second time.

Brothers James and Henry Durie engage in a bitter struggle over money, power and love in this dark and dramatic adventure story set in 18th-century Scotland and America.

Starring David Rintoul and Liam Brennan.

Conclusion of Robert Louis Stevenson's buccaneering tale

Dramatised by Chris Dolan.

James Durie David Rintoul

Henry Durie Liam Brennan

Ephraim McKellar John Shedden

Alison Graeme Vicki Liddelle

Hasty Patrick Moy

Captain Harris John Kazek

Carlyle/General Clinton Simon Tait

Lesley Hart (Katherine)

Lord Durrisdeer Tom Fleming

Secundra Dass Ali de Souza

Colonel Johnson James Bryce

Mr Mountain Alec Heggie

Alexander Durie Harris Young

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

FRI 16:00 Great Lives (m001h60k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b05329jq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p16q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Whodunnits (b011vf01)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Up the Garden Path (b007w43j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Albert and Me (b007k0dw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Plum House (b0b48ksz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mwz2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b0705ckj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 Whispers (b007k2sl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Bookcases (b00xt6h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 RL Stevenson - The Master of Ballantrae (b00cjmp9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Jokes (p0hc2b2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:15 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076d91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:15 today]

FRI 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00773xs)

Series 1

Episode 5

The torrid tale of Justine's jeans and the sad story of a second gap year.

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 February 2007.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001y3xq)

Jonny Weldon 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Jonny Weldon.

FRI 23:00 Jake Yapp's Media Circus (b0bbq1gm)

Daytime TV

Jake Yapp applies his sharp satirical eye to the modern media, exploring its strengths, weaknesses and idiosyncrasies through stand-up, sketch and music.

His first focus is the Daytime TV schedule.

Exploring its most common tropes and iterations while attempting to explain why he finds so much of it unwatchable.

Written, performed and composed by Jake Yapp.

With:

George Fouracres

Emily Lloyd-Saini

Additional material by Robin Morgan.

Producer: Joe Nunery

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

FRI 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00tgch7)

Series 2

Booty

John Weak reveals the feminist metatext of a chocolate bar ad that features a bikini-clad model with lips that could suck the hair shirt off a Benedictine monk at 50 yards.

Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management – in Guy Browning's sitcom.

Starring Alexander Armstrong as marketing maestro and "totty" magnet John Weak.

Hayley Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters Ron Cook

Sasha Tracy Wiles

Tibet Adjoa Andoh

Ski Guy Kim Wall

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.