

SATURDAY 06 APRIL 2024

SAT 00:00 Great Lives (m001h60k)

Comedian Chris McCausland on Kurt Cobain
"For me, it's all about his authenticity". Chris McCausland 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.

Presented by Matthew Parris.
Producer: Nicola Humphries
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2023.

SAT 00:30 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, was supposed to run in the 100 metres, but withdrew as the heats were held on a Sunday. Yet he went on the break world records and take Gold medal in the 400 metres.

* Harold Abrahams, a Cambridge scholar, who was 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;
Producer - Lord Puttnam
Editor - Terry Rawlings
Director - Hugh Hudson

Actor - Nigel Havers
Athletics adviser - Tom McNab
All give fresh accounts of their own race to the top of the pile at the Academy Awards.

With contributions from:
David Thomson
Toby Miller
Archive interviews with Colin Welland and Ben Cross.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

SAT 01:00 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 in their final series of tales by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle stories
Dramatised by Michael Hardwick.
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.
SAT 01:30 Whodunnits (b011vf01)
Agatha Raisin - Series 3
5. The Fairies of Fryfam - Part 1/2
Hurt by James once too often, Agatha takes a trip to the Cornish village of Fryham.
However, she's soon disturbed by some strange lights at the bottom of her garden...
Penelope Keith stars as the PR guru turned amateur detective.
Dramatised in two parts by David Semple from the novel by MC Beaton.
Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith
James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair
Mrs Bloxy Liza Sadovy
Lucy Danvers Rebecca Saire
Tolly Danvers Mark Straker
Mr Popplewell Stephen Critchlow

Producer: Carol Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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.

Starring Simon Callow, Miles Jupp and Jane Horrocks.
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.

Written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna.
Peter Simon Callow
Julian Miles Jupp
Maureen Jane Horrocks
Tom Tom Bell
Alan Pearce Quigley
Emma Louise Ford
Gerry Danny Webb
Ralph Ed Easton
Producer: Sarah Cartwright
Director: Paul Schlesinger
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.

SAT 03:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (b017mwz2)

5. Adulation and Farewells
An exploration of adulation and farewells for Charles Dickens.
Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man.
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.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
Read by Penelope Wilton.
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

SAT 03:45 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 Caoian McCarthy
Director: Mary Peate
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

SAT 04:00 Whispers (b007k2sl)

Series 3
Episode 3
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:
Dan Tetsell
John O'Farrell
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

SAT 04:30 Bookcases (b00xt6fh)

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?
Starring Michael Cochrane and Maggie Steed.
Martyn Wade's Victorian era comedy.
Primus Michael Cochrane
Cordelia Maggie Steed
Edith Elizabeth Spriggs
Gerald David Horovitch
Wilkie Collins David Timson
Simeon Charles Simpson
George Eliot David Antroubas
Director: Cherry Cookson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

SAT 05:00 RL Stevenson - The Master of Ballantrae (b00cbmp9)

2. The Unpeaceful Rest
After the brother's bitter duel - the body of James Durie has mysteriously disappeared. The House of Durrise deer 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 Durrise deer 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.

SAT 06:00 Nick Stafford - A Year and a Day (m001y3g9)

A brother and sister in Derbyshire discover their High Peak estate is virtually bankrupt.
Times are also hard for their farm tenants.
Pressure mounts on both families until one explosive incident changes their lives forever.
Stars Nicholas Farrell, Tricia Kelly and Philip Jackson.
Written by Nick Stafford
Martin Malador Nicholas Farrell
Mary Malador Elaine Claxton
Harold Winter Philip Jackson
Jenny Winter Tricia Kelly
Robert Winter Robert Harper
Carl Hammond Ian Dunn
Sian Owen Alison Pettitt
Mr Jones Stephen Thorne
Mossie Gerard McDermott
DC Shearer Tracey-Ann Oberman
Other parts played by the cast.
Director: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1997.

SAT 07:30 Shakespeare in a Divided America by James Shapiro (Omnibus) (m000gncz)

Leading scholar James Shapiro makes a timely exploration of what Shakespeare's plays reveal about deep divisions in the United States - from revolutionary times to the present day.
The plays of William Shakespeare are rare common ground in the USA. They are read at school by almost every student, staged in theatres across the country, and valued by conservatives and liberals alike. For well over two centuries, Americans of all stripes - presidents and activists, writers and

On An Afternoon Train From Purley To Victoria, 1955
White Child Meets Black Man.
Poems featured in episode 2:
Travelling As We Are
It's Me Man
Two Black Labourers On A London Building Site
In-a Brixtan Markit
Producer: Alec Reid
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.
SUN 07:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (Omnibus) (m000h0qj)
Claire Tomalin's acclaimed biography of Britain's great novelist paints a portrait of an extraordinarily complex man.
Tomalin portrays Charles Dickens as a writer "so charged with imaginative energy that he rendered nineteenth 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.
It begins with an exploration of Charles Dickens's troubled childhood.
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Richard Hamilton.
Read by Penelope Wilton.
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
*** 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.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001y23g)
Keith Brymer Jones
Potter and broadcaster Keith Brymer Jones chooses 'Fantasy' by Earth Wind and Fire, and 'I Feel Love' by Donna Summer.
SUN 08:50 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (Omnibus) (b070mpz3)
Episode 1
The Williams Family bumbles along in a normally dysfunctional way until something happens which causes them all to unravel.
Lucy Catherine's beautifully observed account of a family in meltdown.
Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes.
Luke Tyger Drew-Honey
Nettie Katie Angelou
Ailsa Sharon Small
Martin Justin Salinger
Orla Rebecca Hamilton
Doctor Susan Jameson
Mr Holbrook Richard Pepple
Rachel Jane Slavin
Joe Leo Wan
Police Officer/Michael Ewan Bailey
Mrs Straun Debra Baker
Male PC Caolan McCarthy
Director: Mary Peate.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
SUN 10:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jptm)
Series 2
The Bishop Warm's Up
The newly installed central heating at St Ogg's causes temperatures to rise.
Ecclesiastical sitcom which started life on BBC TV.
Written for radio by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.
The Archdeacon Robertson Hare
The Bishop William Mervyn
Noote Jonathan Cecil
The Dean John Barron
Mr Fox Hugh Paddick
Mr Dawson Frank Vickers
Mr Parry-Jones Dudley Jones
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 as well as some new episodes.
Producer: David Hatch.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1972.
SUN 10:30 The Navy Lark (b04cg41q)
Series 10
Bunging Up
A lost toothbrush sparks chaos amongst the crew aboard HMS Troutbridge.
Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.
Laughs afloat aboard a British Royal Navy frigate.
Written by Lawrie Wyman.
The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips
The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee
The Number One Stephen Murray
Captain Povey Richard Caldicot
Heather Heather Chasen
The Admiral Tenniel Evans
The Commander Michael Bates
AS Tiddy Lawrie Wyman
The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959

and 1976.
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1969.
SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001y23b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pf12c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000gf12)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SUN 12:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (Omnibus) (m000h0qj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001y23g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 13:50 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (Omnibus) (b070mpz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 15:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jptm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 15:30 The Navy Lark (b04cg41q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 16:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmdr)
Series 1
5. Threshold of Stars
"And what happens if we fail the test?" "It's obvious. We'll be killed."
Held captive by their abductors, the Space Force crew discover exactly what the aliens are after - while Chipper causes concern.
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 Streatfeild
Voedica Lolly Cockerell
Jennie Jenny Twigge
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1984.
SUN 16:30 Sheila Hodgson - The Striking Image (m001y23j)
'You had to force yourself to stay there, it set your nerves jangling: a black despair colouring every single object like infection.'
A doll made by a patient in recovery appears to have a strange hold over its owner.
Chilling drama written by Sheila Hodgson.
Dr Corbin Brian Carroll
Mrs Pawle Eva Stuart
Brenda Pawle Jenny Twigge
Miss Grayson Petra Davies
James Lloyd John Bull
Mrs Lloyd Josie Kidd
Marian Lloyd Susan Sheridan
Receptionist Elizabeth Rider
Director: Brian Wright
First broadcast on THIRTY MINUTE THEATRE on BBC Radio 4 in December 1979.
SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001y23b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pf12c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m000gf12)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SUN 18:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (Omnibus) (m000h0qj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001y23g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 19:50 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (Omnibus) (b070mpz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jptm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 The Navy Lark (b04cg41q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b007jrx3)
Series 1
Even More Storm Clouds
Samuel's crooked brother lures Joshua into fighting the 'Cockney Monster'.
Sitcom set in 1770, just before the American War of Independence.
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 Arbuthnot Susie Blake
Uncle Dan Oliphant William Hootkins
Announcer/Variou's Michael Fenton Stevens
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.
SUN 22:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m000hdkm)
Series 4

The Petsman
As cat and dog owners go to war, Milton turns to social media to calm things down. That usually works, right?
Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!". Each week, 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.
"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - *The Guardian*.
"King of the surreal one-liners" - *The Times*
"If you haven't caught up with Jones yet - do so!" - *The Daily Mail*
Written by Milton with James Cary (Bluestone 42, Miranda), and Dan Evans (who co-wrote Milton's Channel 4 show *House Of Rooms*), the man they call "Britain's funniest Milton," returns to the radio with a fully-working cast and a shipload of new jokes.
The cast includes regulars Tom Goodman-Hill (Spamalot, Mr Selfridge) as the ever-faithful Anton, Josie Lawrence and Ben Willbond (*Yonderland*, *Ghosts*).
With music by Guy Jackson
Produced and directed by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
SUN 23:00 Great Unanswered Questions (m000mhlt)
Series 1
Episode 1
Why are there no flying cars?
How do pain killers know where you're sore?
Northern Irish comedian Colin Murphy and his cohorts try to answer the most ridiculous of questions with the correct or at the very least, funny answers.
With:
Scientist - Dr David Booth
Comedian and computer geek - Matthew Collins.
Special guest: Jo Caulfield.
Producer: Jackie Hamilton
First broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster in April 2008.
SUN 23:30 The In Crowd (b0085j15)
Series 4
Episode 2
A tricky restaurant customer and a confused football manager.
Comedy sketch show from Manchester.
With:
Helen Moon
Robin Ince
Smug Roberts
Kate Ward
Written by Carl Cooper, Susan Vale, Rob & Neil Gibbons, Martin Mor and Robin Ince.
Producer: Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

MONDAY 08 APRIL 2024

MON 00:00 Charles Chilton - Space Force (b007jmdr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Sheila Hodgson - The Striking Image (m001y23j)
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MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001y23b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pf12c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m000gf12)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Charles Dickens: A Life by Claire Tomalin (Omnibus) (m000h0qj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001y23g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]
MON 03:50 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (Omnibus) (b070mpz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jptm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 The Navy Lark (b04cg41q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p7y8)
Sherlock Holmes with Carleton Hobbs - Series 7
6. His Last Bow
The Baker Street sleuth must help England in her darkest hour.
Carleton Hobbs and Norman Shelley star in their final appearance in the tales by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
Dramatised by Michael Hardwick.
Sherlock Holmes Carleton Hobbs
Doctor Watson Norman Shelley
Mrs Hudson Janet Morrison
Von Bork Dennis Gochaer
Von Herling Francis de Wolff
Producer: Graham Gauld
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1969.
MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b011hyk)
Agatha Raisin - Series 3
6. The Fairies of Fryfam - Part 2: Murder in the Dark
Agatha continues to investigate the murder in the village of Fryfam in Cornwall - but, even more of a mystery, can James forgive and forget?

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
Lucy Danvers Rebecca Saire
Arthur Popplewell Stephen Critchlow
Producer: Carol Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.
MON 07:00 Winston (b007s165)
Winston Comes to Town
Easy to Love
Old rogue Winston's new-found wealth goes to his head - but what's to be done about 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 (b007jnbp)
Series 5
Men of Property
Albert and Harold set out to buy the freehold of their rag and bone yard.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.
Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H Corbett
With:
Norman Bird
Jeanne Cook
Michael McClain
Producer :Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.
MON 08:00 Mum's on the Run (b00t5vn)
Episode 5
Battling lippy kids, annoying neighbours and a jazz playing ex-husband means Jen's failing to be the yummy mummy she longs to be.
The desire to impress Mr Rigby and silence nagging children persuades Jen to attempt some charitable work. But a botched attempt to give blood and a disastrous baking error lead only to further humiliation.
Starring Ronni Ancona.
Mother of two, Master of none - the hectic life ("What life?") of single mum, Jen.
Written by Alexis Zegerman.
Jen Ronni Ancona
Mr. Rigby John Gordon Sinclair
Shelley Alexis Zegerman
Felicity Amy Dabrowa
Toby Alexander Heath
Chugger Lloyd Thomas
Nurse/David's Mum Sally Orrock
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.
MON 08:30 Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers (m000sgs1)
1. Letter
When the North Kent Echo receives a letter from a woman claiming her daughter was the result of virgin birth, they send feature writer Jean Swinney to investigate.
Jean is almost 40 and leads a restricted life with her demanding mother.
But as she becomes more deeply involved with Gretchen, Howard and Margaret Tilbury, things begin to change...
Historical romance novel by Clare Chambers, first published in 2020.
Read by Monica Dolan
Abridged in ten parts and produced by Jeremy Osborne
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2021.
**** Clare Chambers was born in Croydon and studied English at Hertford College, Oxford. After graduating she lived for a year in New Zealand where she wrote her first novel Uncertain Terms at the age of 22. Small Pleasures was a BBC2 Between The Covers Book Club Pick.
MON 08:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b070crdl)
6. Laptop
A beautifully observed account of a family in meltdown by Lucy Catherine.
15 year old Nettie is still being kept alive artificially after her accident.
Her mum is trying to find out what she was up to by looking at her laptop.
Luke Tyger Drew-Honey
Nettie Katie Angelou
Ailsa Sharon Small
Martin Justin Salinger
Orla Rebecca Hamilton
Doctor Susan Jameson
Michael Ewan Bailey
Nurse Evie Killip
Herbie Richard Pepple

Director: Mary Peate
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
MON 09:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001xws4)
Series 8
1. Bounty Hunter
In this week's case Alfie turns bounty hunter and goes on the hunt for a wanted man (an infamous bike thief).
Join Alfie and his audience of sworn-in deputies as they decide how to get their man.
Written and presented by Alfie Moore
Script Editor: Will Ing
Production Co-ordinators: Katie Baum
Producer: Sam Holmes
A BBC Studios Audio Production
MON 09:30 A Piece of Cake (m0002z5p)
1. Goosnargh Cake
A type of shortbread containing caraway seeds, Goosnargh Cake was traditionally eaten at religious festivals.
But it has mysterious origins – so who created the original recipe?
Five choice slices of British sweet treats as Sheila McClennon tells the stories behind them.
Producer: Libby Cross
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m001y1m0)
Guiding Light – Direction
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Guiding Light – Direction
Psalm 119: 129-135
Led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew
Lead Me Lord
St Martin's Voices
Lead kindly light
The Sixteen
The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Bryn Terfel
MON 10:00 Radiolab (m001y3st)
Series 11
Love Is In The Air
Radiolab on seagulls changing our understanding of sexuality in nature, and the secret life of America's bald eagle.
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 (m0010y13)
Ann Cleeves
Crime writer Ann Cleeves inherits 'Some Enchanted Evening' and passes on 'Farewell to Stromness', by Peter Maxwell Davies.
MON 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p7y8)
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MON 13:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b070crdl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Many a Slip (b09vqv06)
From 15/08/1978
Quizmaster Roy Plomley challenges his contestants to spot the mistakes.
Eleanor Summerfield and Gillian Reynolds battle
David Nixon and Tim Rice
Plus more tune-twisters from Steve Race.
Devised and written by Ian Messiter.
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1978.
MON 14:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01gklt7)
Series 3
Loophole
Patrick gets a TV presenting job on the Barbeque Channel - filming on location in the family home.
As the flames get higher, Stella's precious garden is under threat!
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
Fergus Russell Bently
Director: Elizabeth Freestone
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.
MON 15:00 A Surfeit of Smiths (m001y1m2)

Mr Salvadori is justifiably proud of his recently upgraded hotel. Smooth efficiency is the keynote of the establishment: Until, that is, Ashley Parker MP and his girlfriend book in as 'Mr and Mrs Smith'.
If only they were the only Smiths staying for the weekend and if Mr Salvadori's command of English were just a little better....
Starring Hywel Bennett and Dinsdale Landen.
John Graham's farcical comedy.
Ashley Parker MP Dinsdale Landen
Mr Salvadori Hywel Bennett
Samantha Hobbs Helen Fraser
Diane Frances Jeater
Birdie Smith Bessie Love
Culver Smith Cyril Shaps
Harold Hobbs Alan Dudley
Brenda Hobbs Eva Stuart
Keith David Timson
Receptionist George Parsons
Barman Spencer Banks
Operator Judy Franklin
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1981.
MON 16:00 Radiolab (m001y3st)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0010y13)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 today]
MON 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (m000p7y8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Whodunnits (b011vhyk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 Winston (b007s165)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnbp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Mum's on the Run (b00t5vn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers (m000sgs1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b070crdl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Many a Slip (b09vqv06)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Ring Around the Bath (b01gklt7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 A Surfeit of Smiths (m001y1m2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001xws4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jwn0)
Series 1
Episode 4
The multi-talented Mrs Bedi lands in hospital - and meet 'The Six Million Rupee Man'.
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 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001y1m4)
Emmanuel Sonubi 1/2
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Arthur Smith chats to Emmanuel Sonubi.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m001xvt4)
Series 64
Episode 4
Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches. Starring Jon Holmes on animals making headlines, Angela Barnes on theft and an original song from Jonny & the Baptists. With voices from Ed Jones and Roisin O'Mahony.
The show was written by the cast with additional material from Tasha Dhanraj, Mike Shepard, Alex Bertulis-Fernandes and Peter Tellouche.
Producer: Sasha Bobak
Executive Producer: Pete Strauss
Production Coordinator: Caroline Barlow
A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.
MON 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007qx6y)
Dave Podmore's Cricket Fix
Episode 3
Dave Podmore refuses to stand idly by as English cricket stares down both barrels of a bottomless doldrum.
On a chaotic overseas tour, his private life takes a turn for the worse.
Christopher Douglas stars as Pod.
Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.
Dave Chris Douglas
Andy Andrew Nickolds
With:
Nicola Sanderson

Series 2
Chris McCausland
Paul Merton interviews a variety of guests from the world of comedy and entertainment to find out what they would send to Room 101 as well as the one item they cannot live without. In this first episode of the series, Chris McCausland attempts to banish teacups with tiny handles and prices that end in 99p, as well as explaining his unwavering devotion to a particular Christmas-time edible treat.
Additional material John Irwin and Suki Webster
Produced by Richard Wilson
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4
WED 09:30 A Piece of Cake (m0002zj)
3. Chorley Cake
Sheila McClennon visits Lancashire to investigate the origin of Chorley Cakes, famous for their thick pastry on the outside with a filling of currants or raisins.
Five choice slices of British sweet treats and the stories behind them.
Producer: Libby Cross
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m001y1h1)
Guiding Light – Let your light shine
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Guiding Light – Let your light shine
Matthew 5 13-16
Led by Rev Grace Thomas
Shine all your light
Beth Nielsen Chapman
Light of the World (John Dankworth)
(Rugby Choir - solo: Ischia Gooda)
He is the light
Bryan & Katie Torwalt
WED 10:00 Short Cuts (m000k2m0)
The Outside
Lying on your back and gazing at the stars in Australia, viewing the world through the eyes of a little dog and venturing outside your home - Josie Long presents short documentaries and adventures in sound about the outside world.
Emu in the Sky
Featuring Krystal DeNapoli
Produced by Krystal DeNapoli, Michelle Macklem, and Zoe Tennant
Paws for Thought (featuring Little Oblong)
Produced by Phil Smith
The Outside
Produced by Hana Walker-Brown
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 Joan Turner: The Highs and Lows of the Wacky Warbler (b00wlgg4)
Lesley Garrett tells the story of the operatic comedienne whose turbulent lifestyle brought both success and failure.
Joan Turner was a larger-than-life star who enjoyed a successful stage and television career in the 1960s and 70s. She was born in Belfast in 1922 and made her debut at the Finsbury Empire as a singing comedienne. Joan could perform pop or opera with her four-and-a-half-octave soprano voice, impersonate Judy Garland and Bette Davis, and then change to stand-up comic. She worked with The Crazy Gang, appeared at many Royal Events, recorded for Pye Records and became the highest-earning female singer in Britain. Touring the music halls she was considered a 'female Harry Secombe', and in the States they billed her as "The Wacky Warbler".
One reviewer described her as having "the voice of an angel and the wit of a devil".
Even though she gained a reputation for being difficult and unpredictable she remained a much loved figure on the show business circuit.
Her daughter Susanna Page always believed that "the best way to describe Mum is that she thought every day was Christmas". She was to discover painfully that it was not.
By the late nineties an unkind reverse reduced her to the status of a bag lady walking the streets of Las Vegas and Los Angeles searching for work. She battled with gambling and alcoholism. A few film and television roles saw a short revival in her fortunes but her last live comeback attempt ended in a drunken shambles. She spent her final years in sheltered accommodation in Surrey.
Contributions from actor Harry Dickman, Variety entertainer Roy Hudd and Joan's daughter, Susanna Page.
Producer: Stephen Garner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
WED 11:00 The Rivals (b081ld30)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 Whodunnits (b00w77k5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Ballylenon (b007tcbg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b009rn1w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Dot (b08rptr4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers (m000sh8f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b070fdj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 14:00 Say the Word (b00764j5)
Episode 1
Frank Delaney's panel game series revolving around the English language.
From the Ways with Words literary festival in Totnes, Devon.
With:
Sandi Toksvig
Tommy Pearson
Laura Wright
Christopher Matthew
On hand to offer a witty perspective on the world of words are the Nimmo Twins.
Producer: Simon Elmes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.
WED 14:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007mcc4)
Series 1
Episode 1
If smugglers were the rock stars of the day, Tamsyn Trelawny was Drummil Bay's very own Ms Dynamite-ee-ee.
But how will she cope when a keen young soldier from London is appointed the new local customs collector?
18th century Cornish village sitcom by the writers of Dead Ringers - Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.
Tamsyn Trelawny Lucy Speed
Jago Trelawny John Bowe
Major Thomas Falconer Cameron Stewart
Captain Marriot Andrew McGibbon
Squire Bascombe Martin Hyder
Lady Mary Julia Deakin
Dewey Mark Felgate
Various Phil Nice
Producer: Jan Ravens.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.
WED 15:00 Robert Tressell - The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists (m001y1h3)
2. Making Money For Mr Rushton
Edwardian England: as the renovation continues Frank tries to educate his fellow workers about their plight.
"We're all of us philanthropists. Toilin' and sweatin' at our noble task of making money for Mr Rushton. We're The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists!"
Sean Barrett stars as Robert Tressell, Brian Glover as Bob Crass and Mark Straker as Frank Owen.
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A house painter and sign writer by trade (the inspiration for his pen name), Noonan died in Liverpool from tuberculosis in 1911.
He was buried in a pauper's grave. His true identity as author of his novel was not revealed for 40 years.
Robert Tressell Sean Barrett
Bob Crass Brian Glover
Hunter Bryan Pringle
Frank Owen Mark Straker
Adam Sweater Peter Vaughan
Joe Philpot Norman Jones
George Rushton Denis Lill
Nora Owen Joan Walker
Newman Peter Craze
Will Easton Donald Gee
Fred Harlow Robin Summers
Sawkins Michael Graham Cox
Alf Slyme David Goudge
Ruth Easton Kate Lock
Barmaid Jo Kendall
Drunk John Bull
Arthur Richard Tate
Bert White Richard Pearce
Dr Weakling John Warner
Amos Grinder Geoffrey Matthews
Jeremiah Didlum John Moffatt
Dramatised in six parts by Gregory Evans.
Director: Michael Bakewell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.
WED 16:00 Short Cuts (m000k2m0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 16:30 Joan Turner: The Highs and Lows of the Wacky Warbler (b00wlgg4)
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WED 19:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b070fdj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 20:00 Say the Word (b00764j5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
WED 20:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007mcc4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
WED 21:00 Robert Tressell - The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists (m001y1h3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
WED 22:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m001xvkz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k3wp)
Series 2
The Museum Reopens
Discover the fate of Badgerland as well as finding out about the life and work of Victorian author Thomas Quesseley.
Feel free to wander around our many galleries and experience the history of everything.
Written and performed by:
Marcus Brigstocke
Danny Robins
Dan Tetsell.
With Lucy Montgomery.
Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.
Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.
WED 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b042ztrc)
Series 3
Tom Basden
Stand-up Alex Horne and his band explore the theme of home and leisure through live music and comedy.
With songs about radiators, a pork pie - and Wayne Rooney amongst others.
With guest comedian:
Tom Basden

Alex's Horne Section are:
Joe Auckland
Mark Brown
Will Collier
Ben Reynolds
Ed Shelldrake
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.
WED 23:30 The Skewer (m001xvr0)
Series 11
Episode 8
The week's biggest stories like you've never heard them before. The news, remixed as a satirical comedy concept album.

Jon Holmes presents the multi-award-winning The Skewer. Headphones on. This week - Spirit of Dark Thames Water, the Cruci-Hate Crime-Bill, and if you want blood, we've got it.

Producer: Jon Holmes
An unusual production for BBC Radio 4
WED 23:45 Crème de la Crème (b0081mpp)
Series 2
Six Feet Down Under
Michael Feydeau -TV's much loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert, David Pershore probe a strange death by cutlery back in 1824.
Tales from the vaults of villainy.
Written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.
With:
Ewan Bailey
Emma Kennedy
Chris Pavlo
Director: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024

THU 00:00 Short Cuts (m000k2m0)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
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THU 04:00 Say the Word (b00764j5)
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THU 04:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007mcc4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Robert Tressell - The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists (m001y1h3)

Orla Rebecca Hamilton
 Doctor Susan Jameson
 Written by Lucy Catherine.
 Directed by Mary Peate.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
FRI 09:00 You Heard It Here First (m001y1hr)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Chris McCausland asks Iain Stirling and Su Pollard to take on Alasdair Beckett-King and Sophie Duker, deciphering brainteaser sound cues for points and pride whilst trying not to what about too much along the way. The teams must figure out what on earth is being advertised on TV, guess what famous objects or locations children are trying to describe, and guess what sounds their teammates are trying to recreate.
 Producer: Sasha Bobak
 Assistant Producer: Becky Carewe-Jeffries
 Executive Producer: Richard Morris
 Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini
 A BBC Studios Production
 An EcoAudio certified production
FRI 09:30 A Piece of Cake (m000303q)
 5. Eccles Cake
 Sheila McClennon visits the Lancashire town of Eccles to taste these sweet currant-and-pastry cakes.
 Five choice slices of British sweet treats and the stories behind them.
 Producer: Libby Cross
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.
FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m001y1hy)
 Guiding Light - God's Plan
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Guiding Light - God's Plan
 Led by the Revd Dr Emma Whittick
 Reading: Romans 8: 24-30
 Thy Hand O God Has Guided
 Cardiff Polyphonic Choir
 All My Hope On God Is Founded
 Choir of Bangor Cathedral
 Christ Be Our Light
 Choir of Llandaff Cathedral
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m0011rkf)
 Some Enchanted Evening from South Pacific
 Ezio Pinza was the first person to sing Some Enchanted Evening when South Pacific opened on Broadway in 1949. His granddaughter, Sarah Goodyear, recounts his extraordinary life story: from international opera singer, to political prisoner, then a star of musical theatre.
 Perhaps best known for its 1958 film version, South Pacific famously starred Rossano Brazzi as Emile de Becque. However his singing voice was provided by opera star, Giorgio Tozzi. His son, Eric Tozzi, recalls hearing his father practise Some Enchanted Evening in their California beach-side home.
 Canan Maxton runs the charity, Talent Unlimited, which supports student musicians. Some Enchanted Evening was the signature tune to her own love story, which inspired her to launch that organisation.
 Alan Titchmarsh is best known as a TV gardener, but he has a surprisingly good voice. Some Enchanted Evening is a childhood favourite which reminds him of his parents, but he couldn't have foreseen the day when he would sing it live at the London Palladium for an ITV audience (credit to ITV All Star Musicals, produced by Multistory Media for the extract used).
 Daniel Evans is the Artistic Director of Chichester Festival Theatre. He staged a well-reviewed production of South Pacific, one which explores the racist theme Rodgers and Hammerstein originally sought to address in their Broadway production. He explains the role Some Enchanted Evening plays in the storyline of the show.
 Julian Ovenden played Emile de Becque in the Chichester production. He describes what it's like to perform this very famous and much anticipated song.
 BBC Audio Producer: Karen Gregor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2021.
FRI 10:30 A Brief History of TIM (b07kl685)
 Lynne Truss explores the history of the Speaking Clock, which was launched amid great anticipation on 24th July, 1936.
 TIM, "the wonder instrument of the Post Office", used state of the art technology, with the voice reproduced from rotating glass discs. In the first year the service was only available in London, but still received around 12 million calls. Since then, the clock's four successive "Golden Voices" have told the time through a world war, huge cultural and technological changes, and radical developments in our understanding of time itself.
 Two celebrated cosmologists comment on aspects of time and timekeeping: Professor Stephen Hawking, and Professor Martin Rees, the Astronomer Royal – it was an earlier holder of this title, Harold Spencer Jones, who made the first call to TIM, at the inaugural ceremony in 1936.
 Lynne visits the grand original speaking clock, now housed at the British Horological Institute; and she meets the current Golden Voice, Sara Mendes da Costa, who describes what it is like to be part of this very British institution.
 Through music and archive, the programme travels back in time to the competitions to appoint Sara and her predecessors - Jane Cain, Pat Simmons, and Brian Cobby – and to discover how much times have changed.
 Sound design by Dave Dodd.

Producer: Susan Kenyon
 A Whistledown production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
FRI 11:00 The Rivals (b082x79t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b00wlbvx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 12:00 Up the Garden Path (b007wpnk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 12:30 Albert and Me (b007jzd2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Plum House (b0b52cms)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers (m000skcj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:45 Lucy Catherine - Halfway Here (b070hscp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 14:00 Whispers (b007k358)
 Series 3
 Episode 4
 Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.
 Julian Fellowes and Penny Junor 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 (b00szhvl)
 Series 1
 The Prosser Prize
 London 1858: Primus is determined that Spavin and Spavin's entry should win this distinguished literary award, even if it means seducing the sponsors.
 Martyn Wade's Victorian era comedy stars Michael Cochrane and Maggie Steed.
 Primus Michael Cochrane
 Cordelia Maggie Steed
 Edith Elizabeth Spriggs
 Gerald David Horovitch
 Simeon Charles Simpson
 Mrs Prosser Frances Jeater
 Prosser Geoffrey Whitehead
 Thackeray David Antrobus
 Director: Cherry Cookson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.
FRI 15:00 Robert Tressell - The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists (m001y1j2)
 4. Other People's Hard Work
 Edwardian England: with renovation of the rich man's house complete, the workers face winter unemployment.
 "Seems to me we needn't bother ourselves with the ratepayers at all.... We run this town! We've got the council in our pockets!"
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 Bundy Richard Tate
 Will Easton Donald Gee
 Newman Peter Craze
 Amos Grinder Geoffrey Matthews
 Jeremiah Didlum ... John Moffatt
 George Rushton Denis Lill
 Nora Owen Joan Walker
 Mary Linden Alice Arnold
 Man ... John Bull
 Jack Linden Philip Newman
 Secretary Eva Stuart
 Dr Weakling John Warner
 Councillor Michael Graham Cox
 Dramatised by Gregory Evans.
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FRI 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001y1hr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00y9xdg)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Revelations about hats, tents and some disturbing tales from Beatrix Potter.
 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 23:00 Jake Yapp's Media Circus (b0bcgw3b)
 Speech Radio
 Jake Yapp applies his sharp satirical eye to the modern media, exploring its strengths, weaknesses and idiosyncrasies through stand-up, sketch and music.
 This time, Jake uses the medium of speech radio to satirise...
 Speech Radio. Exploring its most exhausting iterations and tropes.
 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 (b00tjnmq)
 Series 2
 Values
 Marketing maestro John Weak tries to solve the meeting room crisis with some challenging seduction...
 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
 Tim Ewan Bailey
 Giles Stephen Critchlow
 Sam Adjoa Andoh
 Music: David Pickvance
 Producer: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.