

SATURDAY 04 MAY 2024

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m0012fbs)

U2 - I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
More gospel than rock, this 1987 hit has inspired great change in people's lives and created memories for music lovers across the world.

Brendan McManus was a corporate office flyer with an inexplicable sense that his life needed to change direction. This song was the tipping point that encouraged him to make a huge decision.

Raghav Prasad writes a music blog about the songs he grew up with as a young man in India. This track takes him back to the 'chummery' where he lived in Bombay (now Mumbai) when he was starting out on what became a globe-trotting career. This song reflects both his continued urge to travel but also how he regards his Hindu faith.

Neil Brand is a musician and broadcaster and a regular Soul Music contributor. He explains that the roots of this track are more gospel than rock.

Pauline Henry was the lead singer of The Chimes. Their version of this track, with Pauline's stirring vocals, not only changed her life but was said to be Bono's favourite interpretation of the song.

Rory Coleman is a world-class athlete and life coach who loves nothing more than to run for hundreds of miles across inhospitable terrain. However, in his 20s, his life was out of control. Something had to change and this song provided inspiration.

Gail Mullin, in Kansas City, describes how much her husband loved U2 and especially this track. Shortly before he died he received a personal letter from Bono explaining what motivated him to write this song.

Producer: Karen Gregor for BBC Audio in Bristol

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2021.

SAT 00:30 Mel's Iron Age Holiday (b017mv1r)

Mel Giedroyc takes a British family back 2,000 years to live in a Danish Iron Age village at Sagnlandet Lejre.

Every summer ordinary families apply to live in the authentically reconstructed village for a week, to experience living as close to the Iron Age as possible.

This year one lucky British family has been accepted.

Mel joins them and immerses herself with glee: putting on the layers of hand-woven woollen garments and matching bonnet and settling down onto her sheepskins in her pitch-dark wattle-and-daub hut. It's hard and primitive living.

Days are occupied by gathering and preparing food as close to authentic Iron Age food as possible, grinding flour, fetching water, forging iron and chopping wood. Through the week, there are emotional highs and lows for all of them.

Then the week ends with a pagan ceremony at the Sacrificial Bog...

Producer: Beth O'Dea

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (m000jx47)

A Charles Paris Mystery - A Doubtful Death

4. Smile and be a Villain
Charles is in Oxford appearing in a re-imagining of Hamlet by a high-concept theatre group, but the actress playing Ophelia was found dead.

Charles has accused the director of murdering both his production of Hamlet - and his actress lover.

It doesn't go down well.

So who did kill Jenny?

Starring Bill Nighy.

Another case for loveably louche actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris.

Conclusion of Simon Brett's crime novel.

Dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Charles Paris Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Dan Will Kirk

Tomasz Ian Conningham

Cassie Heather Craney

Fortinbras Ikky Elyas

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2020.

SAT 01:30 E Nesbit - The Railway Children (b00qyq11)

4. Father

The railway loving children help out when a paper chase goes wrong.

Then Roberta finally discovers the truth about her father...

Conclusion of E Nesbit's much loved story.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan.

Roberta Victoria Carling

Peter Daniel Ison

Phyllis Kate McEnery

Mother Frances Jeater

The Old Gentleman Timothy Bateson

Perks Paul Copley

Dr Forrest Peter Howell

Jim Paul Downing

Foreman Fraser Kerr

Workman Ben Onwukwe

Other parts played by the cast.

Music composed by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Director: John Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in January 1991.

SAT 02:00 Up the Garden Path (b007yp9j)

Series 1

The Menage

Izzy struggles to come to terms with some alternative domestic arrangements.

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

Michael Nicholas Le Prevost

Dick Mike Grady

Louise Phyllida Nash

Gwyn Sion Probert

Maria Marty Cruickshank

Class 4C:

Kerryann White

Sarah Doyle

Sam Smart

Mark Monero

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

SAT 02:30 Albert and Me (b048s4vy)

Series 2

Driver

Single dad Bryan takes a driving job but finds himself caught up in crime.

Stars Robert Lindsay and Pat Coombs.

The struggles of single parent Bryan Archer to find work while raising his baby son, Albert.

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Bryan Archer Robert Lindsay

Mum/Albert Pat Coombs

Mrs Willis Diana King

Terry Derek Martin

Alison Deidre Costello

Charlie Peter Cleall

Andy John Kane

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1983.

SAT 03:00 Plum House (b0b7fpgs)

Series 2

Hot Quiz

After their latest madcap scheme proves a disaster, Tom decides that Peter and Julian should no longer be in charge of the finances.

He soon discovers that each staff member thinks they are most suited for the role, and a local pub quiz becomes the arena to decide who is best and smartest at Plum House.

The competition reignites old tensions and turns the team on each other.

Meanwhile, Tom is distracted by his feelings for Emma. 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 Cottom and Paul McKenna.

Peter Simon Callow

Maureen Jane Horrocks

Julian Miles Jupp

Tom Tom Bell

Alan Pearce Quigley

Emma Louise Ford

Ken/Quizmaster Graham Fellows

Producer: Sarah Cartwright

Director: Paul Schlesinger

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

SAT 03:30 Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor by Adrian Fort (b01nf3nd)

5. An Array of Dragons

Forced into retirement, Nancy struggles to adapt to non-political life in her twilight days.

The fascinating life of the first woman elected to take a seat in the British Houses of Parliament.

Adrian Fort's biography abridged by Alison Joseph.

Concluded by Anna Maxwell Martin.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

SAT 03:45 Rajaa Alsanea - Girls of Riyadh (m000fgs)

5. The Plan

Saudi men have so far proved a huge disappointment to the Girls of Riyadh, but Lamees has a plan.

She's not going to share the same fate of her friends.

Can you be a 21st-century woman and a Saudi woman?

Conclusion of Rajaa Alsanea's best-selling novel.

Dramatised by Claudine Toutoungi.

GGamrah Lara Sawalha

Sadeem Laila Alj

Michelle Jasmine Jones

Lamees Nyla Levy

Faisal Ikky Elyas

Rashid Elham Ehsas

Firas Moe Bar-El

Pilot/Bookseller Ian Conningham

Tara Sinead MacInnes

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

SAT 04:00 The 3rd Degree (m0018g5r)

Series 12

UCL

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

A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects biochemical engineering, psychology and English Literature.

Questions range from Virginia Woolf's Mrs Dalloway to Willy Wonka's Timothée Chalamet and the answers include the words yttrium, walla and quinquereme.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2022.

SAT 04:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hbd)

Series 1

The Folks Who Live on the Hill

While lavishing care on a sick Vi, Roy makes matters considerably worse.

And as Bernadette prepares for Victor's birthday party, she finds herself welcoming some very unexpected guests.

Starring Ram John Holder and Sam Kelly.

Sitcom written by Marcus Powell and John Byrne.

Roy Ram Jam Holder

George Sam Kelly

Victor Marcus Powell

Barry George Layton

Vi Yvonne Brewster

Bernadette Caroline Lee Johnson

Siobhan Joanna Brookes

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

SAT 05:00 Lesley Bruce - Clark (m0013b2r)

In 1761, Benjamin Franklin invented the glass harmonica.

Drama exploring the impact of this peculiar instrument on the lives of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Mesmer - as well as two visually-impaired musicians, Marianne Kirschgassner and Marie Therese von Paradis.

Written by Lesley Bruce.

Benjamin Franklin Jon Strickland

Mozart Adam Godley

Franz Mesmer Nicholas Farrell

Marianne Kirschgassner Tracey Wiles

Herr Kirschgassner John Rowe

Marianne Kirschgassner Tracey Wiles

Marie Therese von Paradis Victoria Finney

Marianne Kirschgassner Tracey Wiles

All other parts played by the cast.

Director Claire Grove

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

SAT 06:00 Alan Bennett - Single Spies: An Englishman Abroad and A Question of Attribution (m001yzj0)

To celebrate his 90th birthday (9 May 2024) and recorded especially for BBC Radio 4 Extra - the award-winning playwright and actor, Alan Bennett introduces his choice from the BBC Radio archive.

Two classic Alan Bennett spy dramas performed together.

AN ENGLISHMAN ABROAD

1958. A squalid flat in Moscow.

Over a paltry lunch, exiled spy Guy Burgess interrogates actress Coral Browne about English society gossip and then asks her to get him some new clothes from London.

Guy Burgess Simon Callow

Coral Brigit Forsyth

Tailor Robert Pickavance

Tolya/Shop assistant Peter Swander

Pianola and Balalaika played by Matthew Compton and David Carol.

A QUESTION OF ATTRIBUTION

Set in the 1960s, before Professor Anthony Blunt, the director of the Courtauld Institute, was exposed and disgraced as a spy.

Blunt is replacing a Titian at Buckingham Palace when Her Majesty the Queen comes in.

The painting is a fake.

Anthony Blunt Edward Petherbridge

Chubb Nicky Henson

The Queen Prunella Scales

Colin Harry Myers

Restorer Robert Pickavance

Philips Dan Stevens

Producer Susan Roberts

First broadcast on Radio 4 in September 2006.

SAT 07:30 Margaret Thatcher: Herself Alone (Omnibus) (m000945y)

How did Margaret Thatcher both change and divide Britain? How did her model of combative female leadership help shape the way we live now?

How did the woman who won the Cold War and three general elections in succession find herself pushed out by her own

MPs?
Charles Moore's full account, based on unique access to Margaret Thatcher herself, her papers, and her closest associates, tells the story of her last period in office, her combative retirement, and the controversy that surrounded her even in death.
It includes the fall of the Berlin Wall, which she had fought for, and the rise of the modern EU that she feared. It lays bare her growing quarrels with colleagues and reveals the truth about her political assassination.
Moore's three-part biography of one of Britain's most important peacetime prime ministers paints an intimate political and personal portrait of the victories and defeats, and the iron will but surprising vulnerability of the woman who dominated in an age of male power.
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Polly Coles
Read by Haydn Gwynne
Producer: Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2019.
SAT 08:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b011d4z)
Series 1
The Spy
Robb Wilton (1881 - 1957) was one of the most popular music hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s.
Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of 1980s Britain - coping with an unusual visitor?
Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before...
Written by Allen Saddler.
Producer: Brian Miller
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.
SAT 09:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000xxs3)
Episode 3
Can Donald survive when has to play a game of cricket in a sleepy little Kentish village?
Retired injured from the Great War, young Donald Cameron is writing a book about the English and their curious habits.
AG Macdonell's classic comic novel, first published in 1933.
Adapted by Bob Sinfield.
Narrated by Leslie Phillips.
Donald Cameron Sam Graham
Hodge Christopher Benjamin
Mr Harcourt Peter Kelly
Mr Southcott Shaun Prendergast
Adapted by Bob Sinfield.
Director: Neil Cargill
A Spice of Life production for BBC Radio 2 first broadcast in October 1994.
SAT 09:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (b00z17rv)
From 23/06/1963
Lead-swinging Arthur visits his doctor - and will a dodgy couple really buy a posh mansion?
Arthur Haynes stars in the sketch show series written by Johnny Speight.
With
Nicholas Parsons
Patricia Hayes
Lesley Noyes
Songs by Janie Marden.
Part of a selection of surviving episodes.
Producer: Richard Dingley
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1963.
SAT 10:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m00015pc)
2. Meera and Linda
From the dawn of broadcast comedy, women played a vital but largely overlooked role; more in the background rather than the forefront.
What impact did the sisters of satire from the 60's and 70's have on the comedy we know today and what was their cultural influence?
Just because they weren't the stars of the show didn't mean their influence wasn't felt. June Whitfield, Eleanor Bron and Miriam Margolyes were all quietly but firmly making their name in comedies such as The Glums, The Establishment Club and The Betty Witherspoon Show.
These women paved the way for comedians and actors such as Jan Ravens, Meera Syal and Linda Smith.
In the second of three programmes, Samira Ahmed is joined by actor/director Arabella Weir, former radio producer and novelist Lissa Evan and actress Tiffany Stevenson.
They discuss some of the best sitcoms from the BBC archives and listen again to the joys of:
WEEK ENDING
GOODNESS GRACIOUS ME
A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME WASTING
They assess the impact these funny women have had on contemporary comedy and the extent of their satirical legacy.
Join them on a comic journey from the early 1970's to the present day in a celebration of women in satire.
Producer: Belinda Naylor
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2019.
SAT 11:00 Alan Bennett - Single Spies: An Englishman Abroad and A Question of Attribution (m001yzj0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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(m000945y)
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SAT 13:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b011d4z)
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SAT 14:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000xxs3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 14:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (b00z17rv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 15:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m00015pc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Drama on 4 (m000sz2f)
Scenes from a Zombie Apocalypse
When the world goes off track, sometimes children understand it best.
Starring Orla and Eliza Pearce.
A modern horror story written by Katie Hims and Paul Elliott.
Bo Orla Pearce
Ellie Eliza Pearce
Bernadette Strange Laura Elphinstone
David Chase David Sturzak
PC Blake Nicholas Murchie
PC Ackie Marilyn Nnadebe
Fiona Jessica Turner
Jerry Tony Turner
Man Joshua Riley
Alison Elinor Coleman
Shopkeeper/Saheed/Lawton Hasan Dixon
Mum /Paramedic Jane Slavin
Driver/Dr Simms Stewart Campbell
Director: Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.
SAT 16:45 Monsieur Oufle by L'Abbe Bourdelot (b06r9k83)
The farcical history of the superstitious and weak-headed Monsieur Oufle.
He believes he's been bewitched and turned into a werewolf.
A 17th century story by L'Abbe Bourdelot.
Victorian translation by the Reverend Sabine Baring Gould.
Read by Timothy Bateson
Producer: Sarah Kilgarriff
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015.
SAT 17:00 Alan Bennett - Single Spies: An Englishman Abroad and A Question of Attribution (m001yzj0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 Margaret Thatcher: Herself Alone (Omnibus) (m000945y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b011d4z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000xxs3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (b00z17rv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m00015pc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 4 at the Store (b007jqn6)
Series 1
Episode 4
Simon Bligh hosts more stand-up comedy.
Direct from the Comedy Store in London.
Featuring:
Matt Wellcome
Veronica McKenzie
Sean Meo.
Producer: Helen Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
SAT 22:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)
Series 2
2. 'I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery'
"I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery"
"My retired Dad has more of a social life than me - how can I get him to swap stripping for slippers?"
Sarah Millican is a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.
Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion,
Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.
Sarah Sarah Millican
Marion Ruth Bratt
Terry Simon Daye
Rachel Ily Suttie
Ian William Andrews
Jeff Kevin Eldon
Clive Malcolm Tierney
Written by Sarah Millican
Producer: Lianne Coop
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.
SAT 23:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m001yzj2)
2024
Episode 1
4 Extra Debut. Esiyllt Sears kicks off a week of Comedy Club specials from Machynlleth Comedy Festival 2024.

SAT 23:15 Darren Harriott: Black Label (m0006lsw)
Family
Comedian Darren Harriott in what was his debut stand-up radio series.
Recorded in Darren's hometown of Birmingham, Black Label explores the different labels and roles he's been assigned throughout his life - Brummie, gang member, brother and son, bouncer and now comic.
Each episode of Black Label consists of incredibly open-hearted stories from the front line of Darren's life - challenging, enlightening and properly funny comedy.
For starters, Darren examines his family history - looking at his nan's emigration to the UK in the 1960's and exploring his relationship with his dad.
Written and performed by Darren Harriott.
Producer: Adnan Ahmed
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.
SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00wldq)
Series 2
Yankee Diddle
The Bletchley Park cipher-busting team decide that a wealthy American visitor is a ripe target for fleecing...
James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers.
Professor Charles Gardner Robert Bathurst
Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Fergus Craig (Gordon)
3rd Lieutenant Joshua Fanshawe-Marshall Alex MacQueen
Minka Olivia Coleman
Mrs Best Lill Roughley
Freddie G. Roosevelt Arnab Chanda
Producer: Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

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SUN 00:00 Drama on 4 (m000sz2f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]
SUN 00:45 Monsieur Oufle by L'Abbe Bourdelot (b06r9k83)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03wpctx)
Gardeners
Monty Don
Gardener and broadcaster, Monty Don. is castaway by Sue Lawley.
In 2003, Monty became the nation's most high-profile gardener when he took over from Alan Titchmarsh as the lead presenter of Gardener's World. Entirely self-taught, he has been gardening since he was a child - but it was not until he was in his late 30s that his great passion become his vocation.
His first career ended disastrously; he and his wife Sarah set up a jewellery business together and during the 1980s they prospered; they had shops and offices in Knightsbridge and counted singers and film stars among their clients. But when the slump came they lost everything - the business, their jobs and their home.
Monty suffered years of depression that left him barely able to function. It was by chance that he was offered some stints presenting gardening slots on television. He never looked back - he says there hasn't been a day since when he's not been working and he's become a successful gardening columnist, broadcaster and author.
DISC ONE: Bob Dylan - Nobody 'cept You
DISC TWO: The Beatles - A Hard Day's Night
DISC THREE: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Simon Rattle - Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 22 in E flat major: "Philosopher", 1st movement
DISC FOUR: Choir of King's College, Cambridge conducted by Stephen Cleobury - Johann Sebastian Bach's St Matthew Passion
DISC FIVE: Leonard Cohen - Anthem
DISC SIX: The Libertines - The Man Who Would Be King
DISC SEVEN: Nick Drake - Road
DISC EIGHT: Son House - John The Revelator
BOOK CHOICE: Collected Poems of Henry Vaughan
LUXURY CHOICE: Hendrickje Bathing by Rembrandt
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: The Beatles - A Hard Day's Night
Producer: Leanne Buckle
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011vj0)
Series 2
Waterton
Squire Waterton of Walton Hall was an eccentric Englishman and gentleman who made many visits to South America and wrote about his travels.
His travel books are "amongst the oddest I know" Sir David Attenborough tells us, written in an odd, almost biblical style. But nevertheless, they are accounts of natural history 200 years ago.
Attenborough argues that Waterton shouldn't be just remembered for his writing. He should be credited with establishing the first nature reserve in this country.
Appalled by the ravages of the industrial revolution's impact on the landscape, he built a wall around his estate to protect the wildlife - and free of charge allowed people to visit, which they did in their masses.
Written and presented by David Attenborough
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m000h898)
In Pursuit of Edward Thomas
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's radio poetry archive and selects In Pursuit of Edward Thomas.
The poet Edward Thomas died at the Battle of Arras over 100 years ago on 9th April 1917.
He'd been a poet for little more than two years and his collected works amount to only a slim volume. Nevertheless he is regarded as among the greatest of English poets.
What made him so? Poet and editor, Matthew Hollis, follows a journey Thomas made by bike in the spring of 1913 from London into south west England.
It was a journey that produced a prose book for Thomas, In Pursuit of Spring, but it was also a journey that turned him towards poetry.
Producer: Tim Dee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
Plus Daljit reads a poem from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: Baby Schema by Isabel Galleymore.
SUN 07:30 Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor by Adrian Fort (Omnibus) (m001yrrr)
The fascinating story of Nancy Astor, the first woman elected to take a seat in the British Parliament.
Born in 1879, hers was a fascinating life.
From straitened beginnings in the Civil War-ravaged Deep South of America to marriage into one of the world's richest families.
She also ran a straight-talking campaign conducted door-to-door in one of the most deprived areas of Plymouth which brought her a political career that lasted more than two decades, from 1919 until 1945.
Far from being a hardened campaigner who had suffered for the cause of female suffrage, she was already near the centre of ruling society, having married one of the richest men in the world.
Thought not British, Nancy became a trailblazer and beacon for the generations of women who would follow her into Parliament.
Biography written by Adrian Fort..
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Alison Joseph.
Read by Anna Maxwell Martin.
Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001yrrt)
Adam Hills
Comedian and presenter Adam Hills, inherits 'Crying' by Roy Orbison and passes on 'One Day Like This' by Elbow.
SUN 08:50 Girls of Riyadh (Omnibus) (m000fn1v)
The girls of Riyadh are young, attractive and living by Saudi Arabia's strict cultural traditions.
Well, not quite... In between dating, shopping, drinking, dancing and having fun, they're still trying to be good Muslims and please their families.
But can you be a 21st century woman and a Saudi woman?
Best-selling novel written by Rajaa Alsanana.
Omnibus of five parts dramatised by Claudine Toutoungi.
Gamrah Lara Sawalha
Sadeem Laila Alj
Michelle Jasmine Jones
Lamees Nyla Levy
Faisal Ikky Elias
Rashid Elham Ehsas
Firas Moe Bar-El
Pilot/ Bookseller Ian Conningham
Tara Sinead MacInnes
Director: Emma Harding
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
SUN 10:00 Tony's (b00tlvzf)
Series 2
Court in the Act
The salon is accused of turning the hair of a customer bright green!
Starring Victor Spinetti.
More misadventures of cornershop barber, Tony - a beleaguered Italian in his 40s.
Written by Jim Eldridge.
Tony Victor Spinetti
Stanely Deryck Guyler
Maisie Deborah Walling

Elsie Dilys Laye
Bert/Judge Douglas Blackwell
Mr Webb Royce Mills
Mr Flood Leonard Fenton
Incidental music by Max Harris.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1981.
SUN 10:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b008p5c6)
From 21/09/1948
The gang are back from their summer holidays sharing tales - and Murdoch organises a sing-song...
Starring Kenneth Horne and Richard 'Stinker' Murdoch.
With:
Sam Costa
Maurice Denham
Maureen Riscoe
Helen Hill
Written by Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne.
Music by the Augmented Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.
Much Binding in the Marsh ran from 1944 to 1954 initially set at a remote RAF station before being converted to a country club and later the action moved to a newspaper. (The show also ran for a season with commercial breaks on Radio Luxembourg).
Producer: Leslie Bridgeman
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1948.
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SUN 16:00 Voices from the Grave (b007jwn1)
The Lie by Lynn Ferguson
Lisa gives up everything for her lover - and wanders a disused Victorian psychiatric hospital.
Lisa Lynn Ferguson
Angela Leslie Ash
Colin Ian Dunn
Martha/Lisa's Mother Janet Brown
The Caretaker Geoffrey Beevers
'Voices from the Grave' is a series of four chilling and intimate dramas, inspired by existing ghost stories from around Britain. The writers make these stories more than simply scary - they are studies of humanity, love, rage and despair, of passion, longing and pain.
Written by Lynn Ferguson.
Producer: Luke Fresle
Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.
SUN 16:30 Weird Tales (b00vknkm)
Series 1
Bleeder by Ed Hime
Trainee surgeon Andy is left with a recurring nightmare after being involved in a car crash which killed his friend.
The flashbacks give him problems in the operating theatre, and, when his dreams start changing, Andy can no longer be sure what is fantasy and what really happened.
Written by Ed Hime.
Series of four chilling dramas inspired by Lovecraft's stories of magical rites and forbidden lore.
Alice Lizzy Watts
Andy Joseph Kloska
Richard Benjamin Askew
Lovecraft Stephen Hogan
Inside Out Man Ewan Bailey
Dr Larson Jonathan Tafler
Producer: Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.
SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03wpctx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011vj0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m000h898)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SUN 18:30 Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor by Adrian Fort (Omnibus) (m001yrrr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001yrrt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 19:50 Girls of Riyadh (Omnibus) (m000fn1v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 Tony's (b00tlvzf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b008p5c6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00v1nhb)

January and February
Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures from the 1960s to the present day.
As the New Year begins, great thinkers like Barack Obama, John Prescott and Barbara Cartland turn their thoughts to new beginnings.
Written by Craig Brown.
Voiced by:
Jan Ravens
Alistair McGowan
Lewis McLeod
Ewan Bailey
Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Dolly Wells
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.
SUN 22:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00rdzv8)
Series 3
Jennyclair
Marcus Brigstocke invites his comic guest Jennyclair to try five things she's never done before including having a bikini wax.
Whether the experiences are banal or profound, the show is about embracing the new and getting out of our comfort zones. The title comes from the fact that the show's producer and creator Bill Dare had never seen Star Wars.
Producer: Bill Dare.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.
SUN 23:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m001yrrr)
2024
Episode 2
Esiyllt Sears hosts a Comedy Club special from Machynlleth Comedy Festival 2024.
SUN 23:15 Jessica Fostekek: Sturdy Girl Club (m001kh5m)
1. Strongwoman
Strength can look like a lot of things and comedienne Jessica Fostekek starts at the most dirty, functional end of things - strongwoman.
It's where weightlifting meets theatre. You might have seen on the telly at Christmas, the one with Geoff Capes running around with a fridge on his little finger or giving an entire train a tow with his body.
Jess talks to four-times Britain's Strongest Woman Andrea Thompson and multiple world-record holder Mayyah Blair to get their take on strength, aesthetic and why the strongest women in the world still have to work part-time.
And she tells us about the time she pulled an actual bus.
Lets face it, she goes on and on about it.
Written and Performed by Jessica Fostekek.
Producer: Lyndsay Fenner
A Mighty Bunny production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2023
SUN 23:30 The In Crowd (b06h87lz)
Series 4
Episode 6
Naming children and computer dating.
Comedy sketch show from Manchester.
With:
Helen Moon
Robin Ince
Smug Roberts
Kate Ward
Written by Carl Cooper, Susan Vale, Martin Mor, Ed Dyson, Rob & Neil Gibbons, Sandy Gort, Martin Dempsey, Ian Hawkins, Tom Mitchelson and Robin Ince.
Producer: Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

MONDAY 06 MAY 2024

MON 00:00 Voices from the Grave (b007jwn1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Weird Tales (b00vknkm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
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MON 03:50 Girls of Riyadh (Omnibus) (m000fn1v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Tony's (b00tlvzf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b008p5c6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvk0)
Wimsey - Clouds of Witness
1. The Riddlesdale Inquest
A scandal for the aristocracy erupts when Lord Peter's Wimsey's brother - the Duke of Denver - is arrested for murder...
Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

British gentleman detective Lord Peter Wimsey features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L. Sayers.

Clouds of Witness was first published in 1926.

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio between 1973 and 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations broadcast from 1972 to 1975.

Adapted in eight episodes by Peter Jones and Tania Lieven.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
 Bunter Peter Jones
 Duke of Denver James Villiers
 Lady Mary Wimsey Maria Aitken
 Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf
 Freddie Arbutnot Nigel Lambert
 Coroner James Thomason
 Pettigrew Bill Wallis
 Cooper Sean Arnold
 Miss Cathcart Betty Cardno
 Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

MON 06:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzkx)

1. An Interview with the King

As a young man, Tremayne was summoned by King George V and Lloyd George to mount an expedition to rescue the Imperial Family of Russia.

Does Tremayne have knowledge of what really happened at Ekaterinburg in 1918?

And what is The Buckingham Palace Connection?

Starring Maurice Denham.

A five-part dramatisation by Ted Willis from his own novel, first published in 1980.

Ted Willis Himself

Lord Tremayne Maurice Denham
 Captain Tremayne Jeremy Clyde
 Lady Tremayne Joyce Carey
 Meg Elizabeth Proud
 George V Michael Aldridge
 Lloyd George Victor Spinetti
 Maria Astakhov Miriam Margolyes
 Baroness Ward Margaret Robertson
 Stamfordham William Fox
 Lord Whitby Anthony Newlands
 Kolya Nicholas Courtney
 Landlord Alan Dudley
 Percy Malcolm Hayes
 Verger David McAlister
 Soldier John Livesey
 Sailor Christopher Scott
 Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

MON 07:00 The Alan Davies Show (b00898wy)

Episode 3

After playing a gay miner, struggling actor Alan finds greater fame dressed as a strawberry.

Alan Davies stars in his own six-part sitcom.

Written by Ben Silburn, Tony Roche and Alan Davies.

Alan Alan Davies
 Murray Alan Francis
 Kate Ronni Ancona

With:
 Debra Stephenson
 Dave Lamb

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

MON 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnqv)

Series 6

Live Now, PAYE Later

The tax inspector catches up with Albert Steptoe.

His son Harold is not impressed...

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
 Mr Greenwood George A. Cooper

With:
 Michael Shannon
 Peter Williams

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

MON 08:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (b098jr7h)

Murder With Masala

3. Murder Corked

Mrs Sidhu is determined to put her humiliation in the stables behind her and win back Inspector Burton's trust.

Her nose for trouble leads her to mysterious Spanish butler Carlos. But is Carlos what he seems? Is he merely a servant to

Lady Lucas, or is there more going on...?

Lord Lucas, meanwhile, holes up in his office and watches old adverts for nasal hair trimmers.

Mrs Sidhu's Miss Marple Complex is questioned, and mishandled by Inspector Burton, while Tez has an unprofessional encounter with Lucy brought on by a shared interest in conspiracy theories.

Meera Syal stars as the Indian Aunty sleuth.

Mrs Sidhu Meera Syal
 Josh Justin Edwards
 Inspector Burton Justin Edwards
 Jemma Amy Morgan
 Briony Amy Morgan
 Mr Varma Vincent Ebrahim
 Lord Lucas Vincent Ebrahim
 Mrs Broghan Rachel Atkins
 Lady Lucas Rachel Atkins
 Tez Hamza Jeetooa
 Sergeant Hamza Jeetooa
 Director: Marilyn Imrie
 Producers: Chris Pye & Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

MON 08:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yzkz)

1. The Medieval Version

How were the aesthetics of growing grass redefined over time?

Tom Fort charts our obsession with the garden lawn:

The Grass is Greener: An Anglo-Saxon Passion is written by Tom Fort.

Abridged in five parts by Andrew Simpson.

Read by Jeff Rawle.

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

MON 08:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j1xw)

1. Servant

When Griet, a 16-year-old from a poor family, is forced to become a servant in Vermeer's household, her world is shattered. She crosses Delft to the grand house where the artist is creating his 1660s masterpieces in his attic studio.

'I gazed at him over my shoulder. My ear was burning, the weight of the pearl pulling at the lobe...'

Who is the young woman in Vermeer's famous painting? And why are her eyes brimming with tears?

Tracy Chevalier's much-loved novel vividly imagines the story behind the gaze of the unknown model in Vermeer's painting and what her relationship with the renowned artist might have been.

Tanneke Laura Elphinstone
 Griet Libby Mai
 Francisus Liam Howes
 Agnes Flora Froment
 Griet's Mother Jane Whittenshaw
 Catharina Hattie Morahan
 Vermeer Khalid Abdalla
 Griet's Father Rufus Wright
 Cornelia Mia Wilks
 Maria Thins Eleanor Bron
 Pieter Tom Glenister

Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.

Directed and produced by Amber Barnfather

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

MON 09:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001ypzj)

Series 8

5. The Make Off

When does forgetting to pay become a police matter?

Accidentally walked off with bottle that's not been scanned? Put a croissant through as a roll? Forgot to pay for your petrol? Alfie explores the legal ins & outs of the 'make off'.

Written and presented by Alfie Moore

Script Editor: Will Ing

Production Co-ordinator: Katie Baum

Producer: Sam Holmes

An EcoAudio Certified Production

A BBC Studios Audio Production

MON 09:30 Britain at Sea (b045y20)

6. Battles for Britain

Lord West tells the story of the Royal Navy during the Second World War, from early fights in Norway to the Battle of the Atlantic.

And he shows how the Royal Navy saved Britain from invasion during the Second World War.

In a chilly fjord in northern Norway he explains how a battle in April 1940 helped saved Britain from invasion later that summer, while in northern France he looks out from the top of a Nazi-era submarine pen and imagines how the prospects envisaged by the German U-boat aces must have changed during the course of the war.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m001yz11)

Crown Him With Many Crowns - 100 Years of Religious Broadcasting

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

This year marks 100 years since the first church service broadcast on the BBC in 1924. In this week's Daily Service we'll be exploring the history of the Daily Service - now in its

96th year.

Theme: Crown him with many crowns —100 years of religious broadcasting- Through all eternity

Led by Rev Dr Bert Tosh

Crown him with many crowns

Ecclesiastes 3: 9-15

O clap your hands (John Rutter)

All hail the power of Jesus' name

MON 10:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ydw1)

Out of Step, Out of Place

True stories told live in the USA: Jenifer Hixson introduces tales of outsiders, of being at odds....and moving beyond.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it. Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.

The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.

Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.

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

First heard on PRX in February 2019.

MON 10:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000q9hw)

Bernard Cornwell

Author Bernard Cornwell chooses Down to the River to Pray by Alison Krauss and Voces8 performing Pie Jesu from Fauré's Requiem.

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvk0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzkx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 The Alan Davies Show (b00898wy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnqv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (b098jr7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yzkz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j1xw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b009frrp6)

Series 52

Episode 12

Chairman Nicholas Parsons hosts the devious panel game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition

Selected episodes from the show's 40th Anniversary series

From the Colston Hall, Bristol, now called the Bristol Beacon

With:
 Paul Merton
 Sue Perkins
 Graham Norton
 Tony Hawks

Subjects include: Nicholas Parsons' Bristol relations, mutton dressed as lamb, whales and how's your father?

Created by Ian Messiter

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

MON 14:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (m001yz14)

Series 1

Stiff Up A Lip

When Edwin is placed in the custody of the Fuzzyfelts, he discovers the shameful truth about his father.

A story of secret shame in a Victorian period drama.

Six-part comedy series written by Karl Minns.

Edwin Karl Minns

MrFuzzyfelt / Lord Darlington Owen Evans
 MrsFuzzyfelt Kath Burlington
 Lucy Alison Goldie
 Bastrad Gavin Mitchell

Producer: Julian Mayers.

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

MON 15:00 Diamonds (m001yz16)

1. Stars of the Orange River

South Africa 1871: the 'light Cape' diamond is found and the Hallam family's fortune becomes entwined with its discovery.

Starring Jonathan Firth and Gerard McDermott.

John Peacock's trilogy of dramas follows the progress of a flawed "light Cape" diamond, and the fortunes of the Hallam family over a period of 120 years.

Edward Hallam Jonathan Firth
 George Hallam Gerard McDermott
 Van Niekerk Miles Anderson
 Thomas Thacker Alex Lowe
 Gretje Schoemann Tracy Ann Oberman
 Mina Schoemann Shirley Dixon

Thabo Schoemann Burt Caesar
 Millie Thacker Melanie Hudson
 Johannes Van Der Vald Don McCorkindale
 Constance Maybury Claire Mackie
 Andreas Kieft David Jarvis
 Narrator Sean Baker
 Director: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.
MON 16:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ydw1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000q9h6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 today]
MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jvk0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzkx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 The Alan Davies Show (b00898wy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnqy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (b098jr7h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yzkz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j1xw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b009frp6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (m001yzl4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 Diamonds (m001yzl6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001ypzj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 The Confessional (m0011415)
 Series 2
 The Confession of Shaparak Khorsandi
 Stephen Mangan's comedy chat show about shame and guilt. Stephen Mangan invites a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' to him. This is a cue for some rich and varied storytelling, and surprising insights as their confessions are put under the microscope. Settle back for a stimulating journey through the realms of shame, regret, guilt and toe-curling embarrassment. Stephen interviews Shaparak Khorsandi, a self-styled 'spit and sawdust stand-up' whose career also embraces success as a satirist, novelist and screen-writer. She recently received the prestigious James Joyce Award from Dublin University. She reveals a secret act of vandalism in her primary school loos, a story of hand cuffs and impulsive behaviour, and a tendency for taking comic retribution. Written and presented by Stephen Mangan.
 With extra material by Nick Doody
 Producer: Frank Stirling
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2021.
MON 23:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m001yzl8)
 2024
 Episode 3
 Esyllt Sears hosts a Comedy Club special from Machynlleth Comedy Festival 2024.
MON 23:15 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (b05n17yz)
 Horror
 Tim gets to the bottom of the concept of horror, by attempting to scare the wits out of his long-suffering musician, Tom Basden.
 And by reading poems.
 Written and presented by Tim Key.
 With:
 Tom Basden
 Katy Wix
 Producer: James Robinson
 A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2015.
MON 23:30 Dead Ringers (m001yqz8)
 Series 24
 Episode 2
 The winners and losers in England's elections and the SNP Scottish leadership race, and what will Harry Kane do with his golden shoe?
 With writing from Nev Fountain & Tom Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, Sarah Campbell, Rob Darke, Edward Tew, Sophie Dixon, Cody Dahler, Joe Topping, and Alex Bertulis Fernandes. With additional material by Katie Sayer and Christopher Donovan.
 Exec: Pete Strauss
 Sound Design: Rich Evans
 Prod Co-Ordinator: Dan Marchini
 Producer: Bill Dare

TUESDAY 07 MAY 2024
TUE 00:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ydw1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:55 Inheritance Tracks (m000q9h6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvk0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzkx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 The Alan Davies Show (b00898wy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnqy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (b098jr7h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yzkz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j1xw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b009frp6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (m001yzl4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Diamonds (m001yzl6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvk4)
 Wimsey - Clouds of Witness
 2. Mudstains and Bloodstains
 The Duke of Denver stands accused of the murder of Captain Dennis Cathcart.
 His brother, Lord Peter Wimsey desperately hunts for remaining clues at the scene of the shooting - Riddlesdale Lodge in Yorkshire
 Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.
 Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery dramatised by Peter Jones and Tania Lieven.
 Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
 Bunter Peter Jones
 Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf
 Freddie Arbutnot Nigel Lambert
 Pettigrew Bill Wallis
 Duchess of Denver Betty Cardno
 Mrs Hardraw Miriam Margolyes
 Other parts played by the cast.
 Producer: Simon Brett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.
TUE 06:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yyc5)
 2. The Royal Flush
 1918. Young Captain Tremayne has been sent to Russia by George V.
 His mission: to rescue the Tsar and the Imperial Royal family from Ekaterinburg.
 He arrives in Vladivostok to be met by a beautiful dark-eyed woman - Maria Astakhov....
 Starring Maurice Denham.
 Dramatised by Ted Willis from his own 1980 novel.
 Himself Ted Willis
 Lord Tremayne Maurice Denham
 Captain Tremayne Jeremy Clyde
 Maria Astakhov Miriam Margolyes
 Major Story Bob Sherman
 Colonel Kazakov Sean Barrett
 George V Michael Aldridge
 Lydia Elman Elizabeth Seal
 Semyonov Michael Seal
 Dukhonian David Timson
 Klaus John Rye
 Admiral Knight Murray Kash
 High Commissioner Alan Dudley
 Samarin James Windsor
 Gromyko Cyril Shaps
 Mogilov Nicholas Courtney
 Music arranged and played by Richard Holmes.
 Balalaika played by Roberto Campadeli.
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.
TUE 07:00 Semi Circles (b007jtsz)
 Series 2
 A Family Time
 Ben and Helen squabble over them spending Christmas with her mother.
 The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.
 Paula Wilcox and David Wood star in Simon Brett's sitcom.
 Helen Paula Wilcox
 Ben David Wood
 Mrs Kelly Pay Heywood
 Alastair Tony Millan
 Mr Cullingford Michael Bilton
 Producer: Pete Atkin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1982
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b012bz13)
 Series 5
 The Booted Gorilla (Found?)
 A trap must be laid on an African jungle safari, and Bluebottle gets a surprise.
 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 Wally Stott.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Peter Eton
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1954.
TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b080xj88)
 An Encounter with Mr Newton
 Lucy Porter's sitcom set in pre-enlightenment Edinburgh. Intellectual giant Isaac Newton is in town and he's struggling with a new theory to explain why things keep falling on his head.
 He encounters the members of the Fair Intellectual club - a secret society for the scholarly improvement of young ladies. With the help of carefree socialite Ishbel, devout clergyman's daughter Marjory and maths boffin Alison, the penny finally drops.
 Mr Newton also has to contend with Alison's idiot brother Robert, Ishbel's ancient retainer Kennedy and a rented pineapple.
 Isaac Newton Gavin Mitchell
 Ishbel Caroline Deyga
 Marjory Samara MacLaren
 Alison Jessica Hardwick
 Robert Simon Donaldson
 Kennedy Gordon Kennedy
 Music by Aly Macrae.
 Director: Marilyn Imrie
 Producer: Gordon Kennedy
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.
TUE 08:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yyc8)
 2. My Lawn Mower
 Tom Fort charts our obsession with the garden lawn: My Lawn Mower.
 Read by Jeff Rawle.
 The Grass is Greener: An Anglo-Saxon Passion is written by Tom Fort.
 Abridged in five parts by Andrew Simpson.
 Producer: Duncan Minshall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.
TUE 08:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j21t)
 2. Interest
 Griet, an innocent girl from a poor family, is working as the lowest servant in the house of the painter, Vermeer, but his interest in her is growing.
 Tracy Chevalier's much-loved novel about the unknown model in Vermeer's famous painting and what her relationship with the renowned artist might have been.
 Griet Libby Mai
 Vermeer Khalid Abdalla
 Pieter Tom Glenister
 Tanneke Laura Elphinstone
 Maria Thins Eleanor Bron
 Catharina Hattie Morahan
 Van Ruijven Tom Goodman-Hill
 Griet's Mother Jane Whittenshaw
 Griet's Father Rufus Wright
 Maertge Flora Fromont
 Cornelia Mia Wilks
 Van Leeuwenhoek Ben Crowe
 Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.
 Directed and produced by Amber Barnfather
 A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.
TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001yzyv)
 Alicia McCarthy reflects on a busy week at Westminster.
TUE 09:30 Britain at Sea (b045z8wv)
 7. Mediterranean Challenges
 Lord West travels to Malta to tell the story of the Royal Navy's incredibly difficult war in the Mediterranean between 1940 and 1945.
 The Mediterranean war was the last time an Admiral commanded an entire theatre of war from the bridge of a ship. It produced some dramatic fleet successes and saw an assault on German supply convoys which helped win the war in North Africa against Rommel.
 In the end, the Royal Navy prevailed, but with some of the most desperate fighting of the war, the victory came at a price.
 Producer: Giles Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m001yycc)
 Crown him with many crowns - 100 years of religious broadcasting - Lord of Life
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 This year marks 100 years since the first church service broadcast on the BBC in 1924. In this week's Daily Service we'll be exploring the history of Daily Service - now in its 96th year.
 Today's service comes from BBC Broadcasting House and All

Souls, Langham Place, London where the programme started. Led by Canon Angela Tilby, with music recorded sung by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields, directed by Jennifer Sterling with Phoebe Tak Man Chow (organist).
Theme: Crown him with many crowns -100 years of religious broadcasting - Lord of Life
Music:

O Holy Spirit of the Lord (Venantius)

Psalm 42 (Bairstow)

The servant king (Graham Kendrick)

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b083p887)

John Timpson and John Bird

Businessman John Timpson and Big Issue founder John Bird join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite their books by Thomas Hardy, Elif Batuman and Graham Greene.

The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy

Publisher: Wordsworth Classics

The Possessed: Adventures with Russian Books and the People Who Read Them by Elif Batuman

Publisher: Granta

The Confidential Agent by Graham Greene

Publisher: Vintage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.

TUE 10:30 Britain's Blonde Bombshell - The Diana Dors Story (m0010y18)

Honor Blackman pays tribute to actress and personality Diana Dors, otherwise known as Britain's Blonde Bombshell.

Born in 1931, Diana Fluck entered the acting profession at an early age after winning a modelling competition, and then became a trainee at J Arthur Rank's Company of Youth, otherwise known as the Rank Charm School.

Initially marketed as a home-grown sex symbol to rival Marilyn Monroe, her very public private life and some poor career choices compromised her success.

This programme traces her rise and demise, and her eventual acceptance into the hearts of the British public in the 1970's.

Producer: Paul Hardy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yyc5)

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TUE 12:00 Semi Circles (b007jtsz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b012bz13)

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TUE 13:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b080xj88)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 13:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yyc8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j21t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)

Parham House

The times of Jacobean, Cromwellian and Elizabethan England as it was lived in the pre-industrial age.

Lars Sharp chairs the light-hearted antiques quiz.

From the Elizabethan splendour of Parham House in West Sussex - passed to one Robert Palmer by King Henry VIII in 1540.

With:

William Lorimer

Stella Beddoe

Clive Stewart-Lockhart

Henry Sandon

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 14:30 Artists (b0194n5x)

Series 2

Self-Destruct

A return to the Cornish cultural mecca of St Ives, and a close-knit community of artists who usually hate each other's work, and sometimes hate each other as well.

Traditional Tamsin competes with her installationist boyfriend to create a self-portrait.

Nisha Mina Anwar

Gerard Graham Crowden

Dolores Pauline McLynn

Marcus Dave Lamb

Josef Ben Miller

Tamsin Vicki Pepperdine

Written by Gareth Edwards

Produced by Katie Tyrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

TUE 15:00 Diamonds (m001yycg)

2. The Diamond Jousts

London & Monte Carlo 1925: the 'light Cape' diamond is given by ne'er-do-well Julius Hallam to his bride, Gwen.

John Peacock's trilogy of dramas follows the progress of a flawed "light Cape" diamond and the fortunes of the Hallam family over 120 years.

Julius Hallam Jonathan Firth

Gwen Hallam Tracy Ann Oberman

Thomas Hallam Ioan Meredith

Constance Hallam Shirley Dixon

Cora Hallam Deborah Berlin

Jamie Moffat Andrew Conlan

Johannes Kieft Sean Baker

Catherine Bridges Melanie Hudson

Daniel Schoemann Burt Caesar

Oliver Markham Alex Lowe

Written by John Peacock.

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

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TUE 21:00 Diamonds (m001yycg)

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TUE 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m001yqtz)

Series 6

3. Excalibat!

Star of Mock The Week Milton Jones pulls at a zip that hasn't been opened for 60 years and inadvertently causes a UK Chutney Crisis.

Complete with his unmissable jokes and a fully-working cast.

"The best one-line merchant in British comedy..." - Chortle

"King of the surreal one-liners" - The Times

"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian

Written by Milton Jones, James Cary and Dan Evans with

additional material by Adrian Gray

Starring Milton Jones, Tom Goodman-Hill, Josie Lawrence and

Dan Tetsell

With music by Guy Jackson

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b04xrwhh)

Series 2

Ethical Filing

Bridget Christie's taken her activism to a whole new level. Well, sort of.

Multi-award winning series about modern feminism.

Bridget thought that she'd be able to put her feet up after her

last series, she expected it to bomb. Sadly it was a huge success.

But it's OK, because actually she's solved the feminist struggle all by herself.

She's assisted by token man, Fred MacAulay.

Written by Bridget Christie.

Producers: Alison Vernon-Smith and Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

TUE 23:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m001yycm)

2024

Episode 4

Esyllt Sears hosts a Comedy Club special from Machynlleth Comedy Festival 2024.

TUE 23:15 Sophie Willan's Guide to Normality (b09w13sg)

Series 1

Be a Parent

Break out comedy star Sophie Willan from BBC2's Alma's Not Normal, with her four-part stand-up series.

Growing up in and out of the care system, Sophie had an unconventional childhood. Here, she challenges our perception of 'the perfect normal life', shining a light on the reality of the British experience.

In this opening episode, Sophie looks at what it is to be a 'normal' parent.

Producer Suzy Grant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

TUE 23:30 For One Horrible Moment by Peter Bradshaw (b008756f)

Episode 3

Our hero receives a sexual initiation at the wheel of a Ford Anglia.

Peter Bradshaw continues his hilariously disturbing personal account of one boy's transition into adulthood in 1970s Cambridgeshire at the hands of an eccentric father.

Read by the author.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.

TUE 23:45 Hearing With Hegley (b0075s38)

Series 2

Episode 3

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley entertains an audience in Luton.

With Nigel Piper and The Popticians.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

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WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvk7)

Wimsey - Clouds of Witness

3. The Diamond Cat

Who is the mysterious 'number 10' and what connects him to the beautiful Mrs Grimethorpe?

With his brother accused of shooting Captain Dennis Cathcart,

Lord Peter Wimsey continues his murder investigation, as the

family barrister arrives in Yorkshire to discuss the case...

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery dramatised by Peter Jones and Tania Lieven

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf

Lady Mary Wimsey Maria Aitken

Sir Impey Biggs Brian Oulton

Grimethorpe Bill Wallis

Mrs Grimethorpe Elizabeth Proud

The Servant David Sinclair

Lucy Grimethorpe Bonnie Hurren

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

WED 06:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzyk)

3. Across the Siberian Plains

1918: Captain Tremayne is aboard an armoured train.

The Royal Flush continues its perilous journey across Russia towards Ekaterinburg in an attempt to rescue the Russian royal

family from the Bolsheviks.

Starring Maurice Denham and Jeremy Clyde.

Dramatised by Ted Willis from his own 1980 novel.

Himself Ted Willis

Lord Tremayne Maurice Denham

Captain Tremayne Jeremy Clyde

Lady Tremayne Joyce Carey

Meg Elizabeth Proud

Major Story Bob Sherman

Colonel Kasakov Sean Barrett

Nikolai Dukov Haydn Wood

Dukhonin David Timson

Klaus John Rye

Samarin James Windsor

Consul John Livesey

Natasha Liza Hayden

Red Guard John Webb

Red Leader Spencer Banks

Prisoner Malcolm Hayes

Man Alan Dudley

Woman Diana Bishop

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

WED 07:00 Never Too Late (m001lyzt)

Series 1

It's Quicker By Coach

Hilda is still determined to get her friends away on holiday to Weston-super-Mare but the coach company says it can't help her.

Tommy is all doom and gloom after a brick has smashed his window and marmalade but he cheers up at the thought of a

visit to a railway museum. And Mildred has an answer to the

transport problem.

Terry Gregson's sitcom about a group of highly active

pensioners.

Hilda Spriggett Thora Hird

Mildred Emmett Avis Bunnage

Emily Holroyd Megs Jenkins

Tommy Preston Joe Gladwin

With David Bradshaw and Martyn Read
 Producer Edward Taylor
 An off-air recording of an original programme first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxpn)
 Series 6
 The Impersonator
 When he hears his sound-alike in a TV commercial, the lad heads straight to court.
 Starring Tony Hancock, Sid James and Bill Kerr.
 With Peter Goodwright, Ann Lancaster, Jerry Stovin, Jack Watson, Ronald Wilson and Wilfrid Babbage.
 Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
 Producer: Tom Ronald
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1959.
WED 08:00 Boswell's Lives (b076bc7j)
 Series 2
 Boswell's Life of Bennett
 Boswell attempts to locate the cream cracker under the settee of Mr Alan Bennett.
 Jon Canter's sitcom sees James Boswell, Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer, pursue other legends to immortalise. James Boswell Miles Jupp
 Alan Bennett Alistair McGowan
 Producer: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2016.
WED 08:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yzkk)
 3. Events at a Place Called Thrupp
 Tom Fort charts our obsession with the garden lawn: Events at a Place Called Thrupp.
 Read by Jeff Rawle.
 The Grass is Greener: An Anglo-Saxon Passion is written by Tom Fort.
 Abridged in five parts by Andrew Simpson.
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.
WED 08:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j2rj)
 3. One Year On
 It's 1665. A year has passed since Griet became a servant in the house of the painter Vermeer and his wife Catharina has given birth to a son, Franciscus. Now, Vermeer wants Griet to work in another capacity.
 Tracy Chevalier's much-loved novel about the unknown model in Vermeer's famous painting and what her relationship with the renowned artist might have been.
 Griet Libby Mai
 Catharina Hattie Morahan
 Tanneke Laura Elphinstone
 Vermeer Khalid Abdalla
 Griet's Father Rufus Wright
 Pieter Tom Glenister
 Griet's Mother Jane Whittenshaw
 Maria Thins Eleanor Bron
 Cornelia Mia Wilks
 Van Ruijven Tom Goodman-Hill
 Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.
 Directed and Produced by Amber Barnfather
 A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.
WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001yzkm)
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
WED 09:30 Britain at Sea (b0460hzz)
 8. Pacific Horrors
 Lord West tells the story of the Royal Navy in the Pacific during the Second World War.
 Initially beaten, the Royal Navy fought back, and by the end of the war had deployed the most powerful battlefleet in its history.
 But by then the tide had turned in military power and international politics, and this was the theatre in which it became clear that the United States would soon replace the United Kingdom as global naval superpower.
 The lessons learned in the Pacific ensured the bonds between the two navies, and the two nations, would remain strong through the challenges which followed.
 Producer: Giles Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m001yzkp)
 Crown him with many crowns - 100 years of religious broadcasting - Lord of love
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 This year marks 100 years since the first church service broadcast on the BBC in 1924. In this week's Daily Service we'll be exploring the history of Daily Service - now in its 96th year.
 Today's service comes from St Paul's Bedford where the Daily Service broadcast came from during the Second World War.
 Led by Canon Kevin Goss, with music recorded in St Paul's Bedford sung by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields, directed by Jennifer Sterling with Phoebe Tak Man Chow (organist)
 Reading: Isaiah 2. 1-4
 Music
 Christ is the world's true light (Nun danket)
 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation (James Davy)
 Dona nobis pacem (Taize)

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0007wkl)
 Losing My Voice
 Jan Ravens has been "doing" Theresa May for five years - until, in July 2019, she was succeeded by Boris Johnson.
 Inspired by this, Jan takes a personal look at the connection between an impersonator and their subjects, and what happens when their signature character retires from public life.
 The archive includes material from:
 Mike Yarwood
 Spitting Image
 Dead Ringers
 Plus fresh interviews with Rory Bremner and the star of Comedy Central's The President Show, Anthony Atamanuik.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.
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WED 14:00 Say the Word (b00764zg)
 Episode 5
 Frank Delaney's panel game revolving around the English language.
 With:
 Andrew Sachs
 Felix Dexter
 Helen Lederer
 Kathy Lette
 Plus words of wit from the Nimmo Twins
 Producer: Simon Elmes
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.
WED 14:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007r4mg)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 Tamsyn's had enough of doing all the smuggling and getting none of the credit so is determined to quit.
 But when she discovers there's a new charismatic smuggler in town, emergency measures are called for!
 18th century Cornish village sitcom by 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
 Dewey Mark Felgate
 Hobbs Mark Perry
 Courageous Kate Imelda Staunton
 Producer: Jan Ravens.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
WED 15:00 Diamonds (m001yzkr)
 3. Diamond Cut Diamond
 Notting Hill 1991: the 'light Cape' diamond is now the only part of the Hallam fortune left to Alice in her crumbling and condemned bedsit.
 Her recently dead mother Gwen has hidden it and Alice isn't the only one looking for it.
 John Peacock's trilogy of dramas follows the progress of a flawed "light Cape" diamond and the fortunes of the Hallam family over 120 years.
 CAST:
 Alice Whittaker Carolyn Jones
 George Hallam Ian Masters
 Jean Collier Janet Maw
 Josie Alison Pettitt
 Narrator Sean Baker
 Written by John Peacock.
 Director: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1997.
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WED 22:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m001yqs1)
 Series 2
 Victoria Coren Mitchell
 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.
 Victoria Coren Mitchell attempts to banish shops that don't take cash, as well as cows. The one thing she could not live without however is something she wouldn't recommend to everyone.
 Additional material John Irwin and Suki Webster
 Produced by Richard Wilson
 A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4
WED 22:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k4r1)
 Series 2
 By Royal Appointment
 Discover the joys of musical theatre, learn all about the wonder of the sea, plus marvel at the monarchy with the museum's new royal theme park.
 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 April 2005.
WED 23:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m001yzkt)
 2024
 Episode 5
 Eyllt Sears hosts a Comedy Club special from Machynlleth Comedy Festival 2024.
WED 23:15 Tarot: Soundbleed (m0010gyk)
 Episode 2
 Tarot: Soundbleed is the brainchild of a multi-award winning sketch supergroup, which unites Gein's Family Giftshop and Goose, alongside stand-up and writer Kiri Pritchard-McLean. In August 2019, Tarot were the 5th best-reviewed act in Edinburgh, the fourth best show of the year according to The List, and the best show of the year according to Chortle. Throughout their richly soundscaped first series, Soundbleed harnesses the group's inventive writing, rapid gag rate and fine ear for character.
 In this episode, we hear a new way to memorise the planets, the least professional audio description of all time and someone eavesdropping on a long-haul flight.
 Written and performed by:
 Adam Drake
 Edward Easton
 Kath Hughes
 Ben Rowse
 Kiri Pritchard-McLean
 Produced by Hayley Sterling.
 A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2021.
WED 23:30 On Baby Street (b00fnz8)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 The Gordon boys are sitting up, while Geraldine wants a divorce.
 Comedy drama about three new mothers living in the same street.
 Written by Jenny Eclair and Julie Balloo.
 Mother Nature Jenny Eclair
 Geraldine Frances Barber
 Yvette Tilly Vosburgh
 Shona Claire Skinner
 Ian Graham Fellows
 Kelly Linda Robson
 Dad/Dan Lee Cornes
 Robert Hugh Ross
 Lillian Eva Stuart
 Tonia/Trixie Romni Ancona
 Deanne Julie Balloo
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1997.
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Wimsey - Clouds of Witness

4. Mary Quite Contrary

Mystery deepens over the illness of Lord Peter Wimsey's sister, Lady Mary Wimsey.

As he continues his investigation into Captain Cathcart's murder, the upper class sleuth's mother, the Dowager Duchess of Denver has arrived...

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery dramatised by Peter Jones and Tania Lieven

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

The Dowager Duchess of Denver Patricia Routledge

Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf

Lady Mary Wimsey Maria Aitken

Miss Tarrant Miriam Margolyes

Doctor Thorpe David Sinclair

Woman/Cockney Bonnie Hurren

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

THU 06:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzzm5)

4. The House of Special Purpose

Russia, 1918: Captain Tremayne and Colonel Kasakov have arrived - Soviet disguised partisans - on the outskirts of Ekaterinburg.

This is the last stage of their attempt to rescue the Tsar and his family.

Starring Maurice Denham, Jeremy Clyde and Sean Barrett.

A five-part dramatisation by Ted Willis from his own novel, first published in 1980.

Himself Ted Willis

Lord Tremayne Maurice Denham

Captain Tremayne Jeremy Clyde

Colonel Kasakov Sean Barrett

Lady Tremayne Joyce Carey

Meg Elizabeth Proud

Major Story Bob Sherman

Nikolai Dukov Haydn Wood

Samarin James Windsor

Voytek David McAlister

Klaus John Rye

Natasha Liza Haydn

Mischa William Booker

Tambov Alan Dudley

Mogilov Nicholas Courtney

Gromyko Cyril Shaps

Kelly John Livesey

Guard Spencer Banks

Woman Christine Absalom

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

THU 07:00 Second Thoughts (b00kmys6)

Series 3

Come as You Were

Bill tries to disrupt Liza and Richard's affair, and gets involved with 'Emma Peel'.

Starring Lynda Bellingham and James Bolam.

Sitcom about the battles of divorcees Bill and Faith beginning married life, whilst balancing the demands of his ex-wife and her teenage children.

Faith Lynda Bellingham

Bill James Bolam

Liza Belinda Lang

Richard Geoffrey Whitehead

Marjorie Jo Kendall

Dennis Brian Bowles

Ray Ian Lindsay

Inspired by the real lives of its writers, husband and wife Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie.

A TV version made by LWT for ITV ran from 1991.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1991.

THU 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jq82)

Series 3

Things That Go Bump in the Night

Corporal Jones's van runs out of petrol, so the Home Guard platoon must take shelter in a spooky house.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

THU 08:00 The Break (b0b2j4mg)

Series 2

The Longest Day

Andy returns to his uncle's seaside home.

Welcome back to Flamford.

Oddly, the town has been taken over by Brad Pitt and some Hollywood Nazis.

Starring Philip Jackson, Tom Palmer and Alison Steadman.

Comedy by Ian Brown and James Hendrie set in the eccentric seaside town of Flamford following City burn-out Andy Chambers

Frank Mark Benton

Corrine & Joyce Alison Steadman

Jeff Tom Palmer

Andy Philip Jackson

Truepenny Rasmus Hardiker

Station Tannoy / Kerry & Steph Shobna Gulati

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.

THU 08:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yzzm7)

4. It's a Victorian Thing

Tom Fort charts our obsession with the garden lawn: It's a Victorian Thing.

Read by Jeff Rawle.

The Grass is Greener: An Anglo-Saxon Passion is written by Tom Fort.

Abridged in five parts by Andrew Simpson.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

THU 08:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j1j2)

4. Sitting

At the request of Vermeer's wealthy manipulative patron, Van Ruijven, the young servant, Griet, is now sitting for a painting by Vermeer.

Tracy Chevalier's much-loved novel about the unknown model in Vermeer's famous painting and what her relationship with the renowned artist might have been.

Vermeer Khalid Abdalla

Griet Libby Mai

Pieter Tom Glenister

Catharina Hattie Morahan

Griet's Mother Jane Whittenshaw

Griet's Father Rufus Wright

Van Ruijven Tom Goodman-Hill

Cornelia Mia Wilks

Tanneke Laura Elphinstone

Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.

Directed and produced by Amber Barnfather

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001yzzm9)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

THU 09:30 Britain at Sea (b0460szm)

9. Whitehall Warriors

Lord West explains how Britain, and the Royal Navy, adjusted to dramatically strained circumstances after the Second World War.

He describes the dramatic social changes that began after 1945, including big pay rises, improved food and conditions of service - and even the beginning of the end for hammocks.

He explores the Royal Navy's crucial role in the development of nuclear weapons, and the impact they had on defence thinking and the future of conventional forces. And he speaks to Laura Sandys MP, the daughter of former Defence Secretary Duncan Sandys, about his seminal 1957 Defence White Paper, which shaped British defence thinking for a generation.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m001yzzmc)

Crown him with many crowns - 100 years of religious broadcasting - Lord of years

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

This year marks 100 years since the first church service broadcast on the BBC in 1924.

In this week's Daily Service we'll be exploring the history of Daily Service - now in its 96th year.

Today's service, on Ascension Day, comes from Media City, the current home of Daily Service, led by Canon Steve Williams.

With music from the Daily Service Singers, directed by Andrew Earis.

Reading: Hebrews 4.14-16

Music

Thy hand o God has guided

Daily Service Singers

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Daily Service Singers

Hail the day that sees him rise

Daily Service Singers

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00k01v)

Fred Astaire

Matthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.

Physician, journalist and broadcaster Dr Michael O'Donnell discusses celebrated singer, actor and choreographer Fred Astaire.

Joining him are Astaire's daughter, Ava Astaire McKenzie, and lifelong Astaire enthusiast and Oxford don Dr Kathleen Riley.

Produced by Beatrice Fenton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

THU 10:30 Ian Sansom and The Little People (b07vwfph)

There is, in many countries, a popular and ancient belief in little people. Or at least there is, in many countries, a popular and ancient belief that there was once a popular and ancient belief in little people.

Leprechauns, sprites, imps and elves...from Ireland to Iceland, Ian Sansom is seeking an encounter with the fabled, mysterious and diminutive other.

Irish Leprechauns are protected by European law. The Cooley Mountains in County Louth may be a 'Designated Area of Protection for Flora, Fauna, Wild Animals and Leprechauns' but Kevin Woods - aka Ireland's last leprechaun whisperer - is concerned there aren't many of them left. He's doing all he can to keep the traditional beliefs alive from his underground cavern on the Irish border.

Iceland may be best known for bubbling blue thermal pools and world-class part-time footballers. But it's also a magical kingdom where everyone believes in elves and even roads in Iceland are specially designed to avoid the cliffs and rock formations where they live. Ian enrolls in Elf School on the outskirts of Reykjavik, where he learns how 13 different species of elves continue to peacefully co-exist with the local population.

A belief in little people may represent the folkloric survival of a belief in ancient deities, it may represent an attempt to understand that which is inside us, or it may simply be a sign of human gullibility...but as Ian discovers - if you don't believe in them, they'll never visit you.

Produced by Conor Garrett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.

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THU 14:00 Genius (b008jf2r)

Series 2

Armando Iannucci

Aeroplane parachutes and ASBO flip-flops.

Dave Gorman asks writer and producer Armando Iannucci to choose the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

THU 14:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rvzqk)

Series 2

Considering the Lillies of the Field

Prince Ludovico of Monte Guano - besieged ruler of the pettiest state in Italy - battles to raise enough money from his meagre subjects to pay for the new Pope's tribute.

The return of 16th century comedy drama about the chaotic lives of the ruling family of Renaissance Italy's most inconsequential city-state.

Starring David Swift and Sian Phillips.

Devised by Neal Anthony.

Written by Roger Danes

Ludovico David Swift

Plethora Sian Phillips

Francesco Graham Crowden

Rosalie Saskia Wickham

Salvatori Nick Romero

Alessandro Paul Bigley

Guido Christopher Kelham

Vitelozzo Kim Wall

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

THU 15:00 Archie's Watergate by Allen Saddler (m001yzzmf)

Life goes along placidly enough for The Courier, a weekly paper in a small Devon town. But when Archie - boy ace reporter from America - turns up, the pace quickens uncomfortably.

Cast:

American Voice/Jim Tim Bentinck

Freda Christine Pollon

Archie Keith Alexander

Sam John Bennett
 Beryl Brenda Kaye
 Charlie Hedley Goodall
 Written by Allen Saddler
 Music by Sam Richards. Played by Sam Richards and Tish Stubbs.
 Directed by Brian Miller for BBC Bristol
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1979.
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THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000ydpx)
 Tessa Coates: Resting Witch Face
 Tessa Coates explores the rise in modern witchcraft in young women.
THU 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b08bzp9r)
 Series 6
 Episode 6
 John lets Lawry take over, with inevitable reactions from Carrie, Margaret and Simon. And, well... since you ask him for a musical finale...
 John Finnemore, writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Acts and regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth, returns for a sixth series of his multi-award-winning series.
 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme was described by The Radio Times as "the best sketch show in years, on television or radio", and by The Daily Telegraph as "funny enough to make even the surliest cat laugh". Already the winner of a BBC Audio Drama Award and a Radio Academy Silver Award, John was named the 2016 Radio Broadcaster of the Year by the Broadcasting Press Guild for his work on Souvenir Programme.
 Written by and starring John Finnemore.
 With
 Margaret Cabourn-Smith
 Simon Kane
 Lawry Lewin
 Carrie Quinlan
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2017.
THU 23:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m001yzmh)
 2024
 Episode 6
 Esyllt Sears hosts a Comedy Club special from Machynlleth Comedy Festival 2024.
THU 23:15 Ken Cheng: Chinese Comedian (m000fw03)
 Series 2
 3. Free Speech
 Stand-up series exploring British Chinese culture with Ken Cheng.
 The BBC New Comedy Award finalist tackles the theme of free speech in today's society. From 2020.
 Series exploring free speech, social status, racism and money.
 This programme contains some strong and discriminatory language.
 Producer: Adnan Ahmed
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2020.
THU 23:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01n0wj1)
 Series 2
 Episode 5
 Justin's still living with his father-in-law, still working with his ex-wife and still calling on his Gran for her words of wisdom. Now he also has to cope with a chance of his big break.
 Starring Justin Moorhouse, Anne Reid and Paul Copley.
 Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser
 Justin Justin Moorhouse
 Gran Anne Reid
 Lisa Christine Bottomley
 Bryn Lloyd Langford
 Ray Paul Copley
 Tanya Victoria Elliott
 Charlie Mark Chatterton

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.
 Producer: Steven Canny
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

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FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvkk)
 Wimsey - Clouds of Witness
 5. The Morning After
 Despite his sister Mary's confession, the aristocratic murder mystery is far from over yet for Lord Peter Wimsey...
 Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.
 Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery dramatised by Peter Jones and Tania Lieve
 Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael
 Bunter Peter Jones
 Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf
 Lady Mary Wimsey Maria Aitken
 The Duchess of Denver Patricia Routledge
 Murbles Malcolm Hayes
 Goyles Clifford Norgate
 Sir Impey Biggs Brian Oulton
 Producer: Simon Brett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.
FRI 06:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzdp)
 5. The Secret of the Forest
 Ekaterinburg, 1918: Captain Tremayne has had to bring forward his attempt to rescue the Tsar and the Imperial Royal family from the Bolsheviks.
 He and Kasakov prepare for the assault on the House of Special Purpose.
 Starring Maurice Denham, Jeremy Clyde and Sean Barrett.
 Dramatised by Ted Willis from his own novel, first published in 1980.
 Himself Ted Willis
 Lord Tremayne Maurice Denham
 Captain Tremayne Jeremy Clyde
 Lady Tremayne Joyce Carey
 Meg Elizabeth Proud
 Major Story Bob Sherman
 Colonel Kasakov Sean Barrett
 Nikolai Dukov Haydn Wood
 Mogilov Nicholas Courtney
 Gromyko Cyril Shaps
 Klaus John Rye
 Kelly John Livesey
 Samarin James Windsor
 Sister Lyudmilla Pauline Letts
 Sister Elizabieta Jane Knowles
 Voytek David McAllister
 The Corporal John Webb
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.
FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b007zj4x)
 Series 1
 Over and Out
 Maria makes up with hubby Gwyn, and Izzy has a surprise for Michael and Louise.
 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
 Michael Nicholas Le Prevost
 Dick Mike Grady
 Louise Phyllida Nash
 Gwyn Sion Probert
 Maria Marty Cruickshank
 Class 4C:
 Kerryann White
 Kelda Holmes

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.
FRI 07:30 Albert and Me (b049f20x)
 Series 2
 File Under Trouble
 Single dad Bryan takes a temporary admin job and chases a missing file.
 Stars Robert Lindsay and Pat Coombs.
 The struggles of single parent Bryan Archer to find work while raising his baby son, Albert.
 Bryan Archer Robert Lindsay
 Mum/Albert Pat Coombs
 Mrs Willis Diana King
 Vera Marica Warren
 Edward Gordon Kaye
 Mr Charlesworth Bernard Gallagher
 Mrs Charlesworth Lynda Baron
 Sandra and Doreen Wendy Murray
 Written by Jim Eldridge.
 Incidental music by Max Harris.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1983.
FRI 08:00 Plum House (b0b89kby)
 Series 2
 Wedding Bells
 The team are preparing to host their first wedding at the museum.
 With a journalist coming to cover the event, it's a publicity coup for Plum House.
 But the groom has cold feet. Can they carry on regardless with a fake wedding? Tom is dubious - until Julian suggests he might pretend to marry Emma.
 Comedy about the inept staff at a historic house. Starring Simon Callow, Jane Horrocks and Miles Jupp.
 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
 Sophie Jo Enright
 Joe the Groom Nico Tatarowicz
 Amy / Wedding Shop Assistant Maya Sondhi
 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 June 2018.
FRI 08:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yznp)
 5. Better Than Sex
 Tom Fort charts our obsession with the garden lawn: Better Than Sex.
 Read by Jeff Rawle.
 The Grass is Greener: An Anglo-Saxon Passion is written by Tom Fort.
 Abridged in five parts by Andrew Simpson.
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.
FRI 08:45 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (m000j2tw)
 5. Earrings
 Life carries on in the house of Vermeer – his wife Catharina is now six months pregnant and their jealous daughter Cornelia is ever watchful. Meanwhile, in the attic studio behind a closed door, the young servant Griet sits for the painter, wearing his wife's earrings.
 Tracy Chevalier's much-loved novel about the unknown model in Vermeer's famous painting and what her relationship with the renowned artist might have been.
 Griet Libby Mai
 Vermeer Khalid Abdalla
 Cornelia Mia Wilks
 Pieter's Father / Van Leeuwenhoek Ben Croom
 Maria Thins Eleanor Bron
 Tanneke Laura Elphinstone
 Catharina Hattie Morahan
 Franciscus Liam Howes
 Griet's Mother Jane Whittenshaw
 Adult Cornelia Lissie Minnitt
 Pawn Broker Tom Goodman-Hill
 Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.
 Directed and produced by Amber Barnfather
 A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.
FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001yzdr)
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
FRI 09:30 Britain at Sea (b0460zmq)
 10. Early Cold War
 Lord West describes how the Royal Navy fought a series of conflicts in East Asia during the early Cold War.

From the Amethyst Incident in China in 1949 to the confrontation with Indonesia in the mid-1960s, East Asia was a key focus during the early Cold War. And the Royal Navy was at the heart of the action.

In this episode Lord West speaks to veterans of the Amethyst Incident and the Korean War, and hears how in this period the Royal Marines embraced their commando role and fought successfully in Korea, Malaya and against Indonesia.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m001yzdt)

Crown him with many crowns -100 years of religious broadcasting - Ineffably Sublime

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

This year marks 100 years since the first church service broadcast on the BBC in 1924. In this week's Daily Service we'll be exploring the history of Daily Service - now in its 96th year.

Today's service comes from the BBC's newest studio at Central Square in Cardiff, not far from where some of the earliest ever religious broadcasts were made a century and more ago. The service is led by Revd. Roy Jenkins, who has himself been broadcasting for 50 of those 100 years.

Music:

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (Saint Peter)

Immortal Invisible (Saint Denio)

And Can it Be? (Sagina)

FRI 10:00 Hancock's Helpers (b0107wzx)

Russell Davies explores Tony Hancock's on and off-air relationships with his sidekicks - from Sid James to Kenneth Williams.

In 1954 the first episode of 'Hancock's Half Hour' was broadcast on radio. Few realised then that Tony and his chums would become such a massive, lasting success.

In this tribute to a true comedy classic, Russell Davies explores the on and off-air relationships between Tony and his 'helpers', Kenneth Williams, Bill Kerr, Sid James and Hattie Jacques among them.

With archive and fresh interviews, and of course some clips from those classic shows too.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2004.

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FRI 10:30 Briers on Hancock (b03m3d5j)

Richard Briers traces the life of Tony Hancock from triumph to tragedy.

Had he lived, Tony Hancock would have celebrated his 60th birthday on the 12 May 1984.

Born in Birmingham on 12th May 1924, the 10 years from 1952 saw Hancock rise to become acknowledged as one of the greatest comic talents this country has ever produced.

Richard Briers presents an affectionate tribute to his memory - Briers on Hancock: An Echo Of Remembered Laughter - the story of a man who simply refused to believe that he really was one of the greatest of all time.

A life long admirer, Richard explores why Hancock continued to demand more of himself professionally, at the cost of personal friendships and family, leading up to his tragic death in 1968.

With contributions from:-

Dennis Main Wilson, Denis Norden, George Fairweather, Ray Galton, Alan Simpson, Hugh Lloyd, John Freeman, Sid James and Bill Kerr.

Written and produced by John Pickles and Bill Morris.

Editor: Richard Edis

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FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m0018npg)

Series 12

Leeds Beckett University

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

A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects journalism, English literature and sport and exercise science.

Contestants are asked questions about whey powder and NIBS to Y2K and CQD.

And, guaranteed, an interesting fact about Basildon.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2022.

FRI 14:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hfh)

Series 1

Round Midnight

When an old musician pal turns up after 40 years abroad, Roy begins to smell a rat.

But neither Roy nor George could begin to suspect their pal's real secret.

Starring Ram John Holder and George Layton.

With Melvyn Hayes.

Sitcom written by Marcus Powell and John Byrne.

Roy Ram Jam Holder

Barry George Layton

George Sam Kelly

Wispy Melvyn Hayes

Susan Jonna Brookes

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

FRI 15:00 Christopher Green - Like an Angel Passing through My Room (b00y97j)

At a party Christopher Green meets Anni-Frid Lyngstad - aka Frida from Abba. He is the after-dinner entertainment. She is a party guest. What starts as a 'I'm your biggest fan' turns into a long chat about the nature of loving someone you've never met. From Olivier award-winning writer Christopher Green.

This is a project several years in the making; what started as an upbeat reflection on fame and the notion of being a fan, developed into a meditation on the communication between two people and coping with the blows life deals. Green's partner died shortly after recording the interview with Frida, in which they talked about her long recovery from the death of her husband in 1999. This play takes in life and death, and some of the territory in between, with a heavy emphasis on pop music.

Written by Christopher Green

As himself.....Christopher Green

As herself.....Anni-Frid Lyngstad

Announcer.....Leah Brotherhead

Actor.....Lloyd Thomas

Producer Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

FRI 15:45 Constant Repetition by Michael Carson (b007qq9q)

"It suddenly occurs to me that while I'm in here, William will be at home, on his own. On his own. And him only 52. Only 52!" An elderly woman resident in an old people's home plots her escape to be with her son.

Patricia Hayes reads Michael Carson's short story.

Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1988.

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FRI 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001yz5n)

Series 2

Five: 'I never heard a cow!'

Chris McCausland asks Steph McGovern and Jarred Christmas to take on Hugh Dennis and Thanyia Moore. Can guests work out where in the UK Chris is from audio alone? The teams must figure out what on earth is being advertised on TV, guess what famous objects or locations children are trying to describe.

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 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00xj161)

Series 2

Episode 4

The museum tries to appeal to children by staging a dog counting competition.

Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt and Geoffrey Palmer.

David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by eccentrics and obsessives.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgcombe Rachel Atkins

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Eva Tittle Julia Deakin

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Marina Marina Koenig

Andros Stephen Critchlow

Gloria Brindle Helen Atkinson-Wood

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

FRI 23:00 Comedy Club at Machynlleth (m001yzd)

2024

Episode 7

Esyllt Sears rounds off a week of Comedy Club specials from Machynlleth Comedy Festival 2024.

FRI 23:15 Heidi Regan: No Worries (m000xm7z)

Episode 2

As someone who tends to worry in 'normal' times, the pandemic of course offered some exciting new areas of exploration for the anxious mind.

Having a partner who is a GP has both helped and not helped Heidi with that: worrying about her being safe, but also, yay, on tap medical advice!

That said, examining rashes of a loved one over dinner isn't really the romance her partner signed up for.

As Heidi and her partner ponder some of the big questions in life, Heidi's brain resorts, as it always does, to distracting them (and the audience) with increasingly silly jokes as she makes an argument for the pros and cons of joking your way through life. In this episode she realises that repressing worries could actually lead to them bubbling up uninvited.

Written and performed by Heidi Regan.

With thanks to Nick Ellery

Produced by Julia McKenzie.

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2021.

FRI 23:30 Bird Island (b01k2b18)

Series 1

Episode 3

Ben is on the trip of a lifetime to Sub-Antarctica.

Yet he's trapped in an icy hell with one other person, a dodgy internet connection and a Dictaphone.

Fellow travelling scientist Graham is also a nerd, so he's not much help in alleviating the loneliness. No wonder they both fail to share all the highs and lows of exploring this beautiful, but lonely landscape.

So, Ben tries to socially adapt to his loneliness by keeping a cheery audio diary.

In this episode, Ben and Graham encounter a seal cub that's been attacked. He takes it home and carefully nurses it back to life and share the pup's progress with his mum and dad.

Ben Reece Shearsmith

Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt

Beverley Alison Steadman

Robin Gerard Mcdermott

Written by Katy Wix

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

FRI 23:45 Tina C Goes Down Under: The Aboriginal Monologues (b00dzny2)

Canberra

Country singer and 2008 US presidential hopeful Tina C continues her look at the Australian obsession with country music.

Tina performs for the state opening of Parliament.

However, problems arise when she finds out seconds before the gig that Waltzing Matilda is not the national anthem.

Written and performed by Christopher Green

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.