

SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024

SAT 00:00 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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SAT 00:30 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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SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvjk)

Winsey - 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 Winsey... Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

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

Lord Peter Winsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf

Lady Mary Winsey 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.

SAT 01:30 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 Elizabeta Jane Knowles

Voytek David McAllister

The Corporal John Webb

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 Plum House (b0b89kbv)

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.

SAT 03:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (m001yznp)

5. Better Than Sex

The impact of gender in gardening with a look at the psychology behind using a mower to trim the lawn.

Tom Fort charts our obsession with the garden lawn.

Concluded by Jeff Rawle.

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

Abridged by Andrew Simpson.

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SAT 03:45 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.

Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.

Griet Libby Mai

Vermeer Khalid Abdalla

Cornelia Mia Wilks

Pieter's Father / Van Leeuwenhoek Ben Crowe

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

Directed and produced by Amber Barnfather

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

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076fhf)

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.

SAT 05:00 Christopher Green - Like an Angel Passing through My Room (b00j97jj)

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.

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.

SAT 05:45 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.

SAT 06:00 The Second Mrs Tanqueray (m001z515)

Aubrey Tanqueray remarries and prepares to lose his friends. But his relationship with his daughter is also threatened by the ghosts of his wife's past.

Starring Gary Bond, Michelle Newell and Joanna Myrers.

Arthur Wing Pinero's tragic-drama was first staged in London in 1893.

Dramatised by Sue Wilson.

Aubrey Tanqueray Gary Bond

Paula Michelle Newell

Ellean Joanna Myers

Cayley Drummie Keith Drinkel

Lady Orreyed Sunny Ormonde

Sir George Orreyed Christopher Scott

Mrs Cortelyon Ann Windsor

Captain Hugh Ardale Andrew Wincott

Frank Misquith QC David Monaco

Gordon Jayne MD John Fleming

Director: Sue Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.

SAT 07:30 Who Am I, Again? by Lenny Henry (Omnibus) (m0008x0z)

Lenny Henry tells the extraordinary story of his early years and

sudden rise to fame in his long-awaited autobiography. The legendary actor, comedian and campaigner has graced our screens for over four decades. A co-founder of Comic relief, he was knighted in 2015 for services to charity and drama. Who Am I, Again is a poignant and hilariously observed self-portrait of growing up in the Midlands as child of Jamaican immigrants seeking, though not always finding, a better life. The book candidly documents racism and fraught family relationships, but ultimately celebrates how a working-class kid from Dudley made the big time with support from those around him.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Penny Leicester
Read by Lenny Henry
Producer: Ciaran Bermingham
First broadcast on fBBC Radio 4 in 2019.
SAT 08:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b0117rsc)
Series 1
The Carnival
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 - trying to solve an unusual problem? Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before...
Written by Allen Sandler.
Producer: Brian Miller
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.
SAT 09:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000y01m)
Episode 4
Can Donald survive exploring England's adopted game, the Scottish game of golf?
And can he negotiate his way around the world of international diplomacy?
Leslie Phillips narrates AG MacDonell's 1933 classic comedy. Retired injured from the Great War, young Donald Cameron is writing a book about the English and their curious habits. Donald Cameron Sam Graham
Sir Henry Wooton Christopher Benjamin
Carteret-Pendragon Peter Kelly
Interpreter Katy Odey
Davies Shaun Prendergast
Adapted by Bob Sinfield.
Director: Neil Cargill
A Splice of Life production for BBC Radio 2 first broadcast in October 1994.
SAT 09:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008b1n)
From 30/6/1963
A clumsy decorator torments a house proud customer and a newspaper seller tells the Editor where he's going wrong...
Arthur Haynes stars in the sketch show series written by Johnny Speight.
With
Nicholas Parsons
Leslie Noyes
Barnet Gilbraith
Norma Ronald
Music by Joe Brown and The Bruvvers.
Producer: Richard Dingley
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1963.
SAT 10:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m0001f7d)
3. Looking at Linda and Where's the F in News
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? In the less enlightened sixties and seventies, women were often the butt of the joke, rather than making them.
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 last of three programmes, Samira Ahmed is joined by actor and director Arabella Weir and former radio producer and novelist Lissa Evans to discuss some of the best sitcoms from the BBC archives to assess the impact funny women have had on contemporary comedy and the extent of their satirical legacy.
Producer: Belinda Naylor
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first heard in November 2019.
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SAT 13:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b0117rsc)
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SAT 14:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000y01m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 14:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008b1n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 15:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of

Comedy (m0001f7d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Lady Faustus (m00022ss)
Town gossips have only one subject of conversation - the mysterious Lady Faustus.
The conjectures about her and her origins are boundless. But a certain handsome young lieutenant finds that the truth about her is far stranger than any fiction...
Michael Payne's fantastical drama set in 19th century Austria.
Lady Faustus Rula Lenska
Zimmermann James Aubrey
Mano Mary Wimbush
The Hostess Carole Boyd
Gerta Zelah Clarke
The Countess Margaret Ward
Hardenburg David Goodland
Captain Schwartz Paul Gregory
Major Domo Paul Sirt
The Army Officer Stephen Harold
Director: David Johnston
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1987.
SAT 17:00 The Second Mrs Tanqueray (m001z515)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 Who Am I, Again? by Lenny Henry (Omnibus) (m0008x0z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b0117rsc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000y01m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008b1n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m0001f7d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m0001xh)
Series 2
Episode 1
Paul Sinha is an award-winning comedian, the reigning British Quiz Champion and also, according to the Radio Times, the UK's "funniest fund of forgotten facts".
This is the second series of General Knowledge, recounting the amazing true stories that lie behind fascinating nuggets of information.
This episode is focused on writers, from the famous writer who also played for Portsmouth FC, to the writer who refused to referee a racist boxing match, and the playwright who made Robson and Jerome stars.
It was recorded virtually, with an audience of 200 people watching him from the comfort of their own home.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Produced by Ed Morrish
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2020.
SAT 22:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b0113086)
Series 2
3. 'I'm a cherry childless and proud of it'
"I'd like to be romantic but I have a voice that makes children cry"
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
Jenny Bridget Christie
Keith Joe Wilkinson
Written by Sarah Millican.
Producer: Lianne Coop
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011
SAT 23:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cq4l)
Series 1
Episode 2
Miles Jupp and guests with whimsical sketches.
In this episode, the Auctioning of the Sequestered Cattle... Miles interviews the BBC's social mobility tsar, helps Seann Walsh launch his new podcast Who Would You Like to Have a Pint with?, and tries to persuade David Suchet to revisit a familiar role.
Starring Miles Jupp with Vicki Pepperdine, Julia Davis, Seann Walsh, Jocelyn Jee Essien, Philip Fox, Justin Edwards, Dominique Moore, and David Gower.
Written by Miles Jupp & James Kettle.
Script edited by Graeme Garden.
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
A Random Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2022.
SAT 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqhh)
Series 3
The Masterson's Magical Marquee - part 1
The Masterson's travelling Victorian circus and funfair arrives in the village of Ampleforth...

First of a two-part romp in the award-winning improvised historical comedy series.
Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding saga of the Mastersons - a family at war with itself.
Starring:
Paul Merton
Josie Lawrence
Lee Simpson
Jim Sweeney
Phelim McDermott
Caroline Quentin
Producer: Phil Clarke
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995

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SUN 00:00 Lady Faustus (m00022ss)
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SUN 01:00 The Second Mrs Tanqueray (m001z515)
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SUN 02:30 Who Am I, Again? by Lenny Henry (Omnibus) (m0008x0z)
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SUN 04:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008b1n)
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SUN 05:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m0001f7d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b89kd2)
Gardeners
Dan Pearson
Kirsty Young's guest is the garden designer, Dan Pearson. His style is governed by a desire to create a sense of place and he is drawn to wild plants and gardens. Aged just five he discovered this passion, while building roof gardens for his collection of trolls and spent the summer watching the plant and animal life in a pond created by his father.
He gave up A' levels in favour of apprenticeships at RHS Wisley and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and then spent several years working abroad, studying plants in their natural environment. His first large-scale project was creating a garden for Frances Mossman, a colleague of his mother's, who asked him to design the garden at her Northamptonshire plot. He won more clients through word of mouth and set up his own garden design company in the late 1980s. His work has since taken him all over the world and he has designed five award-winning gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show. Amongst his current projects he is creating a design for London's proposed Garden Bridge.
DISC ONE: Marvin Gaye - Got to Give it Up
DISC TWO: Fela Kuti - Water No Get Enemy
DISC THREE: Kate Bush - Under The Ivy
DISC FOUR: Jeff Buckley - Benjamin Britten's Corpus Christi Carol
DISC FIVE: David Bowie - Wild Is The Wind
DISC SIX: Nick Drake - River Man
DISC SEVEN: Antica Di Padova, Jordi Savall and Coro Del Centro Musica, conducted by Livio Picotti - Claudio Monteverdi's Vespro Della Beata Vergine: Gloria Patri
DISC EIGHT: Grace Jones - Walking in the Rain
BOOK CHOICE: An encyclopaedia of the local plants
LUXURY CHOICE: The contents of his potting shed
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Claudio Monteverdi's Vespro Della Beata Vergine: Gloria Patri
Producer: Cathy Drysdale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0120790)
Series 2
Fireflies
The chemistry that allows the combustion of natural chemicals to generate light without heat is wonderfully harnessed by the firefly.
Fireflies are insects with several species in the group; each with its own species specific code and signalling regime.
In this life story, Sir David Attenborough tells of his personal experience filming the antics of fireflies and the insight this gave him into this secret world of messaging.
Written and presented by David Attenborough
Producer: Julian Hector.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m001z68l)
Poetry Societies - The Walter Savage Landor Society
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Poetry Societies - The Walter Savage Landor Society featuring the work of the activist and friend of Dickens.
Judith Palmer presents the first of four programmes in which she joins enthusiasts up and down the land who meet to enjoy and promote their favourite poetry, beginning with the Walter Savage Landor Society of Warwick.
Producer - Viv Beby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
SUN 07:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (Omnibus) (m001z68n)

Mowing the lawn has had a place in the national psyche from its first mention in the time of Henry III, to the present day. Tom Fort traces how the aesthetics of the lawn, with its connotations of Eden, have been redefined over time.

Read by Jeff Rawle.

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

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Andrew Simpson.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001z68q)

Tommy Tiernan

Comic and actor Tommy Tiernan chooses the Irish national anthem 'Amhrán na bhFiann' and Buddhist chant 'Maka Hannya Haramitta'.

SUN 08:50 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (Omnibus) (m001z688)

'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?

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.

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.

Griet Libby Mai

Vermeer Khalid Abdalla

Tanneke Laura Elphinstone

Franciscus Liam Howes

Agnes Flora Fromont

Catharina Hattie Morahan

Griet's Mother Jane Whittenshaw

Griet's Father Rufus Wright

Cornelia Mia Wilks

Maria Thins Eleanor Bron

Pieter Tom Glenister

Van Ruijven/Pawn Broker Tom Goodman-Hill

Maertge Flora Fromont

Van Leeuwenhoek/Pieter's Father Ben Crowe

Adult Cornelia Lissie Minnitt

Dramatised by Ayesha Menon.

Recorded on location at Keats House, in Hampstead, London and features 17th century Dutch harpsichord music performed by Tim Motz, especially recorded at the Handel & Hendrix House in Mayfair.

Directed and produced by Amber Barnfather

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

SUN 10:00 Tony's (b00tp95z)

Series 2

The French Connection

A hairdresser exchange programme offers publicity and disaster - in equal measure.

Series 2 of the misadventures in the life of a corner-shop barber starring Victor Spinetti as Tony, Deryck Guyler as Stanley, Deborah Watling as Maisie.

With guests: Alan Lake and Roger Kitter.

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1981.

SUN 10:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (m001z68v)

From 28/12/1948

With royal VIPs in the studio audience, the cast are on their best behaviour.

There was a royal presence in the audience for this recording. Queen Elizabeth [later The Queen Mother] Princess Elizabeth [Queen Elizabeth II] and The Duke of Edinburgh were all there. It was Princess Elizabeth's first public appearance since the birth of Prince Charles the previous November.

Much-Binding-in-the-Marsh ran from 1944 to 1954 on BBC Radio, apart from 1950/51 when it aired on Radio Luxembourg. Written by two of its stars, Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne, the show initially reflected life in a fictitious RAF station during the last months of WW2 and then the decade beyond, when the site became a country club, and eventually a periodical called 'The Bind'.

Richard Murdoch

Kenneth Horne

Sam Costa

Maurice Denham

Maureen Riscoe

Helen Hill

Philip Slessor [Announcer]

Music by Stanley Black and The Augmented Dance Orchestra.

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

Firs broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1948.

SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b89kd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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SUN 16:00 Voices from the Grave (b007jwn6)

The Parson

Back from missionary work abroad, Reverend Martin Stokes stumbles into a nightmare of biblical proportions.

CAST:

Rev. Martin Stokes Mark Bazeley

Mrs Cameron Lynne Verrall

Bishop Millcock Geoffrey Beevers

Randall Wayne Foskett

Sid Stephen Hogan

Joseph Gerard McDermott

'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.

Dramatist David Varela has written plays for BBC Radio 4 as well as for TV and film.

Producer: Luke Fresle

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007.

SUN 16:30 Weird Tales (b00vknly)

Series 1

The Fly by Lynn Ferguson

Lonely, middle-aged computer programmer Alan knows everything there is to know about flies.

Then one day, online, he meets Amber, a Californian lady who knows everything there is to know about spiders.

Written by Lynn Ferguson.

Series of four chilling dramas inspired by Lovecraft's stories of magical rites and forbidden lore.

Lovecraft/Colby Stephen Hogan

Mother Stella Gonet

Alan Alec Newman

Amber Rachel Ogilvy

Other parts played by Caroline Guthrie, Janice Acquah and Paul Rider.

Producer: Luke Fresle.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

SUN 17:00 Tony Hancock 100 (m001z68x)

Star Bill - 07/06/1953

Radio 4 Extra celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of comic actor Tony Hancock – born 12th May 1924 - with a collection of rarely heard and previously lost radio programmes.

Introducing the shows, Jim Lee is joined by Martin Gibbons, president of the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society, who have helped find some of the lost tapes.

Tony Hancock stars in this previously lost episode of the BBC Light Programme's Star Bill, from June 1953.

A variety show of sketches and music, he's joined by Graham Stark and Geraldine McEwan, with special guest star appearance by comedian, Ted Ray.

This lost episode was written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson – who would go on to write Hancock's Half Hour. It was first broadcast in the week following Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, and there are affectionate sketches paying comic homage to the great event.

Singing Personalities

Lizbeth Webb

David Hughes

Instrumental Personality

Semprini

The George Mitchell Glee Club

The Stanley Black Concert Orchestra

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Producer: Alastair Scott-Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme on the 7th June 1953.

Many thanks to the Bob Monkhouse Archive/Kaleidoscope who found this lost episode, and provided it to the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society, for use in BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hancock 100 celebration.

Tony Hancock 100

Presenter: Jim Lee

Production Co-ordinator: Andrew Jupp

Producer: Peter McHugh

SUN 17:55 Tony Hancock 100 (m001z690)

Calling All Forces (1952) & Star Bill (1954) Sketches

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Tony Hancock stars in sketches from the BBC Light Programme's Calling All Forces and Star Bill.

In a previously lost sketch from the Calling All Forces

(25.02.1952), Tony Hancock reprises his role as the tutor to

Peter Brough's ventriloquial doll, Archie Andrews, in Educating Archie, grandiosely having the "pleasure of telling you the story of my life".

Tony Hancock developed the character of 'Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock' – a version of himself he played in Hancock's Half Hour, through the many iterations of the BBC Light Programme's variety show Star Bill (Forces All Star Bill, All Star Bill), also written by Hancock Half Hour creators, Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

In two surviving sketches from Star Bill (21.03.1954) from the BBC archive we hear Tony Hancock first welcome unsuspecting guests to the "Seaview Boarding House, Proprietor A. Hancock". Played by Graham Clark and Moira Lister, the couple are welcomed to this "...rat trap...I mean...suntrap".

In the second sketch, Tony Hancock's soak in the bath is disturbed when Moira Lister asks Graham Stark and Tony to help her move some furniture. She leaves out one vital piece of information, that Tony's not best pleased with: "the piano? That bloomin' great heavy walnut piece...."

Sketch from Calling All Forces, introduced by Ted Ray and starring Tony Hancock, first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1952.

Episode writers: Bob Monkhouse and Denis Goodwin. Tony Hancock performing his own material.

Producers: John Hooper & Leslie Bridgmont.

Surviving sketches from Star Bill, starring Tony Hancock, Graham Stark and Moira Lister, first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1954.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson.

Many thanks to the Bob Monkhouse Archive/Kaleidoscope who found the lost 'Calling All Forces' 1952 sketch, and provided it to the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society, for use in BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hancock 100 celebration.

Tony Hancock 100

Presenter: Jim Lee

Production Co-ordinator: Andrew Jupp

Producer: Peter McHugh

SUN 18:15 Tony Hancock 100 (m001z692)

Hancock's Half Hour - A Visit to Swansea (1955)

Radio 4 Extra celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of comic actor Tony Hancock – born 12th May 1924 - with a collection of rarely heard and previously lost radio programmes.

Introducing the shows, Jim Lee is joined by Martin Gibbons, president of the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society, who have helped find some of the lost tapes.

Radio 4 Extra presents a long lost episode of Hancock's Half Hour – A Visit To Swansea.

Rediscovered and restored by radio enthusiasts, The Radio Circle, it was first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme on the 10th May 1955, just two days before Tony Hancock's 31st birthday.

Tony Hancock had taken an unscheduled trip to Italy, leaving Hancock Half Hour's producer, Dennis Main Wilson, to ask Harry Secombe to step in to star in the first three episodes of the second series of Hancock's Half Hour.

The fourth episode saw Tony return, and begrudgingly make 'A Visit To Swansea', to thank Harry Secombe for stepping in.

Although the first two minutes are sadly missing, the remainder of the show, long searched for, is gloriously restored.

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With:

Harry Secombe

Bill Kerr

Sidney James

Andree Melly

Kenneth Williams

Theme and incidental music composed and conducted by Wally Stott.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.

This episode was found by Richard Harrison of The Radio Circle, with an introduction by Keith Wickham.

Tony Hancock 100

Presenter: Jim Lee

Production Co-ordinator: Andrew Jupp

Producer: Peter McHugh

SUN 18:50 Tony Hancock 100 (m001z747)

Hancock & Terry-Thomas - Calling All Forces sketch (1952)

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Introducing the shows, Jim Lee is joined by Martin Gibbons, president of the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society, who have helped find some of the lost tapes.

Tony Hancock stars in this previously lost sketch from the BBC Light Programme's Calling All Forces from May 1952.

In this edition of the variety show of sketches and music, Tony compered the show with comedian Charlie Chester, alongside Josephine Crombie. It also features a special guest star appearance from radio, TV and film comedy star, Terry-Thomas (I'm All Right Jack, It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World).

Responding to the threat of TV, Tony Hancock and the team decide to create a 'TV society drama for radio', their own

version of Lady Chatterley. With Tony as one of the her suitors, "Puffy Hancock", and Terry-Thomas as Lady Chatterley's overly attentive butler, what could go wrong....

Written by Bob Monkhouse and Denis Goodwin.

Producers: Jacques Brown & John Hooper

A sketch from Calling All Forces first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme 5th May 1952.

Many thanks to the Bob Monkhouse Archive/Kaleidoscope who found this lost 'Calling All Forces' 1952 sketch, and provided it to the Tony Hancock Appreciation Society, for use in BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hancock 100 celebration.

Tony Hancock 100

Presenter: Jim Lee

Production Co-ordinator: Andrew Jupp

Producer: Peter McHugh

SUN 19:05 Tony Hancock 100 (m001z694)

Steve Punt's Hancock Cuttings

Celebrating Tony Hancock's centenary, fan Steve Punt presents oddities and rarities featuring The Lad Himself:

* BBC TV's FACE TO FACE interview (1960)

Episode from the TV series in which John Freeman cross-examined leading personalities of the day. Here he interviews the radio and TV comedian, Tony Hancock.

* 'ANCOCK'S ANTHOLOGY – the BBC Light Programme's Christmas Day miscellany of the comic's favourite music, readings and an interview with Stirling Moss (25/12/1964)

* THE MISSING PAGE – the Pye Records re-recording of the TV episode (1965) On a visit to Cheam Library, the lad is appalled to be told he has some outstanding fines to pay. With Graham Stark, Clive Dunn and Frank Thornton. Written by Ray Galton & Alan Simpson.

* EDUCATING ARCHIE (19/10/1951)

Tony Hancock, Julie Andrews and Hattie Jacques join wisecracking schoolboy Archie Andrews. Cinema high-jinks and Dr Hancock lets Archie use his 'Wishing Chair'. Radio ventriloquism from Peter Brough. Written by Eric Sykes.

* The first ever episode of HANCOCK'S HALF HOUR 'The First Night Party' (BBC Light Programme 02/11/1954) The lad throws a launch party for his new series, but things don't quite go to plan. With Moira Lister, Bill Kerr, Sidney James, Kenneth Williams and Gerald Campion. Written by Ray Galton & Alan Simpson.

Producer: Mik Wilkojc.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2014.

Broadcast as part of Tony Hancock 100 - Radio 4 Extra's celebration of Tony Hancock on what would have been his 100th birthday – starting at 5pm Sunday 12th May 2024 - featuring rare and lost recordings, including a newly rediscovered lost episode of Hancock's Half Hour - A Visit to Swansea from 1955. Available to Catch up on BBC Sounds

SUN 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b01g614z)

March and April

Satirist Craig Brown dips into more of the private lives of public figures from the 1960's to the present day.

March and April: Gyles Brandreth celebrates his birthday through the years, and Sharon Osbourne auditions some handsome young singers.

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 (b00rms97)

Series 3

Ardal O'Hanlon

Marcus Brigstocke invites his guest Ardal O'Hanlon to try five things he's never done before including bell ringing.

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 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b0460v1z)

Pilot

A woman called Josie leaves London for better life in Glasgow – at the indie band theme park, where she will finally be happy and accepted.

Her flatmate Darren is just happy having his meals cooked by someone other than his mum.

Together they drink tea and wander the streets searching for romance and adventure, making fun of squares and making up games. It's them against the world, or so Josie hopes. How much can you rely on a friend who doesn't want to grow up?

Based on characters from the short films "Romance and Adventure" and "Let's Go Swimming" by Josie Long and Douglas King.

Written by and starring Josie Long.

Successful pilot which sparked the following series.

Josie Josie Long

Darren Darren Osborne

Roddy Roddy MacNeill

Kerry Hatty Ashdown

Eleanor Clare Grogan

Geoff Geoff McGivern

Heidi..... Jaimi Barbakoff

Helen Elaine Claxton

Chris Michael Bertenshaw

Mark Douglas King

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

SUN 23:30 Liam Williams: Ladhood (b06ns614)

Series 1

The Fight

Liam Williams - a two-time Edinburgh Festival Award nominated comedian - shares his teenage misadventures in the Yorkshire suburbs.

With evocative monologues by "Adult Liam" being interjected with flashback scenes from his teenage years, the four-parts series was recorded in Leeds and stars teens from Yorkshire.

Each episode delves into Liam's memories of his first fight, virginity loss, the best house party ever organised, and his marvellous outwitting of an entire teaching staff.

This is the New Labour, post-mining, aspirational heartland, meeting 50 Cent and Generation Y ennuï, represented in a bourgeois radio format - by one of Britain's most exciting comedians.

Adult Liam Liam Williams

Young Liam Alfie Field

Lucy Ella Garde

Craig Cheng Ken Cheng

Chloe Hannah Waring

Lucy's Mum Amelia Lowdell

Liam's Mum Debra Baker

Liam's Dad Caolan McCarthy

Miss Peacock Evie Killip

Producer: Arnab Chanda

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2015.

MONDAY 13 MAY 2024

MON 00:00 Voices from the Grave (b007jwn6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Weird Tales (b00vknly)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0b89kd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0120790)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m001z681)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Grass Is Greener by Tom Fort (Omnibus) (m001z68n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001z68q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Tracy Chevalier - Girl with a Pearl Earring (Omnibus) (m001z68s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Tony's (b00tp95z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (m001z68v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvkw)

Wimsey - Clouds of Witness

6. In a Fog

On the trail of the Grimethorpes, Lord Peter Wimsey and

Bunter get lost on the moor...

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 Duke of Denver James Villiers

Grimethorpe Bill Wallis

Mrs Grimethorpe Elizabeth Proud

Jake David Sinclair

The Warden Rescuer Alan Rowe

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jxfw)

Hercule Poirot - One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

Episode 1

The terrified Belgian detective pays a visit to his dentist. But he can hardly anticipate the gruesome events to follow ...

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule

Poirot.

First published in 1940 and dramatised in five parts by Michael

Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Alfred Tom George

Morley Matthew Devereaux

Miss Sainsbury Seale Joanna McCallum

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Georgina Morley Caroline Wildi

Gladys Nevill Sophie Arnold

Reilly Stephen Tomkinson

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Original music composed by Tom Small

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

MON 07:00 The Alan Davies Show (b0089kpx)

Episode 4

The struggling actor and mate Murray try out a global food café, while Kate has a bad day.

Alan Davies stars in his own sitcom.

Written by Ben Silburn, Tony Roche and Alan Davies.

Alan Alan Davies

Murray Alan Francis

Kate Ronni Ancona

With Debra Stephenson, Alistair MacGowan and Dave Lamb.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

MON 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnv2)

Series 6

Upstairs Downstairs, Upstairs Downstairs

Albert's laid up with a bad back leaving poor Harold overworked.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Following the conclusion of their hugely successful association with Tony Hancock, writers Galton & Simpson wrote 10 pilots for the BBC TV's Comedy Playhouse in 1962.

The Offer featured the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and son Harold - and was the spark for a run of eight series on TV.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Doctor Michael McClain

With Michael Burlington, David Graham, Anne Jameson,

Norma Ronald and Marianne Stone.

Written for TV and adapted for radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

MON 08:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (b099ypq3)

Murder With Masala

4. She Sleeps with the Carp

Mrs Sidhu battles to finally solve the Lapsley Hall mystery.

The discovery of Briony's body proves Mrs Sidhu's point, but the not the way she intended. As her obsession deepens, Tez attempts an intervention. Meanwhile Lady Lucas plunges forward with wedding plans.

Mrs Sidhu's determination to solve the case leads her to the mortuary, with unsettling results for Inspector Burton's breakfast.

With the wedding closing in, Mrs Sidhu juggles her problems with Mr Varma and solving the murder before the killer strikes again.

Meera Syal stars as Slough's Miss Marple.

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 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00k8759)

1. An Unlooked for Offer

In the small town of Enniscorthy in the south east of Ireland in the early 1950s, Eilis Lacey is one among many of her generation who can find no work.

Her three brothers have already left to seek their fortunes in England - she and her sister Rose and her widowed mother are all that remain at home.

When a priest comes home from America for a holiday he recognises both Eilis's plight, and her potential.

Colm Toibin's masterful novel Brooklyn, a story of duty, love and a girl who crossed the ocean for a new life in New York. Twice Booker-listed Toibin captures the immigrant's dislocation and a girl's yearnings. Although Eilis will struggle to find her feet and begin a new life on the other side of the Atlantic, the shiny young country she has arrived in will start to seduce her. When a tragedy calls her home, she will return with the glow of America firmly surrounding her. A love story and an exploration of personal choice and familial duty, Brooklyn is a tender, funny and compassionate portrait of the compromises made by those who must take a step into the unknown.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Produced by Di Speirs.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

MON 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h2c6)

1. The Unresting Wheel

Rhiannon Tise's adaptation of George Eliot's novel of grand passions and tormented lives.

A brother and sister, pitted against one another in love and life.

An absorbing tragedy of family discord and financial ruin, of sibling love and bitterness. And a powerful tale of desire,

betrayal and moral conflict.
George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin
Young Maggie Amy-Jayne Leigh
Young Tom Oliver Zetterstrom
Young Lucy Grace Doherty
Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose
Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin
Maggie Joanna Vanderham
Tom Will Kirk
Lucy Ell Potter
Philip Chris Lew Kum Hoi
Stephen Jack Farthing
Mrs Moss Heather Craney
Mr Wakem John Douglal
Mrs Glegg Elizabeth Counsell
Mr Stelling John Lightbody
Dr Kenn Hasan Dixon
Luke/Bob Kurtis Lowe
Keiza/Sally Bettrys Jones
George Eliot's most autobiographical novel draws on her personal pain at the loss of the close bond with her brother who had cut off all contact with her. It resulted in one of the great novels of childhood, and one of literature's most unforgettable heroines. Like Anne of Green Gables and Jane Eyre, Maggie captures the dilemma of being the clever girl in the family, the ugly duckling, the misplaced founding who longs to be recognised for the genius she secretly knows herself to be.
Produced and directed by Tracey Neale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.
MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001z4h2)
Alicia McCarthy reports on a proposed new law to tackle cat and dog theft, why noise is bad for your health and a peer's zookeeper ambition.
MON 09:30 Britain at Sea (b046j8zm)
11. Decolonisation
Lord West tells the story of the Royal Navy's role in Britain's withdrawal from empire.
Travelling to Malta, he explains the Navy's central role in Maltese independence. Strolling through Valletta he describes life in the Royal Navy in the 1950s and 1960s, an era when hundreds of Royal Navy ships travelled the globe, journeying between dozens of overseas bases and acting very much like the world's policemen. He also recalls visiting the Gulf in the 1960s, and seeing creeks and towns barely large enough to hold a small warship but which are now enormous cities full of skyscrapers.
And Lord West recalls important episodes when the Royal Navy was called to intervene overseas - disastrously in Suez in 1956, but much more successfully in Kuwait in 1961 and Tanganyika in 1964.
Producer: Giles Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m001z4h4)
Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) - The Hidden things
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) - The Hidden things
2 Corinthians 4: 13-18
Led by Lyndall Bywater
You're the Word of God the Father
St Michael's Singers
What A Friend We Have in Jesus
Lou Fellingham
The Lord Bless You and Keep You
St Martins Voices
Produced by Rachel Ross
MON 10:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ymd7)
Forever and Ever
True stories told live in the USA: Meg Bowles introduces tales of things past shaping the here and now.
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 2019.
MON 10:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0106vf7)
Colm Toibin
Writer Colm Toibin inherits 'I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marbled Halls' sung by Joan Sutherland, and passes on Bob Dylan's 'I Threw It All Away'.
MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jxvk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jxvf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 The Alan Davies Show (b0089kpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnv2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (b099ypq3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00k8759)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h2c6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00cxbsw)
Series 53
Episode 3
Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
From the Opera House in Manchester.
With:
Paul Merton
Tony Hawks
Shappi Khorsandi
Ian McMillan
Subjects include: Old Trafford, The Last Time I Won Something, The Rule Book and Poetic Justice.
Created by Ian Messiter.
Producer Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
MON 14:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (b00jgq2v)
Series 1
Lord Of The Onion Rings
Ed fancies Elaine. So does his boss. But in another world mighty Ed can smite his enemies.
Elaine's boss torments Ed and challenges him to ask her out.
Ed Owen Evans
Elaine..... Kath Burlinson
Roy Gavin Mitchell
Bilbo.....Mark MacDonald
Steve Karl Minns
Six-part comedy series by Karl Minns.
Produced by Julian Mayers.
First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.
MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (b04mgxtg)
Hancock's Ashes
After comedy legend Tony Hancock took his own life in Sydney in June 1968, fellow performer Willie Rushton brought his ashes back to Britain from Australia.
Starring Ewan Bailey.
Based on a real event, Caroline and David Stafford's drama imagines what might have happened behind-the-scenes...
Willie Rushton Ewan Bailey
Brian Foster Richard Dillane
Danny the Deserter Paul Heath
Stewardess Roslyn Hill
Director: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
MON 15:45 Deceptively Spacious by Patricia Ferguson (m001z4h8)
House hunting around London for the 'deceptively spacious' proves dangerous when jealousy gets in the way.
Patricia Ferguson's short story read by Geraldine Fitzgerald.
Producer: Michael Earley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1993.
MON 16:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ymd7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0106vf7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 today]
MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jxvk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Whodunnits (b007jxvf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 The Alan Davies Show (b0089kpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnv2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00k8759)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h2c6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b00cxbsw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 The Nimmo Twins in... (b00jgq2v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (b04mgxtg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 21:45 Deceptively Spacious by Patricia Ferguson (m001z4h8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
MON 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001yysv)
Series 8
6. Domestic Violence
When should the police get involved in people's personal lives?
Ever worried about a friend's new partner even when they say everything is 'fine'? In this week's episode Alfie looks into

helping someone who might be under 'coercive control'.
Details of support for domestic abuse are available at bbc.co.uk/actionline.
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 22:30 The Confessional (m0011by4)
Series 2
The Confession of Konnie Huq
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 talks to Konnie Huq, broadcaster, writer, children's author and the longest serving female Blue Peter presenter. This ambassador for The Prince's Trust and the British Asian Trust describes herself as a 'goody two shoes'.
So what, if anything, is troubling her conscience?
They discuss cheating, indiscretions involving ice cream and a misdemeanour in 10 Downing Street.
Written and presented by Stephen Mangan
With extra material by Nick Doodly
Producer: Frank Stirling
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2021.
MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m001yxqp)
Series 24
Episode 3
A surprising guest appears at the Met Gala, and Rishi Sunak has an urgent message for Elon Musk.
With writing from Nev Fountain & Tom Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, Rob Darke, Edward Tew, Sarah Campbell, Sophie Dixon, Joe Topping, Lizzy Mansfield and Angela Channell. With additional material by Christopher Donovan.
Exec: Pete Strauss
Sound Design: Rich Evans
Prod Co-Ordinator: Dan Marchini
Producer: Bill Dare
MON 23:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b071whf9)
Series 1
Holiday with John Finnemore
Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows. She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to play Grand Theft Auto, an hour into which she is in a murderous rage with sky-high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to divorce her to make her go on holiday last year. Her first for four years. But she's been told by the same long-suffering wife that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going to be unbearable.
So Susan is looking at her options to try and immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity. Can she ditch the old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new Susan Calm?
This time, John Finnemore takes her on a spontaneous holiday. Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts.
It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuary in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in them.
Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024

TUE 00:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ymd7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:55 Inheritance Tracks (b0106vf7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jxvk)
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TUE 05:45 Deceptively Spacious by Patricia Ferguson (m001z4h8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jv10)

Wimsey - Clouds of Witness

7. The Barometer Falls

Lord Peter Wimsey probes the whereabouts of his brother on

the night of the murder - and Mary takes the stand...

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

Jake David Sinclair

Freddie Arbutnot Nigel Lambert

Sir Wigmore Rinsing Garard Green

Benson John Forrest

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jxg0)

Hercule Poirot - One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

Episode 2

The Belgian sleuth's dentist has been found shot dead in his surgery.

Chief Inspector Japp reckons there are several very plausible suspects...

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Gladys Nevill Sophie Arnold

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Mr Barnes Patrick Godfrey

Howard Raikes Robert Portal

Frank Carter Dominic Colchester

Original music composed by Tom Small

Director: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

TUE 07:00 Semi Circles (b007jtv2)

Series 2

A Liberal Education

Ben would like to swap his daughter for a Porsche. Or is private education the answer?

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

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1982

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007mvv5)

Series 5

The Spanish Suitcase

Neddie Seagoon's brave act lands him in prison, and a jewel thief is on the loose.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Eric Sykes.

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 December 1954.

TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b081tdph)

A Rendezvous with Mr Voltaire

Lucy Porter's sitcom takes us to Edinburgh in the early 18th Century.

Monsieur Voltaire has been thrown out of France for immorality and has come to see his old friend Robert. He trades philosophical maxims with Ishbel and the fellow members of her secret society - Alison and Marjory.

The scholarly young ladies teach him the value of free speech and a brand new use for a broom handle.

Voltaire Lewis Macleod

Robert Simon Donaldson

Ishbel Caroline Deyga

Alison Jessica Hardwick

Marjory Samara MacLaren

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 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9jc)

2. Farewell and Adieu

Prompted by a priest, Father Flood, home from America for a holiday, Rose sets about organising her younger sister.

Almost before she knows it, or has had time to say goodbye,

Ellis is crossing the Atlantic, heading for a job on the shop-floor of a Brooklyn department store, lodgings with an Irish landlady and a brand new life.

Colm Toibin's masterful novel Brooklyn, a story of duty and love.

Twice Booker-listed Toibin captures the immigrant's dislocation and a girl's yearnings. As Ellis struggles to find her feet and begin her new life, the joys of the shiny young country she has come to start to appeal. She takes evening classes, she helps out amongst the Irish diaspora, she goes to dances and she finds love. When a tragedy calls her home, she returns with the glow of America firmly surrounding her.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Produced by Di Speirs.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

TUE 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h0fb)

2. The Little Wench

It's Easter and the aunts and uncles have been invited to the Mill so they may hear of Mr Tulliver's plans to send Tom away to school.

George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin

Young Maggie Amy-Jayne Leigh

Young Tom Oliver Zetterstrom

Young Lucy Grace Doherty

Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose

Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin

Mrs Moss Heather Crane

Mrs Glegg Elizabeth Counsell

Mr Glegg John Dougall

Mrs Deane Ell Potter

Keiza/Sally Bettrys Jones

George Eliot's most autobiographical novel draws on her personal pain at the loss of the close bond with her brother who had cut off all contact with her. It resulted in one of the great novels of childhood, and one of literature's most unforgettable heroines. Like Anne of Green Gables and Jane Eyre, Maggie captures the dilemma of being the clever girl in the family, the ugly duckling, the misplaced foundling who longs to be recognised for the genius she secretly knows herself to be.

Written by George Eliot.

Adapted by Rhiannon Tise.

Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001z553)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

TUE 09:30 Britain at Sea (b046kwqc)

12. Sky, surf and undersea

Lord West tells the story of how the Royal Navy lost its aircraft carriers but gained the United Kingdom's nuclear deterrent.

The 1960s were a time of intense inter-service rivalry. The RAF and the Royal Navy exchanged blows in the corridors of Whitehall - and by the end of the decade the Royal Navy had lost its replacement aircraft carriers but been given responsibility for the future of the United Kingdom's nuclear deterrent.

Onboard one of the Navy's Trident submarines, Lord West hears how the coming of nuclear propulsion and nuclear power changed the shape of the Navy. And on his first visit to Faslane Peace Camp, he hears of the major impact the coming of nuclear technology had on Scottish public life.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m001z555)

Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) - The everyday A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) - The everyday

Romans 14: 5-9

Led by Andy Fishburne

Blessed Assurance

Daily Service Singers

Day by Day

St Martin's Voices

In every day that dawns

Lou Fellingham

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b082ynk4)

Charles Moore and Nadifa Mohamed

Journalist and Margaret Thatcher's biographer Charles Moore, and writer Nadifa Mohamed, join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Jane Austen, Kester Aspden and Patrick de Witt.

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

Publisher: Wordsworth Classics

Undermajordomo Minor by Patrick de Witt

Publisher: Granta

The Hounding of David Oluwale by Kester Aspden

Publisher: Vintage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.

TUE 10:30 Keepsake For My Lover (b08015rk)

If you only had a minute to say something, what would you say? Janine H. Jones explores the history of the 'voice recording booth'.

'Like talking on the phone but a thousand times more thrilling,' voice recording booths invite you to 'hear yourself as others

hear you' by entering a weird machine to cut a record. Once a technological novelty, these recordings leave a unique legacy and a wonderful world of audio peculiarities, which serve as a vital reminder for how we communicate today.

Once a staple of seaside resorts and arcades, famously used in the films Brighton Rock and Badlands, they returned to prominence when Jack White restored a booth, on which Neil Young recorded his 2014 album. While the discs speak for themselves, the booths ask questions about us and how we choose to present ourselves to the world.

Janine H. Jones crosses the Atlantic, to meet the people who have restored these booths, to find out what's the value of putting our money where our mouth is and speaking out loud.

Recording personally and for posterity, why are people in their droves returning to make a permanent record, instead of the infinitely editable yet intangible digital recordings offered by the technology in our pocket?

Contributors:

Bill Bollman (Record booth restorer)

Alisha Edmonson (Songbyrd Cafe)

Will Prentice (British Library)

Digby Fairweather (jazz musician)

Ben Blackwell (Third Man Records)

With special thanks to The British Library & The Imperial War Museum; to Jason Spellman, Ben Soundhog and Mike Hale for donating their discs to the project, and to Cai Strachan for digitising the donated discs and donating the first disc that sparked the whole idea.

Presenter: Janine H. Jones

Producer: Hannah Loy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.

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TUE 14:00 Hidden Treasures (b05qf1cg)

Parham House

Exquisite Louis XIV walnut chairs, and a pair of substantial leather boots - definitely not made for walking...

Lars Sharp chairs the light-hearted antiques quiz.

From the Elizabethan splendour of Parham House in West Sussex, where Queen Elizabeth I is said to have once dined

With:

Hilary Kay

Penny Brittain

Clive Stewart-Lockhart

Anthony North

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 14:30 Artists (b019dr8p)

Series 2

Unholy Alliances

Tamsin is invited to a wedding. Can she persuade anti-traditionalist Josef to accompany her?

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.

Nisha Mina Anwar

Gerard Graham Crowden

Dolores Pauline McLynn

Marcus Dave Lamb

Josef Ben Miller

Tamsin Vicki Pepperdine

Pippa Miranda Hart

Best Man Bertie Carvel

Written by Gareth Edwards.

Producer: Katie Tyrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

TUE 15:00 Christopher William Hill - Hindenburg (b00mbz1h)

Helen is an Englishwoman long exiled in New York, who was on the maiden voyage of the Hindenburg and who befriended Hitler. A chance encounter forces her to examine her complicated past gradually revealing her dangerous political secret.

Helen Sian Phillips

Josh Corey Johnson

Annie Fenella Woolgar

Yusef Raad Rawi

Written by Christopher William Hill

Director: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009

TUE 15:45 Black Snow Falling by Bernadette Crosthwaite (m001z559)

Embarking on a prison sentence, Mary recounts the circumstances, and how a warden is a figure from her past.

Written by Bernadette Crosthwaite.

Read by Elizabeth Mansfield.

Producer: Emma Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

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TUE 20:30 Artists (b019dr8p)

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TUE 21:00 Christopher William Hill - Hindenburg (b00mbz1h)

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TUE 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m001yy75)

Series 6

4. Ceilidh Minogue

As Star of Mock The Week, Milton Jones heads north everything goes south and he finds himself involved in a deadly game of battle hips

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 &

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 (b04ykk5j)

Series 2

Episode 3

Bridget Christie tries to find a feminist icon who doesn't want

to replace the word 'feminism' with 'bootylicious'.

She also discusses how adverts have ruined her sex life, and

why Twitter is a sexist's natural habitat.

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 Rubbish (b0084j26)

Series 2

Insomnia

Martin Christmas works in the council's recycling department -

an apt job as it reflects the rubbish going on in his personal life.

He has a new boss who delights in winding him up...

Reece Dinsdale stars as local government officer, cynic and

manic-depressive, Martin Christmas

The return of of Tony Bagley's sitcom.

Martin Reece Dinsdale

Barney Matthew Cottle

John Neil Dudgeon

Dawn Emma Kennedy

Little Girl Nicole Shortland

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

TUE 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001zgmX)

Maisie Adam 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats to

Maisie Adam.

TUE 23:30 For One Horrible Moment by Peter Bradshaw (b00890lj)

Episode 4

A birthday trip to the Highlands takes our hero's mind off his

father's amateur interest in electro-convulsive shock therapy.

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 (b0bnv2s7)

Series 2

Episode 4

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley performs

poems and songs.

Featuring poems dedicated to Bonfire Night and not waving.

Plus a surreal adventure in a Tardis-like kennel.

With musical accompaniment from 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 (b007jv14)

Wimsey - Clouds of Witness

8. The Speech for the Defence

Lord Peter Wimsey gathers vital evidence in New York to try

and clear his brother Gerald of murder, but there's a sting in the

tail...

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth.

Concluding Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf

Lady Mary Wimsey Maria Aitken

Sir Impy Biggs Brian Oulton

Mrs Grimethorpe Elizabeth Proud

Freddie Arbutnot Nigel Lambert

Benson John Forrest

The Duke of Denver James Villiers

Simone Bridget McConnell

Madame Brigette Jo Manning Wilson

Sugg John Bull

Murbles Malcolm Hayes

Dramatised by Peter Jones and Tania Lieven.

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jxg5)

Hercule Poirot - One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

Episode 3

Mystery still surrounds the death of the Belgian detective's

dentist.

Was it suicide - or murder...?

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule

Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Mr Barnes Patrick Godfrey

Georgina Morley Caroline Wildi

Mrs Olivera Joanna McCallum

Selby Trevor Rawlins

Original music composed by Tom Smail

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

WED 07:00 Never Too Late (m001z585)

Series 1

Nerves

Hilda has planned a trip to Weston-super-Mare, but her fellow

travellers are beset with worries.

The adventures of an active bunch of pensioners, living life to

the full.

Hilda Springett ... Thora Hird

Mildred Emmett Avis Bunnage

Emily Holroyd Megs Jenkins

Tommy Preston Joe Gladwin

Doctor Brown Kenneth Connor

Written by Terry Gregson.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0132tk2)

The Radio Ham: Pye's Re-recording

The Lad Himself talks to the world.

Starring Tony Hancock

The classic TV episode of 'Hancock', 60 years after it was re-

recorded for release as a vinyl LP.

Re-created before an invited audience in Pye Records London

studio in October 1961.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Contains: references and attitudes of 60 years ago.

GLK London Tony Hancock

Mayday Caller Patrick Cargill

Phyllis, the Landlady Ammie Leake

Albert, the Landlady's Husband Deryck Guyler

HBX Belgrade, Flying Doctor John Bluthal

B45 Malaya and Police Radio Frank Thornton

Robin and Policeman 2 Clive Dunn

Desdemona June Whitfield

Policeman 1 Hugh Lloyd

Originally broadcast on BBC TV in June 1961

Re-recording first released on Pye Records in 1961

First broadcast on BBC 7 in July 2008.

WED 08:00 Hazelbeach (b0082dtg)

Series 1

Wine

Returning to England, Nick's life descends into surreal chaos

when he returns to the house owned by his late Dad.

He's surprised to find a man is living there - but who is Ronnie

Hazelbeach?

Starring Jamie Foreman.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy drama about the

mysterious Ronnie Hazelbeach.

Ronnie Jamie Foreman

Nick Paul Bazely

Chloe Tracy Wiles

James John Dougall

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

WED 08:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9k4)

3. Letters from Home

Eilis has lodgings with an Irish landlady and a job on the shop

floor of a department store.

Every day a whole world of things are new. But letters remind

her of just what she is missing.

Colm Toibin's masterful novel Brooklyn, a story of duty, love

and a girl who crossed the ocean for a new life in New York.

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dislocation and a girl's yearnings. Although Eilis will struggle to

find her feet and begin a new life on the other side of the

Atlantic, the shiny young country she has arrived in will start to

seduce her. When a tragedy calls her home, she will return with

the glow of America firmly surrounding her. A love story and

an exploration of personal choice and familial duty, Brooklyn is

a tender, funny and compassionate portrait of the compromises

made by those who must take a step into the unknown.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Produced by Di Speirs.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

WED 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h1lp)

3. The Golden Gates of Childhood

Life at his new school is a difficult and solitary business for

Tom and for Maggie a new adventure is about to begin.

George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin

Young Maggie Amy-Jayne Leigh

Young Tom Oliver Zetterstrom

Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose

Maggie Joanna Vanderham

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m001z58f)

Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) – Be content
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) – Be content

Philippians 4: 10-14

Led by Rev Dr Augustine Tanner-Ihm

Why we sing

Kirk Franklin

His eye is on the sparrow

Laurny Hill and Tanya Blount

Call on Him

London Community Gospel Choir

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000pvlb)

I'm Terry Gross and this is Fresh Air

Terry Gross's remarkable conversations have become a daily fixture for millions of Americans. Since 1975, the presenter of Fresh Air, one of National Public Radio's most popular shows, has interviewed thousands of public figures - including musicians, Hollywood actors, Nobel Prize-winning authors and US Presidents.

In this Archive on 4, the writer Dolly Alderton turns the tables on Terry to find out how this unlikely host, who describes herself as shy, insecure and self-conscious, mastered the art of the radio interview. These interviews rarely happen face to face. Instead, they are conducted remotely, with Terry in Philadelphia and her guests in recording studios all over the world. Like a priest in a confession box, she is entrusted with their innermost thoughts and feelings.

Dolly picks out some of the most funny, poignant and revealing radio interviews of all time from the Fresh Air archive, including Terry's unforgettable conversations with Maurice Sendak, Elton John, Lizzo and James Baldwin. Terry also reflects on some of her prickliest on-air encounters, with stars like Gene Simmons and Hillary Clinton.

With thanks to Danny Miller and the Fresh Air archive.

Producer: Paul Smith

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2021.

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WED 14:00 Say the Word (b007652k)

Episode 6

Frank Delaney's panel game revolving around the English language.

With:

Hunter Davies

Sheila Steafel

Roger McGough

Helen Atkinson Wood

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 (b007rkg0)

Series 1

Episode 6

Smuggler Tamsyn Trelawney joins the customs men to stop

Courageous Kate from marrying her dad.

Then things take a turn for the even more absurd...

18th century Cornish village sitcom by Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain.

Tamsyn Trelawney Lucy Speed

Jago Trelawney 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 Joseph Conrad - The Secret Agent (b00770cw)

1. Campaign of Fear

When a terrorist bomb explodes in London killing the bomber, all levels of the establishment, and every anarchist circle feels threatened.

Written in 1907, Joseph Conrad's prescient black comedy takes a wry look at the shabby truth behind the news.

Starring Ron Cook and Robert Glenister.

Dramatised in two parts by David Napthine.

Chief Inspector Heat Ron Cook

Assistant Commissioner Robert Glenister

Adolf Verloc David Calder

Winnie Verloc Wendy Nottingham

Tom Ossipon Paul Bazeley

The Professor Robin Soans

Vladimir Hugh Ross

Sir Ethelred Geoffrey Beevers

Toodles Joseph Kloska

George Paul Richard Biggin

Waiter Saikat Ahamed

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

WED 20:00 Say the Word (b007652k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

WED 20:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007rkg0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

WED 21:00 Joseph Conrad - The Secret Agent (b00770cw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

WED 22:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m001yxgl)

Series 2

Gyles Brandreth

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. Gyles Brandreth attempts to banish bad phone etiquette and tattoos, as well as winning over the studio audience with his very sweet choice of 'something he could not live without'. 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 (b007k4y7)

Series 2

Behind the Magic

The Film Institute has a self-regarding guest; the audio guides start to go wrong - and there's a sneak preview of the Museum's very own behind-the-scenes DVD.

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 May 2005.

WED 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b045z943)

Series 3

Terry Alderton

Alex Horne and his five-piece band explore the theme of miscellaneous mysterious things

Live music and comedy, with songs about aliens, de ja vu and life from a fly's perspective.

With guest comedian: Terry Alderton

Alex's Horne Section are:

Joe Auckland

Mark Brown

Will Collier

Ben Reynolds

Ed Sheldrake

Producer: Charlie Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

WED 23:30 On Baby Street (b00ft5qw)

Series 2

Episode 5

A year has passed since the births, so exactly how has life changed?

Three women living in the same street are about to discover the delights and dilemmas of new parenthood.

Geraldine has fallen in love - and her mother disapproves. 18 year old Yvette is meanwhile is having her horizons broadened whilst Shona joins Ian at the mums and toddlers group.

Second of two comedy drama series written by Jenny Eclair and Julie Balloo.

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Mother Nature Jenny Eclair

Yvette Tilly Vosburgh

Dad Keith Allen

Shona Claire Skinner

Ian Graham Fellows

Kelly Linda Robson

Geraldine Frances Barber

Dad/Dan Leigh Gornis

Lillian Eva Stewart

Dom/Trevor/Clinton Kevin Eldon

Tonya/Joe Ronnie Ancona

Dian Julie Balloo

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024

THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (m000pvlb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jv14)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jxg5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Never Too Late (m001z585)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0132tk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Hazelbeach (b0082dtq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h1lp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Say the Word (b007652k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Elephants to Catch Eels (b007rkg0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Joseph Conrad - The Secret Agent (b00770cw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Jack London - The Call of the Wild (b01d8ny1)

1. Kidnapped

Buck is a domestic dog, living in a wealthy household in California.

When he's kidnapped and sold, he finds himself in the frozen landscape of the Yukon, pulling a sledge.

In this atmospheric adventure, we see the world through Buck's eyes as he battles for survival in a harsh, new environment.

Jack London's epic novella.

Dramatised in two parts by Robert Forrest.

Buck ... Robert Jack

Thornton ... Finn den Hertog

Manuel / Charles ... Robin Laing

Francois ... Nick Underwood

Perrault ... Grant O'Rourke

Mercedes ... Melody Grove

Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jxg9)

Hercule Poirot - One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

Episode 4

A month after the death of Poirot's dentist, a corpse has been found with its face horribly mutilated - yet another of his patients...

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Helen Montresor Joanna McCallum

Agnes Teresa Gallagher

Howard Raikes Robert Portal

Reilly Stephen Tomkinson

Mrs Adams Amanda Walker

Gladys Nevil Sophie Arnold

Frank Carter Dominic Colchester

Original music composed by Tom Small

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

THU 07:00 Second Thoughts (b00k192h)

Series 3

Backs to the Drawing Board

Bill takes time off to help a friend, but Faith is already working at home.

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

Hannah Emma Gregory

Joe Mark Denham

Karel Cerny Nigel Carrington

Dennis Brian Bowles

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 (b007jqbr)

Series 3

My British Buddy

Wilmington-on-Sea's warm welcome for some American troops backfires.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard

platoon in Wilmington-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 Godfrey Arnold Ridley
Private Pike Ian Lavender
Hodges Warden Bill Pertwee
Private Walker Larry Martyn
Colonel Schultz Jack Watson
Mrs Fox Mollie Sugden
Shirley Wendy Richard
Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

THU 08:00 The Break (b0b3c42y)

Series 2

Van Crazy

Jeff and Andy borrow a van from Frank setting them on the road to ruin - or rather, a nude beach, A&E and a search for some drip trays.

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

Mrs Truepenny ... Alison Steadman

Jeff ... Tom Palmer

Andy ... Philip Jackson

Truepenny ... Rasmus Hardiker

Rev Bev ... Shobna Gulati

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

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

THU 08:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9kj)

4. Christmas Comfort

As Eilis struggles to adapt to her new life in a city far from home, Christmas looms.

But she is not the only member of the Irish diaspora feeling homesick.

Helping Father Flood tend to his flock brings comfort and cheer.

Colm Toibin's masterful novel Brooklyn, a story of duty, love and a girl who crossed the ocean for a new life in New York.

Twice Booker-listed Toibin captures the immigrant's dislocation and a girl's yearnings. Although Eilis will struggle to find her feet and begin a new life on the other side of the Atlantic, the shiny young country she has arrived in will start to seduce her. When a tragedy calls her home, she will return with the glow of America firmly surrounding her. A love story and an exploration of personal choice and familial duty, Brooklyn is a tender, funny and compassionate portrait of the compromises made by those who must take a step into the unknown.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Produced by Di Speirs.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

THU 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h0tt)

4. A Vanishing Glean

As Tom and Maggie return to the Mill they know that life will never be the same again for the Tulliver family.

George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin

Maggie Joanna Vanderham

Tom Will Kirk

Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose

Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin

Mrs Moss Heather Craney

Mrs Glegg Elizabeth Counsel

Mr Glegg John Dougall

Mrs Deane Eli Potter

George Eliot's most autobiographical novel draws on her personal pain at the loss of the close bond with her brother who had cut off all contact with her. It resulted in one of the great novels of childhood, and one of literature's most unforgettable heroines. Like Anne of Green Gables and Jane Eyre, Maggie captures the dilemma of being the clever girl in the family, the ugly duckling, the misplaced founding who longs to be recognised for the genius she secretly knows herself to be.

Written by George Eliot.

Adapted by Rhiannon Tise.

Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001z4kq)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

THU 09:30 Britain at Sea (b046nvxz)

14. Falklands

Lord West tells the story of the Royal Navy in the Falklands War.

Lord West travels to the Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton, home of the Fleet Air Arm, to explain the vital importance of air power in winning the Falklands War.

He visits the memorial to friends of his who died in the conflict, including when his own ship, HMS Ardent, was sunk. And for a different perspective, above the waves, he speaks to the Duke of York, who flew Sea King helicopters during the conflict.

Lord West also explains the wider significance of the war. Not only did victory reverse planned cuts to the Royal Navy, it also had a much wider effect on the strategic position at the end of the Cold War.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m001z4ks)

Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) – For the journey

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

Theme: Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) – For the journey

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-28

Led by Dr Rachel Mann

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b04b9gfy)

George Eliot

Humphrey Carpenter invites famous people to nominate great lives for discussion.

The former Parliamentary standards watchdog Elizabeth Filkin admires a woman who scandalised Victorian society, but whose ideas about morality have much to teach us - the writer Mary Evans, better known as George Eliot.

On hand to give an expert assessment will be Eliot's biographer, Kathryn Hughes.

Producer: Peter Everett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.

THU 10:30 Back to the Ice (b072htqp)

In 1979, as a 21-year-old graduate, BBC weather presenter Peter Gibbs was sent to the end of the Earth, spending more than two years at the British Antarctic Survey's Halley Research Station.

It was an experience that shaped his life.

Half a lifetime later, he's returning for the first time.

Halley is celebrating its 60th anniversary. First established in 1956 on the Brunt Ice Shelf – a floating mass of ice hundreds of metres thick in parts, which flows off the Antarctic continent to the sea – Halley is the cornerstone of the British Antarctic Survey's scientific research on the white continent.

At Cape Town, Peter boards the Royal Research Ship 'Ernest Shackleton' for a two-week voyage across the vast Southern Ocean. Docking beside the ice shelf, he rides a snowcat to the Halley site to find out more about how the science being done today compares with the observations he took himself three decades ago, and how a new generation is coping with life in the coldest, driest, windiest, most isolated place on Earth.

Peter talks to scientists including space weather expert Richard Horne, glaciologist Hilmar Gudmundsson, and polar mapping specialist Andrew Fleming to understand more about Halley's vital role in data collection and analysis. He explores Halley's architecture – a bold new design of linked modules elevated above the snow on hydraulic legs fitted with giant skis – and asks whether the millions spent at Halley is money well spent.

Finally, for old times' sake, Peter repeats an experiment he himself performed hundreds of times during his Antarctic posting, working with meteorologist Amy Valach to launch a weather balloon loaded with scientific instruments into the chilly Antarctic skies.

Producer: Matthew Teller

A Whistle-down Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2016.

THU 11:00 Jack London - The Call of the Wild (b01d8ny1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jxg9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Second Thoughts (b00kt92h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Break (b0b3c42y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9kj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h0tt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000y5fq)

Series 26

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies.

They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as the Ancient Romans, tea, crustaceans and balls.

Holly Walsh

Henning Wehn

Zoe Lyons

Richard Osman

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.

THU 14:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rzky4)

Series 2

An Englishman Abroad

Monte Guano, the pettiest of Italian states, plays host to an honoured English aristocratic guest - the somewhat suspect Lord Luton.

Comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy devised by Neal Anthony.

Starring David Swift and Sian Phillips.

Written by Sue Limb.

Ludovico David Swift

Plethora Sian Phillips

Francesco Graham Crowden

Rosalie Saskia Wickham

Lord Luton Nicholas Grace

Alessandro Paul Bigley

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

THU 15:00 Joseph Conrad - The Secret Agent (b00770h8)

2. London Outrage

After a terrorist bomb explodes in London killing the bomber, all levels of the establishment, and every anarchist circle feels threatened.

But what began as an international outrage quickly resolves into a domestic tragedy.

Starring Ron Cook and Robert Glenister.

Conclusion of Joseph Conrad's prescient black comedy taking a wry look at the shabby truth behind the news.

Dramatised by David Naphtine.

Chief Inspector Heat Ron Cook

Assistant Commissioner Robert Glenister

Adolf Verloc David Calder

Winnie Verloc Wendy Nottingham

Tom Ossipon Paul Bazeley

The Professor Robin Soans

Vladimir Hugh Ross

Sir Ethelred Geoffrey Beever

Great Lady Jillie Meers

Toodles Joseph Kloska

Stevie Paul Richard Biggin

Waiter Saikat Ahmed

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (b04b9gfy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:30 Back to the Ice (b072htqp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

THU 17:00 Jack London - The Call of the Wild (b01d8ny1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 17:30 Whodunnits (b007jxg9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 18:00 Second Thoughts (b00kt92h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jqbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 19:00 The Break (b0b3c42y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9kj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h0tt)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00rzky4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Joseph Conrad - The Secret Agent (b00770h8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 The Missing Hancocks (m000cp2n)

Series 4

The Counterfeiter

The Missing Hancocks recreates those episodes of the classic Hancock's Half Hour that have been wiped or lost from the archive.

The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history. But 20 episodes of the show were missing from the BBC archives. Now, after four highly successful series, the final batch of those episodes have been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.

Tonight's episode: Hancock's fed up with Bill Kerr spending all day in bed, and decides to find him a job. But with Sid James involved, things were always going to get complicated. Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, and with the classic score re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, the show stars Kevin McNally, Kevin Eldon, Simon Greenall, Robin Sebastian and Margaret Cabourn-Smith. The Counterfeiter was never recorded by the original team, and the cast and crew of The Missing Hancocks are proud to present a Hancock premiere.

Produced by Neil Pearson & Hayley Sterling.

Written by Ray Galton & Simpson

Music recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.

This programme was first broadcast in January 2020.

A BBC Studios Production.

THU 22:30 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b0184s3k)

Series 1

Episode 1

"Gosh, there's been a Murder... Ouch!"

Join Nick and his colleagues at Tilford Road Police Station as they battle to fathom who killed the man with the missing head.

No clues as to how he might have died?

Never have serious crimes been made more entertaining, whilst remaining utterly, utterly tasteful!

Written by and starring Nick Mohammed.

With:

Anna Crilly

Colin Hoult

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001zgn1)

Maisie Adam 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats again to Maisie Adam.

THU 23:00 The Mark Steel Revolution (b00g1zs8)

The Theory of Evolution

Radical comic Mark Steel reassesses Darwin's description of the development of life.

A series of lectures on the theme of revolution, Mark examines some of the major historical forces at work during revolutions as well as holding up a mirror to our own age.

With Martin Hyder and Carla Mendonca.

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.

THU 23:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b01n61sf)

Series 2

Episode 6

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 the build up to the wedding of the year.

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

Miles Rob Rouse

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 Jack London - The Call of the Wild (b01dhkpv)

2. Wilderness

Buck started life as a pet, living in a wealthy household in California. But kidnapped and sold, he found himself in the frozen Yukon landscape, pulling a sledge.

After battling with the dangerous but alluring wilderness - he's saved from certain death...

Conclusion of Jack London's epic novella.

Dramatised by Robert Forrest.

Buck ... Robert Jack

Thornton ... Finn den Hertog

Hans ... Robin Laing

Burton/Indian Chief ... Nick Underwood

Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jxgg)

Hercule Poirot - One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

Episode 5

With a killer still at large, the Belgian detective finds inspiration in the words of a psalm sung by the village church choir.

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Chief Inspector Japp Philip Jackson

Frank Carter Dominic Colchester

Alistair Blunt Philip Franks

Jane Olivera Amanda Waring

Mr Barnes Patrick Godfrey

Howard Raikes Robert Portal

Original music composed by Tom Smail

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

FRI 07:00 The Older Woman (b01sjngn)

Series 1

Episode 1

Roy Hitchcock is a hack journalist on a provincial paper with big ideas and an attitude problem.

When he meets his former English teacher, his private fantasies

get a new lease of life as he sets out to win her against all the odds.

Starring Zoe Wanamaker and Martin Clunes.

Tony Bagley's romantic comedy drama serial with a twist.

Miss Callaghan Zoe Wanamaker

Roy Hitchcock Martin Clunes

Elsa Toyah Willcox

Mr Say David Troughton

Joyce Keith Drinkel

Yeats David Holt

Sheila Melanie Hudson

Dick Geoff McGovern

Producer: Paul Schlesinger:

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

FRI 07:30 Albert and Me (b04b6dbs)

Series 2

High Society

Single dad Bryan attends a garden fete and impresses the guest

of honour.

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

Lady Samantha Sarah Berger

Vicar Michael Bilton

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 Says on the Tin (b00g4fv7)

Toothpaste

Disgraced maverick US ad man Elliott Thurber is forced to

transfer to the new London branch of Parabola Media.

Starring Michael Brandon.

Christopher William Hill's sitcom set in the shallow, dog-eat-

dog world of advertising.

Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood

Zadie Joannah Tinney

Ted Bruckner Malcolm Tierney

Toothrot Chris Pavlo

Customs Officer Stephen Critchlow

WomanJanice Acquah

Child Manjeet Mann

Stewardess Donnla Hughes

Plaques Inam Mirza

Producer: Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

FRI 08:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9kv)

5. The Melting Pot

As Bartocci's opens its doors to all customers whatever their

colour, Ellis fights the prejudice of her fellow lodgers.

And even at Father Flood's Irish dance night, not everyone is

Irish!

Colm Toibin's masterful novel Brooklyn, a story of duty, love

and a girl who crossed the ocean for a new life in New York.

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dislocation and a girl's yearnings. Although Ellis will struggle to

find her feet and begin a new life on the other side of the

Atlantic, the shiny young country she has arrived in will start to

seduce her. When a tragedy calls her home, she will return with

the glow of America firmly surrounding her. A love story and

an exploration of personal choice and familial duty, Brooklyn is

a tender, funny and compassionate portrait of the compromises

made by those who must take a step into the unknown.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Produced by Di Speirs.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

FRI 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h25l)

5. Daylight on the Wreak

Dark times lie ahead. Maggie is angry that the family are not prepared to do more for the Tullivers but Tom is determined to put things right.

George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin

Maggie Joanna Vanderham

Tom Will Kirk

Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose

Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin

Mr Wakem John Douglal

Mr Deane John Lightbody

Luke/Bob Kurtis Lowe

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personal pain at the loss of the close bond with her brother who

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ugly duckling, the misplaced foundling who longs to be

recognised for the genius she secretly knows herself to be.

Written by George Eliot.

Adapted by Rhiannon Tise.

Produced and Directed by Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001z4hx)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

FRI 09:30 Britain at Sea (b046p07n)

15. 21st Century

In the final part of his history of the Royal Navy in the twentieth century, Lord West tells the story of the Royal Navy since the end of the Cold War.

The period since the end of the Cold War has seen major changes in Britain and the Royal Navy: in military, technological and social terms. In this final programme in the series, Lord West examines how those changes have affected the Navy.

Visiting HMS Queen Elizabeth, the Royal Navy's future aircraft carrier, Lord West shows how far the Navy has changed since the dawn of the twentieth century. He explores recent changes

onboard - women being integrated into the service and gay people being welcomed. He describes rapidly changing technology, which has dramatically shrunk the number of people required to operate even very large ships.

And he looks at the many actions and conflicts which the Navy has taken part in since 1991, from the extraordinary and untold story of the departure from Hong Kong in 1997, to the war in Afghanistan.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m001z4hz)

Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) - Being Present A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Thankfulness (Mental Health Awareness week) - Being Present

Matthew 6: 25-34

Led by Dr Marika Rose

When the Day Begins

Geraldine Latty

O for a closer walk with God

St Martin's Voices

Ready for the Dawn

Lucy Grimble

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b008pygx)

Series 6

Tainted Love

Originally a Motown song written by Ed Cobb and recorded by

Gloria Jones, Tainted Love became famous on the UK's

Northern Soul scene in the late 1970s.

It was heard by Marc Almond and Dave Ball who later became Soft Cell, and recorded a classic version.

Featuring:

Mark Ravenhill

Peter Christopherson

Ray Harris

Russ Winstanley

Alan King

Dave Ball

Mike Thorne

Danny McNamara

Neve Fountain

Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

FRI 10:30 Arise Black Man: The Peter Tosh Story (b00wlyzy)

Peter Tosh found international fame alongside Bob Marley as a member of The Wailers.

As a solo artist, he released several landmark reggae albums and even recorded with the Rolling Stones. But he was more than just a successful pop star: he was a revolutionary and a hero to many of Jamaica's poor.

He spent his life as a strident campaigner for civil rights and for the legalisation of marijuana. He was more militant and political than his former band mate and his uncompromising arrogance often landed him in serious trouble. For that reason, as this

documentary reveals, his life could be as brutal as the way it

ended.

Grammy award-winning filmmaker Don Letts explores his

career.

Producer: James Hale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 November 2010.

FRI 11:00 Jack London - The Call of the Wild (b01dhkpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jxgg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 The Older Woman (b01sjngn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Albert and Me (b04b6dbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Says on the Tin (b00g4fv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9kv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h25l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m0018x0f)

Series 12

Gonville & Caius College Cambridge

Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from

Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge take on their

professors.

A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with

specialist subjects Physics, Economics and History.

Contestants are asked questions about the isotropy of the universe, pre-war Poland's relation to the Gold Standard and a song about sausage rolls.

Producer: David Tyler

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

FRI 14:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hju)
Series 1

I Could Write a Book

Roy mourns the loss of his faithful trombone until George hits on a novel idea for finding a replacement.

Meanwhile Bernadette suspects that Victor is seeing someone else and is totally shocked when she discovers who...

Starring Ram John Holder and George Layton.

With Melvyn Hayes.

Sitcom written by Marcus Powell and John Byrne.

Roy Ram John Holder

Barry George Layton

George Sam Kelly

Victor Marcus Powell

Vi Yvonne Brewster

Bernadette Caroline Lee Johnson

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

FRI 15:00 Bowen and Betjeman (b03ttmdp)

Award-winning novelist, John Banville, imagines an encounter between Elizabeth Bowen and John Betjeman as they meet for luncheon in a Dublin hotel during the Second World War.

As their conversation ranges over their lives, their loves, their politics, we are given a portrait of wartime Dublin and London and of the place of the artist in a world at war.

Stars Miranda Richardson and Toby Jones.

Elizabeth Bowen Miranda Richardson

John Betjeman Toby Jones

Isaiah Berlin Nick Dunning

Goronwy Rees Nicholas Murchie

Maurice Bowra Gerard McDermott

Dermot Miche Doherty

Noreen Colley Sophie Harkness

Rosamond Lehmann Maggie Cronin

Director: Gemma McMullan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014

FRI 15:45 The Amorous Ghost by Enid Bagnold (b00m9jbl)

Mr Templeman's wife is away, but it someone appears to have been sleeping in her nightgowns.

Written by Enid Bagnold.

Read by Paul Daneman.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1991.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b008pygx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Arise Black Man: The Peter Tosh Story (b00wlyzy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Jack London - The Call of the Wild (b01dhkpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Whodunnits (b007jxgg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Older Woman (b01sjngn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Albert and Me (b04b6dbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Says on the Tin (b00g4fv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kb9kv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h25l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 The 3rd Degree (m0018x0f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hju)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Bowen and Betjeman (b03ttmdp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:45 The Amorous Ghost by Enid Bagnold (b00m9jbl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001z4j1)

Series 2

Six: 'How well do you remember Thundercats?'

Chris McCausland asks Donna Preston and Jon Long to take on Glenn Moore and Sara Pascoe. Sara Pascoe finds a child's description of a famous film scene impossible to decipher. The two teams must figure out what on earth is being advertised on TV, guess what famous objects or locations children are trying to describe, and work out the age of members of the audience from their voice alone.

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 (b00xmvyb)

Series 2

Episode 5

The museum staff pitch their ideas for a special exhibition.

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

CAST:

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecombe Rachel Atkins

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Eva Tittle Julia Deakin

Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopoulos Chris Pavlo

Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Costas Ben Crowe

Stelios's Mum Helen Atkinson-Wood

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001zgmz)

Maisie Adam 3/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats again to Maisie Adam.

FRI 23:00 Absolute Power (b007t3kk)

Series 2

Episode 1

With contacts at the highest level of government, top Media and Government Relations firm, Prentiss McCabe, return with more machinations than Machiavelli.

This week it seems that the Country is bored with New Labour and Charles takes the commission to revive interest in the party.

Martin however, has his own boredom problem and is missing the days when Prentiss McCabe were a struggling pair of twisted charlatans.

Mark Tavener's comedy about the machiavellian doctors of PR spin, starring Stephen Fry and John Bird.

Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry

Martin McCabe John Bird

With:

Siobhan Hayes

Tony Gardner

Simon Greenall

Beth Chalmers

Terence Edmond

Kenny Blyth

Sue Elliot-Nicholls

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

FRI 23:30 Bird Island (b01kbjdg)

Series 1

Episode 4

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, Graham gives the shock news that a new member of the team is joining them.

Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt

Ben Reece Shearsmith

Jane Katy Wix

Written by Katy Wix

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

FRI 23:45 Tina C Goes Down Under: The Aboriginal Monologues (b00f41z2)

Tamworth

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

Tina looks up Auriel Andrew, famous for her song Truck Drivin' Woman.

Written and performed by Christopher Green.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.