

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024

SAT 00:00 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

Nev Fountain

Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 01:00 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.

But what's next...?

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.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 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 Wilcox

Mr Say David Troughton

Joyce Keith Drinkel

Yeats David Holt

Sheila Melanie Hudson

Dick Geoff McGivern

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

SAT 02:30 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.

Written by Jim Eldridge.

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

Incidental music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1983.

SAT 03:00 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 Joanna Tincey

Ted Bruckner Malcolm Tierney

Toothrot Chris Pavlo

Customs Officer Stephen Critchlow

Woman Janice Acquah

Child Manjeet Mann

Stewardess Donna Hughes

Plaque Inam Mirza

Producer: Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

SAT 03:30 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.

Abridged by Sally Marmion.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

SAT 03:45 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's novel of grand passions and tormented lives.

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin

Maggie Joanna Vanderham

Tom Will Kirk

Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose

Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin

Mr Wakem John Dougal

Mr Deane John Lightbody

Luke/Bob Kurtis Lowe

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

SAT 04:00 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 including Physics, Economics and History.

Questions range from the isotropy of the universe to 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.

SAT 04:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hjh)

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.

Sitcom written by Marcus Powell and John Byrne.

Roy Ram Jam Holder

Violet Yvonne Brewster

Barry George Layton

George Sam Kelly

Bernadette Caroline Lee Johnson

Victor Marcus Powell

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

SAT 05:00 Bowen and Betjeman (b03tmdp)

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.

Staring Miranda Richardson and Toby Jones.

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.

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

SAT 05:45 The Amorous Ghost by Enid Bagnold (b00m9jbl)

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

Enid Bagnold's short story read by Paul Daneman.

Producer: Mitch Raper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1991.

SAT 06:00 Michael Arditti - The Chatelaine (m001zdbd)

A day trip to a local stately home exposes differences between a young engaged couple.

David, struggling with life at Cambridge University, wants an equal society and toys with becoming a freedom fighter. He is

resentful at having to visit the home of an aristocrat.

His family just want a nice day out.

Lady Deborah Combe-Carrington is also feeling resentful as she is forced to open her grand home to the public to cover costs.

She doesn't want hoards of visitors trampling her gardens during the day.

And certainly doesn't expect them to visit her at night...

Starring Fabia Drake and Julian Frith.

Written by Michael Arditti.

Lady Deborah Fabia Drake

David Julian Frith

Frank Michael Graham Cox

Mary Tessa Worsley

Jason Rusty Livingstone

Gail Karen Ascoe

Jack Steven Harold

Doris/Emily Elaine Claxton

Robin Tim Reynolds

Susan Penelope Lee

Director: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987

SAT 07:30 The See-Through House by Shelley Klein (m001zdbg)

Shelley Klein's book is about her much loved family home, a modernist house commissioned in the 1950s by her father, the

acclaimed textile designer Bernat Klein.

High Sunderland is where Shelley Klein grew up.

The house lies in the Scottish Borders and is set amongst a thick

forest of trees, it comprises a series of boxes and grids which are interconnected with colourful glass panels.

Shelley's father was a renowned textile designer who made a major contribution to 1960/70s style, with the major fashion

houses, such as Coco Chanel and Christian Dior, using his fabrics.

Over time, Shelley's father and the house he commissioned from the architect Peter Womersley became inseparable. In her

book, Shelley Klein recalls the excitement of a childhood where fashion shows were regularly held in her home and, later, her

teenage rebellion against her father and his design principles.

Having left High Sunderland in her twenties, Shelley reflects on her return home, to look after her father in his final years and to

consider the influences behind his creative output, and her

relationship with him.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Richard Hamilton

Read by Barbara Flynn.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2020.

SAT 08:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01lk6wp)

Series 1

The Bigamist

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 a tricky marital problem?

Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before...

Written by Allen Saddler.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

SAT 09:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000y6q3)

Episode 5

Donald discovers there is no place for "facts or any of that tommy-rot" in English politics.

Retired injured from the Great War, young Donald Cameron is writing a book about the English and their curious habits.

AG Macdonell's classic comic novel, first published in 1933.

Adapted by Bob Sinfield.

Narrated by Leslie Phillips.

Donald ... Sam Graham

Gwladys ... Katy Odey

Hodge ... Christopher Benjamin

Harcourt ... Peter Kelly
 Chairlady ... Denise Coffey
 Director: Neil Cargill
 A Splice of Life production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast in October 1994.
SAT 09:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008hpm)
 From 07/07/1963
 A burglar seeks damages, a marriage proposal and how to blag a meal at the tea stall.
 Arthur Haynes stars in the sketch show series written by Johnny Speight.
 With
 Nicholas Parsons
 Leslie Noyes
 John Cazabon
 Norman Shelley
 Music by The Peter Crawford Trio.
 Producer: Richard Dingley
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1963.
SAT 10:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xf66)
 1. Number Stations and Crosswords
 As a mathematician, Dr Hannah Fry specialises in understanding patterns of human behaviour.
 Nowhere does the human factor smash headlong into the reality of numbers than in the secretive world of code-breaking.
 In the first of three programmes, Hannah is delving into the BBC archives to present a fascinating selection of features all about codes, secrets and ciphers.
 Plus insights galore from Hannah's two experts who've got numbers and words covered: Maths teacher Bobby Seagull - author of 'The Life-changing Magic of Numbers' and Richard Rogan - editor of The Times Cryptic Crossword.
 Featuring:
 * THE LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER
 Simon Fanshawe delves into the creepy world of cold war number stations. [BBC Radio 4 2005]

* DAVID BADDIEL TRIES TO UNDERSTAND... Cryptic Crosswords [BBC Radio 4 2015]
 Have a pen and paper handy, because Hannah's got a code for you to try and crack...
 Producer: Kevin Core
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2020.

SAT 11:00 Michael Arditti - The Chatelaine (m001zdbd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:30 The See-Through House by Shelley Klein (Omnibus) (m001zdbg)
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SAT 15:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xf66)
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SAT 16:00 Something of the Night (b0075bgz)

A bad dream, ley lines, the marsh mist - or simply an overactive imagination?
 A schoolboy witnesses strange goings-on.
 But will any of the grown-ups believe his fantastic tale?
 Written by Jenny McDade.
 Dean Batty Leonard Kirby
 Sgt Andrews John Challis
 Christine Christine Kavanagh
 Billingham Don McCorkindale
 Adrian Knight MP Geoffrey Whitehead
 Headmaster Stephen Thorne
 Hatty Fielding/Mrs Batty ... Jane Whittenshaw
 Director: Celia de Wolff
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1998.
SAT 16:45 The Problem With Talitha by Lauren Beukes (b046j42x)
 Sex as an opiate for the masses is taken to a whole new level in Lauren Beukes' celebrity-obsessed dystopia.
 Every second of a star's life is filmed and recorded for consumers to plug into and experience at first-hand.
 Talitha Calix, a South African reality TV star, has become a worldwide phenomenon, people are riveted by the soap opera that is her love life.
 When a hacker group of obsessive fans decide to bring the network down and give Talitha an hour of privacy, a whole new world of possibilities opens up to her.
 But will she be allowed to walk away from the limelight?
 Lauren Beukes's short story read by Chipu Chung.
 Producer: Gemma Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.
SAT 17:00 Michael Arditti - The Chatelaine (m001zdbd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 The See-Through House by Shelley Klein (Omnibus) (m001zdbg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b01lk6wp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000y6q3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008hpm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xf66)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m0001s9x)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 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". He returns to Radio 4 with a second series of his General Knowledge, recounting the amazing true stories that lie behind fascinating nuggets of information.
 This episode is focused on the world outside the UK, from relatively close countries such as France, to further afield - like Mercury! He tells the story of the most popular Brazilian who ever lived (and why he relied on those not living for his popularity), and the world's greatest Belgian. He also manages to sneak a reference to his favourite football team in to the show - see if you can spot it.
 The programme was recorded virtually, with an audience of 200 people watching him from the comfort of their own home.
 Written and performed by Paul Sinha
 Recording engineered by Lee Chaundy & Marc Willcox
 Produced by Ed Morrish
 A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4
SAT 22:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b011d6rf)
 Series 2
 4. 'It's me or the dog'
 "It's me or the dog!"
 "My phobias are out of control but I'm too scared to even admit it"
 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
 Laura Margaret Cabourn-Smith
 Barry Harry Peacock
 John Tim Key
 Written by Sarah Millican.
 Producer: Lianne Coop
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011

SAT 23:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cxbm)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Miles Jupp and guests with whimsical sketches.
 In this episode, the Squire's Will... and Its Consequences.
 Miles has a session with a professional life coach, looks back at the working-class career of working-class theatre writer, the working-class woman Brenda Munby and helps Seann Walsh launch his new podcast What's Your Favourite Roast Dinner?
 Starring Miles Jupp.
 With:
 Vicki Pepperdine
 Julia Davis
 Seann Walsh
 Jocelyn Jee Essien
 Philip Fox
 Justin Edwards
 Dominique Moore
 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 (b007jqwj)
 Series 3
 The Masterson's Magical Marquee - part 2
 Is a dastardly end in sight for the Masterson's travelling Victorian circus and funfair?
 Conclusion 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 04:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008hpm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]
SUN 05:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xf66)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001zdb3)
 Gardeners
 Sue Biggs
 Sue Biggs, Director General of the Royal Horticultural Society is casttway by Lauren Laverne.
 She's been at the helm of the RHS since 2010 and during that time, its membership has grown to more than half a million people. The RHS is also renowned for its spectacular flower shows and garden festivals around the country, including Chelsea, Hampton Court, Chatsworth House and Tatton Park. Sue has had a lifelong love of gardening since her mum gave her a packet of seeds on her seventh birthday.
 Before the RHS, she worked in the travel industry for 25 years, identifying new destinations for holidaymakers. She was the first woman to be appointed to the board of Kuoni Travel. She strongly believes that horticultural work and expertise do not receive the wider respect they deserve.
 Sue was made a CBE in 2017 for her services to the environment and ornamental horticulture industries.
 DISC ONE: Lisa Gerrard - Hans Zimmer's Now We Are Free
 DISC TWO: John Barry - Born Free
 DISC THREE: Nicola Benedetti and the London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Litton - Ralph Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending
 DISC FOUR: John Martyn - Solid Air
 DISC FIVE: Maria Callas with the Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Tullio Serafin - Umberto Giordano's La Mamma Morta (from Andrea Chénier)
 DISC SIX: Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli with the London Symphony Orchestra - Lucio Quarantotto and Francesco Sartori's Time to Say Goodbye
 DISC SEVEN: Robbie Williams - Love my Life
 DISC EIGHT: Mark Ronson - Uptown Funk
 BOOK CHOICE: The Book of Joy
 LUXURY CHOICE: A bed
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Nicola Benedetti, LSO, Andrew Litton - Ralph Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending
 Producer: Sarah Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2019.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001zh9p)
 Series 1
 Platypus
 Along the soft, muddy river banks of New South Wales, the female duck-billed platypus makes a burrow to raise her family. Not only is this the strangest of creatures, it is also one of the most tricky to film.
 Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m001zdb5)
 The Conversation - Poets: Imtiaz Dharker and Phillippa Yaa de Villiers
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and, inspired by a recent trip to Cape Town, he selects The Conversation - featuring poets Imtiaz Dharker and Philippa Yaa de Villiers talking to Kim Chakanetsa.
 Phillippa Yaa de Villiers is an award winning South African writer and performance artist. Philippa, who is mixed race, was adopted as a baby by a white couple but did not learn of her adoption until she became involved in anti-apartheid politics whilst attending University.
 Negotiating this newfound racial identity has informed much of her writing. She discusses her inspirations and the journey to becoming a writer, why she found it hard to initially call herself a poet and how South Africa is a country blossoming with poetry.
 Imtiaz Dharker is a poet, artist and film maker. Born in Pakistan, Imtiaz was brought up in Scotland before she eloped to India aged 20, becoming estranged from her family. She feels that it is important that poets don't get too comfortable in any one place and describes forging her life in 'the cracks in-between'. Imtiaz picks up words that inspire her poetry from her surroundings, sometimes overheard, she jots these down on a paper napkin or whatever is to hand.
 She now lives in the UK and in 2014 she was awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. Her advice to aspiring poets is to read a lot and find your own voice.
 Producer: Sarah Crawley
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2016.
 ** And Daljit reads from his May Poetry Extra Book of the Month - After You Were, I Am a debut collection by Camille Ralphs.
SUN 07:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (Omnibus)

(m001zdb7)

Episode 1

A story of duty, love and a girl in the 1950s who crossed the ocean from Ireland for a new life in New York.
Colm Toibin's novel opens 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.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts abridged by Sally Marmion.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001zdbb)

Alex Horne

Comedian and musician Alex Horne chooses 'In The Army Now' by Status Quo and 'Bang Bang' by David Sanborn.

SUN 08:50 The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot (Omnibus) (m000h81j)

Episode 1

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.

Starring Anna Maxwell Martin and Joanna Vanderham.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

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 Dougall

Mrs Glegg Elizabeth Counsell,

Mr Stelling John Lightbody,

Dr Kenn Hasan Dixon

Luke/Bob Kurtis Lowe

Keiza/Sally Bettrys Jones

Director: Tracey Neale

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.

As the rebellious Maggie's fiery spirit and imaginative nature bring her into conflict with her narrow

Made to mark the 140th Anniversary of George Eliot's death.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

SUN 10:00 Tony's (b00tr846)

Series 2

Danger in the Night

Someone's got a grudge against hairdressers - so where's the safest place to sleep?

Starring Victor Spinetti.

More misadventures of cornshop barber, Tony - a beleaguered Italian in his 40s.

Written by Jim Eldridge.

Tony Victor Spinetti

Stanley Deryck Guyler

Maisie Deborah Watling

Mama Norma Ronald

The Tramp Robert Gillespie

The Constable Mike Grady

The Sergeant Edward Kelsey

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 (b007jx21)

From 1/2/1949

A proposed Bindebourne Festival needs some famous guests...

Starring Kenneth Horne and Richard 'Stinker' Murdoch.

With:

Sam Costa

Maurice Denham

Maureen Riscoe

Helen Hill

Written by Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne.

Music by the Augmented Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.

Much Binding in the Marsh ran from 1944 to 1954 initially set at a remote RAF station before being converted to a country club and later the action moved to a newspaper. (The show also ran for a season with commercial breaks on Radio Luxembourg).

Producer: Leslie Bridgmont

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1949.

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SUN 16:00 Wally K Daly (b007js5k)

Before the Screaming Begins

Episode 1

An invasion by aliens interrupts an idyllic wedding anniversary celebration for Tom Harris and his wife.

Before the Screaming Begins is the first of Wally K Daly's sci-fi trilogy which continues with The Silent Scream and With a Whimper to the Grave.

Tom Harris James Laurensen

Sally Harris Jennifer Piercey

AP Smith Donald Hewlett

Detective Sergeant Forbes Robert Trotter

Catherine's Mother Katherine Parr

Nurse Maggie Ollerenshaw

Desk Sergeant Peter Williams

Silkin Peter Wickham

Alien Voice Malcolm Gerard

Alien Controller Manning Wilson

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast as a 90 minute Saturday-Night Theatre production on BBC Radio 4 in 1978.

SUN 16:30 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cb1ts)

1. The Captain of the Polestar by Arthur Conan Doyle
As a Dundee whaling ship becomes trapped in the Arctic, strange cries sound across the ice at night and a figure is glimpsed on the floes.

Is it the Captain's lost love come to reclaim him?

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Dramatised by Marty Ross.

Series of three Scottish 19th century tales of terror and mystery.

Craigie Alec Heggie

Milne James Bryce

Doctor Nick Underwood

Williamson John Buick

McLeod Brian Pettifer

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001zdb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001zh9p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m001zdb5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SUN 18:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (Omnibus) (m001zdb7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001zdbb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SUN 19:50 The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot (Omnibus) (m000h81j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

SUN 21:00 Tony's (b00tr846)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b007jx21)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vcms4)

May and June

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

May and June: As the summer heats up passions rise for

Barbara Cartland and Edwina Currie.

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 (b00tr9rk)

Series 3

John Lloyd

Marcus Brigstocke invites comedy producer John Lloyd to try doing a few things he's never done before.

Watching The Wire, performing stand up comedy and milking a goat are just some of the experiences he'll be having for the first time.

The series 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 April 2010.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001zpd8)

Grace Campbell 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week. The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Isy Suttie speaks to the writer and stand-up comedian Grace Campbell.

SUN 23:00 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b074zw4l)

Series 1

Episode 1

A sitcom from award-winning comedian Josie Long about a young woman trying to build a new, more fulfilling life for herself in Glasgow.

Glasgow is the indie band theme park, where Josie will finally be happy and accepted. But almost as soon as she de-trains at Queen Street Station she begins to think she's made a big mistake.

Josie sets about finding friends, a place to live and a new job. Based on characters from the short films "Romance and Adventure" and "Let's Go Swimming" by Josie Long and Douglas King.

Written by Josie Long.

Josie Josie Long

Darren Darren Osborne

Roddy Sanjeev Kohli

Kerry Hatty Ashdown

Eleanor Clare Grogan

Chris Michael Bertenshaw

Mona Rebecca Hamilton

Fraser Chris Pavlo

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2016.

SUN 23:30 Liam Williams: Ladhood (b06pb839)

Series 1

The First Time

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

PLEASE NOTE: Due to its subject matter of teenage sex, this episode contains language and content that some listeners may find offensive.

With evocative monologues by "Adult Liam" being interjected with flashback scenes from his teenage years, this four-part 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 ennuie, represented in a bourgeois radio format - by one of Britain's most exciting comedians.

Adult Liam Liam Williams

Young Liam Alfie Field

Bradley Dixon Sam Shaw

Cranny Matthew Hudson

Ralph Fletcher George Richardson

Dale McIlroy Oliver Gower

Tinhead Lee Rockley

Rupert Jacob Clarke

Producer: Amrah Chanda

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first

broadcast in 2015.

MONDAY 20 MAY 2024

MON 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007js5k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cb1ts)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001zdb3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b007jx21)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b04bwz4w)

Gideon Fell - To Wake the Dead

1. The Riddle of the Stone

It's 1937, on the eve of the coronation of King George VI. A woman is murdered in a grand London hotel.

But the police know it's not the first of its kind.

Donald Sinden stars as Dr Gideon Fell.

John Dickson Carr's detective thriller, first published in 1938.

Dramatised in two-parts by Peter Ling.

Dr Gideon Fell Donald Sinden

Supt. Hadley John Hartley
 Sir Giles Gray Richard Johnson
 Chris Kent David Brooks
 Melita Reaper Wendy Craig
 Dan Reaper John Rowe
 Francine Forbes Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Richie Bellows Roger May
 Kenneth Hardwick Hugh Dickson
 Jenny Kent Sarah Rice
 Director: Eynd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1997.
MON 06:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7lk4)
 1. Lodger
 Stirring British thriller with a difference.
 It's 1944, and after the British defeat at Dunkirk and the Americans' decision to stay out of the war, we find ourselves at home in bomb-strewn suburbia with Mrs Brown.
 She is very ordinary, her husband died in the invasion, and now she pushes a tea trolley for the Nazi Military Administration in Whitehall.
 Mrs Brown wants nothing more than to be a nobody.
 Determined above all to survive, and to protect her daughter, she never misses an opportunity to go unnoticed. But when she's contacted by the Resistance, will she keep her resolution?
 Mrs Brown is given a task.
 She will have one week to complete it.
 One week to decide.
 One week to prepare.
 One week to live.
 Written in five parts by Ed Harris.
 Starring Amanda Root.
 Mrs Brown advertises for a lodger...
 Joan Brown Amanda Root
 Maisie Brown..... Ellie Kendrick
 Mrs Crace Adjoa Andoh
 Miss Fry Marlene Sidaway
 Oberst Vitte Simon Wilson
 Gwen Evans Tracy Wiles
 Sturmbannführer Smith James Lailey
 Mr Thomas Paul Moriarty
 Wode Simon Bubb
 Molly Francine Chamberlain
 Hans Mark Edel-Hunt
 Translations by Johannes Mirbach and Miguel Frank
 Director: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.
MON 07:00 The Alan Davies Show (m000tp76)
 Episode 5
 Topless pictures inspire the struggling actor to join an environmental protest.
 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
 Dave Lamb
 Kim Wall
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
MON 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k4gh)
 Series 6
 And So to Bed
 Harold Steptoe hopes that a brand new bed will impress his girlfriends.
 Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
 Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.
 Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
 Albert Wilfrid Brambell
 Harold Harry H Corbett
 Marissa Wrigley Norma Ronald
 Salesman Michael Burlington
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1976.
MON 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000p8dh)
 Series 10
 Brighton
 Mark Steel kicks off a short series recorded during the coronavirus pandemic.
 For the first ever outdoor Mark Steel's In Town episode - and BBC Radio 4 Comedy's first ever COVID-friendly audience show - what better place to start than on the beach in Brighton?
 The town is famous for its pavilion, piers and progressive nature as well as for being the playground of George, Prince Regent
 But Mark is performing on the pebbles, accompanied by the sound of the waves, with a busy zip-wire ride and squawking seagulls overhead.
 It's a first for the show but a completely normal day in life of Brighton's locals.
 Written and performed by Mark Steel.
 Additional material by Pete Sinclair.
 Production co-ordinator: Beverly Tagg
 Sound Manager: Jerry Peal
 Producer: Carl Cooper
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

November 2020.
MON 08:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd3j5)
 6. Meeting the Family
 As Ellis's romance with Tony Fiorello blossoms, life in Brooklyn takes on a new rhythm.
 It's time for Ellis to experience her first Italian meal.
 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.
 Abridged in ten parts by Sally Marmion.
 Read by Niamh Cusack.
 Producer: Di Speirs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.
MON 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h8g1)
 6. The Red Deeps
 Four years have passed and Maggie is reunited with a friend from the past.
 Tom is determined to help his father win back The Mill.
 George Eliot's novel of grand passions and tormented lives.
 Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.
 George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin
 Maggie Joanna Vanderham
 Stephen Jack Farthing
 Philip Chris Lew Kum Hoi
 Tom Will Kirk
 Lucy Ell Potter
 Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose
 Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin
 Mr Wakem John Dougall
 Bob Kurtis Lowe
 Mrs Moss Heather Craney
 Dr Kenn Hasan Dixon
 Mrs Glegg Elizabeth Counsell
 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.
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.
MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zfw2)
 Sean Curran reports on some stories from Westminster which you may have missed.
MON 09:30 Owning Colour (b08lgmt3)
 Series 1
 1. Red
 Designer Wayne Hemingway looks at five colours that have been at the centre of ownership and trademark battles, revealing the complex status of colours in our society - their artistic, commercial and cultural impact.
 He explores our response to colour - whether it's the red soles of designer shoes, the blue strip of a football team or the purple of a chocolate bar wrapper.
 He interviews those involved in branding, advertising and IP, as well as the psychologists, scientists, colour gurus, artists and those creating the colours of tomorrow using Nanotechnology.
 He starts with Red.
 In the 1980s, a company in America became the first to successfully trademark a colour.
 It was also the decade when Wayne Hemingway launched his fashion label Red or Dead, illustrated by a logo in a particular shade of red. Now he hopes scientists can re-create that colour in a paint laboratory in Slough, where they make trademarked colours such as Red Stallion and Roasted Red.
 Wayne explores the beginnings of colour ownership through a colour with two sides - love and passion or blood and aggression.
 Producer: Sara Parker
 A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast 4 in April 2017.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m001zfw4)
 Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Truth
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Truth
 John 14: 5-7, 11-14
 Led by Paul Kerensa
 Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide
 Cantus Choro
 Come my way, my truth my life
 At the name of Jesus
 Daily Service Singers
MON 10:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ys80)
 Parental Guidance
 True stories told live in the USA: Jay Allison introduces tales of learning life's lessons from one's parents.
 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 (b09hz9rg)
 Julia Donaldson
 Former Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson with 'The Warthog' by Flanders and Swann and her own 'The World Inside A Book'.
MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b04bzw4w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7lk4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 12:00 The Alan Davies Show (m000tp76)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k4gh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000p8dh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd3j5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h8g1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00d6tby)
 Series 53
 Episode 6
 Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
 From the Rose Theatre, Kingston-upon-Thames.
 With:
 Paul Merton
 Julian Clary
 Chris Addison
 Sue Perkins
 Subjects include: The River Thames, Science Fiction, Under the Sea, and When I Am King.
 Created by Ian Messiter
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.
MON 14:30 The Nimmo Twins In... (b00jh6jp)
 Series 1
 I Say, I Say, I Say
 Disabled comedian Bill finds popularity once more and embarks on one final gig.
 Comedy series written by Karl Minns.
 Bill Owen Evans
 Producer: Julian Mayers
 First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.
MON 15:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p0680)
 1. Prison
 At the age of 19, seaman Edmond Dantès has a charmed life. He is about to be promoted to Captain and engaged to the beautiful Mercédès.
 But Marseilles in 1815 is a dangerous place, and three of Dantes' acquaintances, set in motion, events that will lead Edmond to 14 years of solitary confinement in the notorious Chateau D'If.
 Adventure novel by Alexandre Dumas, first published in 1844.
 Starring Iain Glen, Toby Jones and Jane Lapotaire.
 Dramatised in four parts by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.
 Edmond Dantès Iain Glen
 Haydee Jane Lapotaire
 Danglars Toby Jones
 Abbe Faria Richard Johnson
 Monsieur Morrell Robert Blythe
 Fernand Zubin Varla
 Caderousse Ben Crowe
 Jacopo Joe Sims
 Captain Patin Patrick Brennan
 Albert de Morcerf Will Howard
 Antoine Will Howard
 Claude Paul Stonehouse
 Max Morrell Adam Nagaitis
 Mathilde Liza Sadovy
 Julie Morrell Eleanor Crooks
 Directors: Jeremy Mortimer / Sasha Yevtushenko
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.
MON 16:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ys80)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:55 Inheritance Tracks (b09hz9rg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 today]
MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b04bzw4w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7lk4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 18:00 The Alan Davies Show (m000tp76)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k4gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000p8dh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd3j5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h8g1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b00d6tby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Nimmo Twins In... (b00jh6jp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p0680)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001z66n)

Series 81

Episode 1

Radio 4's multi award-winning 'antidote to panel games' promises yet more quality, desk-based entertainment for all the family. The series begins at the New Theatre in Oxford where Rachel Parris and the Reverend Richard Coles are pitched against Tony Hawks and Alexander Armstrong, with Jack Dee in the role of reluctant chairman.

Regular listeners will know to expect inspired nonsense, pointless revelry and Colin Sell at the piano.

Producer - Jon Naismith.

A Random production for BBC Radio 4

MON 22:30 The Confessional (m0011k2g)

Series 2

The Confession of David Quantick

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 is in conversation with David Quantick, the prolific writer and broadcaster whose career has taken him from staff writer at NME to winning an Emmy award for his work on Veep. They discuss fake news, how to devastate a birthday party and airborne nudity.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan.

With extra material by Nick Doody.

Producer: Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2021.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m001z6t0)

Series 24

Episode 4

Politics, world affairs, the culture wars, and Mr Blobby.

With writing from Tom Jamieson, Nev Fountain, Laurence Howarth, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, Rob Darke, Edward Tew, Sophie Dixon, Sarah Campbell, Cody Dahler and Joe Topping. With additional material by Jennifer Walker, Toussaint Douglass, Christopher Donovan and Sarah Dempster.

Producer: Bill Dare

Exec Producer: Pete Strauss

Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini

Sound Designer: Rich Evans

MON 23:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)

Series 1

Art with Phill Jupitus

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 going to look at her options and try to immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity. Each week she will ditch the old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new Susan Calm, in a typically British leisure pursuit.

This time, she visits the Scottish National Portrait Gallery with Phill Jupitus.

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 21 MAY 2024

TUE 00:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ys80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:55 Inheritance Tracks (b09hz9rg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:55 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b04bzw4w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7lk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 The Alan Davies Show (m000tp76)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k4gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000p8dh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd3j5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h8g1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b00d6tby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 The Nimmo Twins In... (b00jh6jp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p0680)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b04c06yr)

Gideon Fell - To Wake the Dead

2. The Secret in the Stone

Dr Gideon Fell's murder investigation reaches its climax as King George VI is about to be crowned.

First published in 1938, John Dickson Carr's thriller is dramatised in two-parts by Peter Ling.

Dr Gideon Fell Donald Sinden

Supt. Hadley John Hartley

Sir Giles Gray Richard Johnson

Chris Kent David Brooks

Melita Reaper Wendy Craig

Dan Reaper John Rowe

Francine Forbes Tracy-Ann Oberman

Richie Bellows Roger May

Kenneth Hardwick Hugh Dickson

Jenny Kent Sarah Rice

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1997.

TUE 06:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7pq6)

2. Switch

After the British defeat at Dunkirk, and the death of her husband, Mrs Brown has found herself pushing a tea trolley for the new Nazi Military Administration in London.

Determined to survive, she makes sure she is unremarkable.

But when she's contacted by the Resistance, can she keep her resolution?

Starring Amanda Root.

Ed Harris's stirring wartime thriller with a difference.

Joan Brown Amanda Root

Maisie Brown.... Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Crace Adjoa Andoh

Miss Fry Marlene Sidaway

Oberst Vitte Simon Wilson

Gwen Evans Tracy Wiles

Sturmabannfuhrer Smith James Lailey

Mr Thomas Paul Moriarty

Wode Simon Bubb

Molly Francine Chamberlain

Hans Mark Edel-Hunt

Translations by Johannes Mirbach and Miguel Frank

Director: Jonquil Panting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

TUE 07:00 Semi Circles (b007jtw6)

Series 2

The Liberated Generation

"Ours is the generation of freedom, of permissiveness. We aren't shocked by anything. I mean, we may not want to participate, but there's nothing we actually disapprove of..."

Ben and Helen's marriage is at a standstill. Will Dick and Marian get it moving?

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

Dick David Gooderson

Marian Jean Trend

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b00q9xrg)

Series 5

1985

Winston Seagoon battles the Big Brother Corporation. Can he survive Room 101?

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 Bruce Campbell.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1955.

TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b082j3cb)

An Encounter with Mr Handel

Friedrich Handel is down in the dumps because the King is growing tired of his music.

He heads north to Edinburgh for inspiration and meets the ladies of The Fair Intellectual Club - a secret scholarly society for girls.

With the help of Marjory, Handel finds a melancholy theme for a new work. Thanks to the efforts of girl-about-town Ishbel and maths genius Alison, he ends up with a much jauntier, raunchier tune.

Lucy Porter's sitcom is set in early 18th Century Scotland.

Friedrich Handel Gus Brown

Marjory Samara MacLaren

Ishbel Caroline Deyga

Alison Jessica Hardwick

With Simon Donaldson and Gordon Kennedy

Music by Aly Macrae.

Director: Marilyn Imrie

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2016.

TUE 08:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q3)

7. Coney Island

Tony takes Eilis for a trip to Coney Island to celebrate her exam success but her new found happiness is short lived; news from home turns Eilis' American life sour.

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.

Abridged by Sally Marmon.

Read by Niamh Cusack.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

TUE 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h8pl)

7. The Wrong Doing of Others

The 'rascals' may have been beaten but conflict rears its head at Dorlcote Mill.

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

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin

Maggie Joanna Vanderham

Tom Will Kirk

Mr Tulliver Roger Ringrose

Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin

Stephen Jack Farthing

Lucy Eli Potter

Mr Wakem John Dougal

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zfvf)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

TUE 09:30 Owning Colour (b08lh65s)

Series 1

2. Blue

Designer Wayne Hemingway looks at five colours that have been at the centre of ownership and trademark battles, revealing the complex status of colours in our society - their artistic, commercial and cultural impact.

He explores our response to colour - whether it's the red soles of designer shoes, the blue strip of a football team or the purple of a chocolate bar wrapper - interviewing those involved in branding, advertising and IP, as well as the psychologists, scientists, colour gurus, artists and those creating the colours of tomorrow using Nanotechnology.

Programme 2 - Blue

Blue is the world's favourite colour - we live on a blue planet.

It's also the colour of Blackburn Rovers - Wayne Hemingway's home football team. It's associated not only with the beautiful game, but also with the town itself through a blue check for which Blackburn was famous.

Wayne is in the stands to cheer his team on in a match against Manchester United - in red. He considers the importance of owning colour both in the commercial and artistic worlds.

Producer: Sara Parker

A Juniper production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m001zfvw)

Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Mind

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

Theme: Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Mind

Proverbs 3:1-6

Led by Azariah France Williams

Love divine

Bronwen & Gareth Davies-Jones

Lord you have my heart

Delirious

Great is thy faithfulness

Carrie Underwood ft CeCe Winans

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b08bzp9p)

Alan Carr and Melanie Sykes

Comedian Alan Carr and presenter Melanie Sykes join Harriet Gilbert to talk about books they love by John Fowles, Andrea Ashworth and Malcolm Bradbury.

The French Lieutenant's Woman by John Fowles.

Publisher: Vintage

Once in a House on Fire by Andrea Ashworth

Publisher: Picador

Mr Johnson Frank Thornton
Mrs Forsythe/Second Nurse Annie Leake
Dr McTaggart Patrick Cargill
Mr Thomas Hugh Lloyd
Doctor in Casualty John Bluthal
Originally broadcast on BBC TV in June 1961
Re-recording first released on Pye Records in 1961
First broadcast on BBC 7 in June 2008.
WED 08:00 Hazelbeach (b0084hvy)
Series 1
Mother
Nick's worst fears come true, while Ronnie tries to sell heart-rate monitors to fans of Monty Python.
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
Vince Simon Treves
Andrea Liza Sadovy
Producer: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.
WED 08:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q5)
8. Too Far from Home
Eilish's new happiness in Brooklyn has been shattered by the news of her beloved sister's death.
Alone and bereaved, Tony is the only one who can offer her comfort.
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.
Abridged by Sally Marmion.
Read by Niamh Cusack.
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.
WED 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h7x2)
8. The Laws of Attraction
Launched into the higher society of St Ogg's, Maggie is enjoying being admired.
As Philip looks on it seems inevitable that any man who is near Maggie should fall in love with her.
George Eliot's novel of grand passions and tormented lives.
Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.
George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin
Maggie Joanna Vanderham
Stephen Jack Farthing
Philip Chris Lew Kum Hoi
Lucy Ell Potter
Mr Wakem John Dougall
Dr Kenn Hasan Dixon
Director: Tracey Neale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.
WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zg76)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
WED 09:30 Owning Colour (b08lhg9v)
Series 1
3. Green
Designer Wayne Hemingway looks at five colours that have been at the centre of ownership and trademark battles, revealing the complex status of colours in our society - their artistic, commercial and cultural impact.
He explores our response to colour - whether it's the red soles of designer shoes, the blue strip of a football team or the purple of a chocolate bar wrapper - interviewing those involved in branding, advertising and IP, as well as the psychologists, scientists, colour gurus, artists and those creating the colours of tomorrow using Nanotechnology.
Programme 3 - Green
Green is so ubiquitous that even the word has environmental, political and health meanings. It's used without limitation to boost the environmental credentials of businesses such as energy companies - notably BP. It's part of what some environmentalists calls "green-washing", as green symbolises vegetation - grass, fields, farmlands. A current Royal Horticultural Society campaign, Greening of the Grey, aims to bring more green spaces to our towns and cities.
Wayne visits RHS Wisley to meet Science Director Alistair Griffiths, gardeners and visitors to discover more about the power of green.
Producer: Sara Parker
A Juniper production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m001zg78)
Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Words
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Words
Ephesians 4: 25-32
Led by Claire Campbell Smith
There is an everlasting kindness
Stuart Townend
Love one another
Rugby School
Come thou Fount of Every Blessing
Katherine Jenkins
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m00099qw)
Our Anniversary Obsession
50 years since the Moon landings?

30 years since the publication of The Satanic Verses?
200 years since the Peterloo Massacre?
Turn on the radio any day of the year and it won't be long before someone mentions an anniversary.
Why are BBC Radio 4 commissioners, news editors, book publishers and us, the audience, so obsessed with anniversaries?
What impact does our preoccupation with round numbers have on the way we understand history?
Historian Hannah Mawdsley wrote her thesis on the Spanish flu pandemic. It's an area of history that felt like a footnote to the First World War - until we reached its centenary in 2018.
Suddenly there was an explosion of interest in Hannah's work. She was invited to speak on panels, to curate exhibitions and to discuss her research on the BBC.
Hannah talks to fellow historians Elisabeth Sipton, Bill Niven and Chris Kempshall about the power of anniversaries and their potentially distorting impact on history.
Does marking one day a year give us permission to forget difficult parts of history for the rest of the year? What about aspects of history that don't have easily marked anniversaries? Sociologist Professor Eviatar Zerubavel explains why we're all so drawn to pattern and repetition, and why time isn't always linear. And a group of nine-year-olds talk about why numbers with a zero at the end are so important.
And just in case you were in any doubt how much anniversaries inform Radio 4's schedule, this was first broadcast on the 10th anniversary of another programme on exactly the same subject.
Producer: Hannah Marshall
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2019.
WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b04v36dw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7rgq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
WED 12:00 Never Too Late (m001zg74)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00rz184)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Hazelbeach (b0084hvy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h7x2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 14:00 Dilemma (b01qmb08)
Series 2
Episode 1
Sue Perkins puts Paul Sinha, Lemn Sissay, Margaret Cabourn-Smith and Graeme Garden through the moral and ethical wringer.
The return of the panel show posing finely-balanced dilemmas as Sue cross-examines their answers.
Comic Paul struggles with his sporting loyalties; poet Lemn experiences something new, actor and comic Margaret faces up to some poor parenting; and Graeme contemplates life without one of his favourite Auntsies.
There are no "right" answers - but there are some deeply damning ones.
Devised by Danielle Ward.
Producer: Ed Morrish.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.
WED 14:30 Two Doors Down (b008fdj0)
Series 2
The Feminine Thrust
Sally the cleaner smoothes the way for Clare's important lecture.
She also helps her realise that she might have more important things to worry about than her job...
Starring Stella McCusker.
The return of Annie McCartney's sitcom about the bohemian Belfast residents of Marlborough Road, saved from chaos by their cleaning lady, Sally.
Sally Stella McCusker
Clare Marcella Riordan
Evie Katy Gleadhill
Trevor Des McAleer
Tony Robert Patterson
Fidelma Aine McCartney
Anna Hannah R Gordon
Simon Patrick Gleadhill
Director: Tanya Nash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.
WED 15:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p6rz5)
3. Scandal
With Fernand de Morcerf dead, the Count begins to tighten the net around Baron Danglars and Gerard de Villefort, and their unsuspecting wives.
Adventure novel by Alexandre Dumas dramatised by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.
The Count/ Edmond Dantès Iain Glen
Haydee Jane Lapotaire
Mercedes de Morcerf Josette Simon
Gerard de Villefort Paul Rhys
Heloise de Villefort Kate Fleetwood
General Noirtier Karl Johnson
Baron Danglars Toby Jones
Hermine Danglars Stephanie Racine

Fernand de Morcerf Zubin Varla
Caderousse Ben Crowe
Andrea Cavalcanti Will Howard
Madame Lascelles Sarah Thom
Coachman Paul Stonehouse
Bertuccio Paul Stonehouse
Valentine de Villefort Lizzy Watts
Max Morrell Adam Nagaitis
Eugenie Danglars Eleanor Crooks
Jacopo Joe Sims
Operator Robert Blythe
Banker Paul Stonehouse
Music by David Tobin and Jeff Meegan
Directors: Jeremy Mortimer / Sasha Yevtushenko
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 20:00 Dilemma (b01qmb08)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
WED 20:30 Two Doors Down (b008fdj0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
WED 21:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p6rz5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
WED 22:00 Tudor Owen: United Nations of Anglesey (m0013rs6)
Episode 1
In 1978 a Japanese film crew came to 11-year-old Tudor Owen's farm on Anglesey to make a programme about his life for a TV show called Children of the World. Then a Patagonian gaucho turned up. As did a man claiming to be a geology student called Hector. But were they all what they seemed? Written and narrated by Tudor Owen with additional voices from Lisa-Jen Brown, Richard Harrington, Gwenno Hodgkins and Yuriko Kotani.
Script editor: Gareth Gwynn
Production co-ordinator: Katie Baum
Sound design: David Thomas
Producer: Richard Morris
A BBC Studios Production
WED 22:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cc4qg)
Series 2
Episode 1
In an attempt to rid him of the band that lives in his head, Tom's been sent to a special centre for the entertainingly afflicted. The treatment's going well - until the band can't take any more and make Tom burst into song.
Reunited once more, Tom and the band decide they've missed each other and hatch an escape plan...
Starring Suggs and Bob Monkhouse.
Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.
Suggs Tom Caine
Bob Monkhouse Dr Boone
Phil Cornwell Bouche
Andrew McGibbon Jake
Nick Romero Monty DeVere
Bill Nighy Malc
Julia Deakin Phelia
Toby Longworth Clammy
Tracy-Ann Oberman
Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs
Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001zpdv)
Grace Campbell 2/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Isy Suttie speaks to the writer and stand-up comedian Grace Campbell.
WED 23:00 Chain Reaction (b0717cpt)
Series 11
1. Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray
Two heavyweights of stand-up are in conversation as Ed Byrne interviews Al Murray.
Ed tackles Al on a vast array of topics from Thackeray's attitude to the Irish to the thorny issue of offence in comedy via how best to talk to McFly.
Ed Byrne is an Irish comedian and actor. His celebrated observational routines made him a leading light of the UK stand-up circuit in the mid-90s and he went on to tour internationally, playing festivals and theatres across the world.
After an early stand-up foray as a character called 'The Murderer', Al Murray created his famous Pub Landlord character in the mid-90s as part of a touring show with Harry

Hill. The Pub Landlord went on to tour venues and festivals worldwide before making his own TV chat shows and sitcom. AI also presents history documentaries and stood against Nigel Farage in the 2015 UK General Election.

Chain Reaction is the long running host-less chat show where this week's interviewee becomes next week's interviewer.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2016.

WED 23:30 The Big Booth (b007k2ww)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 1

Boothby Graffoe returns with a series of guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs.

From the Pleasance Cabaret Bar at the Edinburgh Festival.

With:

Stephen Frost

Kevin Eldon

Big Al

Vivienne Soan

Antonio Forcione

Written by Boothby Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024

THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (m00099qw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Whodunnits (b04v36dw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7rgq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Never Too Late (m001zg74)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00rzl84)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Hazelbeach (b0084hvy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h7x2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Dilemma (b01qmb08)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Two Doors Down (b008fdj0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p6rz5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bvwx)

1. Conspiracy

While investigating a cyber-attack on the British transport system, Louise Caxton, First Secretary at the British Embassy in Washington, meets a mysterious hacker with a very dangerous agenda.

A two-part thriller written by David Morley.

Louise Caxton Clare Corbett

Birdy Dolya Ganvanski

Marcus Will Kirk

Melanie Scarlett Courtney

The Ambassador David Durham

Malcolm King Ian Coningham

Tom Walker Joseph Balderamma

Colin Jeffery Clive Hayward

Mark Hedges Greg Jones

Waitress Laura Christy

IVF Consultant Jessica Turner

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

THU 06:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7smq)

4. Visitor

A copy of Signal magazine brings a visitor to Mrs Brown's home.

After the British defeat at Dunkirk, and the death of her husband, Mrs Brown has found herself pushing a tea trolley for the new Nazi Military Administration in London.

Determined to survive, she makes sure she is unremarkable. But when she's contacted by the Resistance, can she keep her resolution?

Starring Amanda Root.

Ed Harris's stirring wartime thriller with a difference.

Joan Brown Amanda Root

Maisie Brown..... Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Crace Adjoa Andoh

Miss Fry Marlene Sidaway

Oberst Vitte Simon Wilson

Gwen Evans Tracy Wiles

Sturmabfuhrer Smith James Lailey

Mr Thomas Paul Moriarty

Wode Simon Bubb

Molly Francine Chamberlain

Hans Mark Edel-Hunt

Translations by Johannes Mirbach and Miguel Frank

Director: Jonquil Panting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

THU 07:00 Second Thoughts (b0011tt4)

Series 3

Occupational Hazard

Bill and Faith's plans for a proper getaway hit some holiday hiccups...

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

Hilary Celia Imrie

Liza Belinda Lang

Hannah Emma Gregory

Joe Mark Denham

Alex Mark Straker

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 (b007jqdz)

Series 3

Big Guns

Captain Mainwaring's platoon sparks havoc in Walmington-on-Sea when they try to fire a large naval gun.

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

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

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Town Councillor/Mr. Upton Julian Orchard

The Pickford's Man Michael Middleton

Announcer/Newsreader ... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

THU 08:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)

Series 2

The Mystery of Room 66

To win back Corinne's heart, Jeff takes her to an escape room. But no-one expects a puzzle set by Death himself.

Stars Philip Jackson, Alison Steadman and Mark Benton.

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 (b00kd1q7)

9. Being Rose's Ghost

Following her sister's tragic death, Eilis has returned to Enniscorthy and to her lonely mother, for a month's visit. Once there it is hard to tell the truth about her last action in America, and harder still to resist the lure of the familiar.

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.

Abridged by Sally Marmion.

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 (m000h7qz)

9. The Great Temptation

Maggie tries to push temptation away but then a fateful decision changes everything and desire and betrayal sends ripples of conflict that spreads beyond the River Moss.

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

George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin

Maggie Joanna Vanderham

Stephen Jack Farthing

Philip Chris Lew Kum Hoi

Lucy Ell Potter

Mrs Moss Heather Craney

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zf1f)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

THU 09:30 Owning Colour (b081jxb3)

Series 1

4. Purple

Designer Wayne Hemingway looks at five colours that have been at the centre of ownership and trademark battles, revealing the complex status of colours in our society - their artistic, commercial and cultural impact.

He explores our response to colour - whether it's the red soles of designer shoes, the blue strip of a football team or the purple of a chocolate bar wrapper - interviewing those involved in branding, advertising and IP, as well as the psychologists, scientists , colour gurus, artists and those creating the colours of

tomorrow using Nanotechnology.

Programme 4 - Purple

From music to chocolate, purple has created its own brands. It appears the least in nature and its scarcity in everyday life led humans to link it with luxury and quality. Traditionally the chosen colour of royalty, dark purple has been fought over in the most famous of colour battles - Nestle vs Cadburys. The dispute over Pantone 2865c, the colour chosen by Cadbury over 100 years ago has been in and out of the courts for over a decade.

Wayne uncovers our relationship to purple which, while being popular with teenagers, is also linked to death and mourning.

Producer: Sara Parker

A Juniper production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m001zf1h)

Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In deeds

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

Theme: Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In deeds

Philippians 4: 4-9

Led by Sharon Grenham-Thompson

The Lord is my light and my salvation (Rutter)

The Lord is my light (Taize)

Rejoice in the Lord Alway (Redford)

The Lord's Prayer (Martin)

God of the Poor (Kendrick)

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b03bdsnt)

Sir Brendan Barber on John Steinbeck

Matthew Parris is joined by trade unionist Sir Brendan Barber who nominates American author John Steinbeck as his Great Life.

The author of The Grapes of Wrath aimed to fight the cause of the common man, was derided by the right as a Communist and by the left as a sell-out for supporting the Vietnam war.

Brendan Barber picks through the politics and explains how Steinbeck influenced him as a teenager to look towards joining the trade union movement.

After early success, describing the catastrophic effects of the Great Depression and the Dustbowl in Of Mice and Men and The Grapes of Wrath, Steinbeck became war correspondent, Nobel Laureate, presidential speechwriter, Hollywood scriptwriter, and environmentalist.

Professor Christopher Bigsby from the University of East Anglia helps guide us through the life of a man described as 'America's Charles Dickens.'

Producer: Melvin Rickarby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.

THU 10:30 The Vernons Girls (b0076wgg)

The Vernons Girls were an all girl group from Liverpool rising to success in the male dominated popular music scene of 1950s and early 60s.

Michael Angelis charts the girls rise to fame with songs such as 'We love the Beatles', 'Do the Bird' and 'Funny all over.'

How did they fare when the rollercoaster ride was over and what are they doing now?

Produced at BBC Manchester by Angela Sherwin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 2006.

THU 11:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bvwx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7smq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

THU 12:00 Second Thoughts (b0011tt4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h7qz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000ydxs)

Series 26

Episode 2

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 biscuits, wives, germs and snails.

Rufus Hound

Fern Brady

Ria Lina

Tony Hawks

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

THU 14:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s3bcz)

Series 2

Salvatore's Apotheosis

Plethora decides it's time for son and heir Salvatore to be ordained as a priest - by nonagenarian Father Ignazio.

Comedy drama set in Renaissance Italy devised by Neal Anthony.

Starring David Swift and Sian Phillips.

Written by Roger Danes

Ludovico David Swift

Plethora Sian Phillips

Francesco Graham Crowden

Rosalie Saskia Wickham
 Lord Luton Nicholas Grace
 Father Ignazio Kim Wall
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.
THU 15:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p9gjy)
 4. Revenge
 Caderousse is dead, and the Count's ward Andrea is poised to marry Eugenie Danglars.
 While Heloise de Villefort pursues her own murderous plans to secure General Noirtier's inheritance for her son. The Count's revenge, so long in the planning, is devastating in its conclusion. Adventure novel by Alexandre Dumas dramatised by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.
 The Count/ Edmond Dantès Iain Glen
 Haydee Jane Lapotaire
 Younger Haydee Amber Rose Revah
 Mercedes de Morcerf Josette Simon
 Fernand, Count de Morcerf Zubin Varla
 Gerard de Villefort Paul Rhys
 Heloise de Villefort Kate Fleetwood
 Abbe Faria Richard Johnson
 Baron Danglars Toby Jones
 Hermine Danglars Stephanie Racine
 Eugenie Danglars Eleanor Crooks
 Valentine de Villefort Lizzy Watts
 Edouard de Villefort Finn Monteath
 Max Morrell Adam Nagaitis
 Andrea Cavalcanti Will Howard
 Bertuccio Paul Stonehouse
 Jacopo Joe Sims
 Milly Sarah Thom
 Music by David Tobin and Jeff Meegan.
 Directors: Jeremy Mortimer / Sasha Yevtushenko
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (b03bdsnt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:30 The Vernons Girls (b0076wgg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
THU 17:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bvwX)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 17:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7smq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
THU 18:00 Second Thoughts (b0011t4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
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THU 20:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000ydxs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
THU 20:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s3bcz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p9gjy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m001743x)
 Mike Bubbins: Retrosexual
 Mike Bubbins is a good bloke, a good husband and a good Dad, but he never quite feels like he fits in. Not in an odd way, he's keen to point out. It's just he dresses like he lives in the 70s, his house looks like a 70s film set, and he drives a 70s Ford Cortina.
 So yeah, in other words, in an odd way.
 He's not done bad for a lad who failed his A-Levels, became a PE teacher (see 'failed his A-levels'), worked as an Elvis impersonator, and then signed up for a writing course but got the wrong day and turned up for a stand-up comedy course instead. Because it was raining, and his wife had already dropped him off, he decided he might as well stay.
 Eleven years later, he presents his debut Radio 4 show.
 We've all been through a lot, emotionally and psychologically, with the extraordinary events of the pandemic. In the middle of the biggest crisis the world has witnessed since the war, we all had to assess who we were, what our priorities were, what our core relationships are and how robust they really are.
 Luckily, Bubbins isn't interested in any of that. He wasn't even involved in the pandemic. Because he lives in the 70s. In this show, he aims to take us back to a time before Covid and other complexities - a much simpler time.
 Written and performed by Mike Bubbins, recorded at Mach Festival, 2022
 Produced by Siren Turner and Lianne Coop
 An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4
THU 22:30 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b018gr0v)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Someone's been Kidnapped... Yikes! Join DS Nick Mohammed as he tackles the hostage negotiations.
 Written by and starring Nick Mohammed
 With:
 Anna Crilly
 Colin Hoult

Special guests:
 Peter Dickson
 Kae Alexander
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001zpxd)
 Grace Campbell 3/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Isy Suttie speaks to the writer and stand-up comedian Grace Campbell.
THU 23:00 Clare in the Community (b01p9ghf)
 Series 8
 Hot Desk
 Social Worker Clare Barker and her colleagues have to move offices and embrace hot desking. All this while Clare has a new student to wet nurse. Brian is struggling to keep control in the classroom.
 Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
 A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
 Each week we join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life
 In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
 Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
 Clare Sally Phillips
 Brian Alex Lowe
 Megan Nina Conti
 Nali Nina Conti
 Ray Richard Lumsden
 Helen Liza Tarbuck
 Simon Andrew Wincott
 Libby Sarah Kendall
 Alice Alex Tregear
 Abigail Eleanor Crooks
 Dexter Will Howard
 Bob Robert Blythe
 Neighbour Ben Crowe
 Terence Ben Crowe
 MC Ben Crowe
 Simon's girlfriend Bharti Patel
 Producer Katie Tyrrell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.
THU 23:30 And the Winner Is... (b00zxl34)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show – The Lucases - as selected by his guests.
 Awards include the Lucas for Biggest Political Mistake, Most Reliable Professional, Most Underwhelming British Tourist Attraction and the Luckiest Ever Winner.
 Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:
 Justin Edwards
 Harry Enfield
 Dave Gorman
 But the ultimate decision is down to the whim of the host.
 Devised by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.
 Programme associate: Ged Parsons.
 Producer: Ashley Blaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 2011.

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FRI 00:00 Great Lives (b03bdsnt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 The Vernons Girls (b0076wgg)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bvwX)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7smq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Second Thoughts (b0011t4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]
FRI 03:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h7qz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000ydxs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 The Leopard in Autumn (b00s3bcz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Alexandre Dumas - The Count of Monte Cristo (b01p9gjy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bvx1)
 2. Compromised
 As investigations into the cyber-attack on the British transport system continue, ex-police officer Louise Caxton uncovers a conspiracy - and learns how deeply she has been compromised.
 A two-part thriller written by David Morley.
 Louise Caxton Clare Corbett

Birdy Dolya Gavanski
 Melanie Scarlett Courtney
 Marcus Will Kirk
 Tom Walker Joseph Balderamma
 Malcolm King Ian Coningham
 The Ambassador David Durham
 Jackson Finn Neil McCaul
 Colin Jeffery Clive Hayward
 Carolyn Jeffery Jessica Turner
 Mark Swift Greg Jones
 News Anchor Laura Christy
 Director: Marc Beeby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.
FRI 06:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7tzy)
 5. Decision
 The Trolley, The Pin, and Mrs Brown makes her Decision After the British defeat at Dunkirk, and the death of her husband, Mrs Brown has found herself pushing a tea trolley for the new Nazi Military Administration in London.
 Determined to survive, she makes sure she is unremarkable. But when she's contacted by the Resistance, can she keep her resolution?
 Starring Amanda Root.
 Ed Harris's stirring wartime thriller with a difference.
 Joan Brown Amanda Root
 Maisie Brown..... Ellie Kendrick
 Mrs Crace Adjoa Andoh
 Miss Fry Marlene Sidaway
 Oberst Vitte Simon Wilson
 Gwen Evans Tracy Wiles
 Sturmbannführer Smith James Lailey
 Mr Thomas Paul Moriarty
 Wode Simon Bubb
 Molly Francine Chamberlain
 Hans Mark Edel-Hunt
 Translations by Johannes Mirbach and Miguel Frank
 Director: Jonquil Panting.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.
FRI 07:00 The Older Woman (b01xpy74)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Can hack journalist Roy impress his former English teacher, Jane, by joining a green pressure group?
 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 Wilcox
 Mr Say.....David Troughton
 Chad.....Nicky Henson
 Wyn.....Sue Roderick
 Pavarotti.....Steve Hodson
 Yeats.....David Holt
 HelenMelanie Hudson
 Dick.....Geoff McGivern
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger:
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.
FRI 07:30 Albert and Me (b04bzw4t)
 Series 2
 Under Observation
 Single dad Bryan gets a scare when baby Albert is taken to hospital for tests.
 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 Pat Coombs
 Mrs Willis Diana King
 Vera Marcia Warren
 Edward Gorden Kaye
 Jenny Brenda Blethyn
 GP Renu Setna
 Nurse Tammy Ustinov
 Written by Jim Eldridge.
 Incidental music by Max Harris.
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1983.
FRI 08:00 Says on the Tin (b00gb0bt)
 Cat Food
 Elliott struggles to promote gourmet cat food for an intensely conservative company.
 Starring Michael Brandon.
 Christopher William Hill's sitcom about an American advertising man, forced to relocate to London.
 Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon
 Esther Finn Samantha Bond
 Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood
 Pippa Walker Manjeet Mann
 Zadie Joannah Tincey
 Ted Malcolm Tierney
 Mrs Braden Rachel Atkins
 Other parts played by Stephen Crichtlow, Donna Hughes, Janice Acquah and Jill Cardo.
 Producer: Liz Webb
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.
FRI 08:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q9)
 10. Torn in Two
 Home for a holiday and to comfort her bereaved mother, Eilis has found herself unable to resist the lure of the familiar.

Meanwhile Tony is waiting in Brooklyn.
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.
Abridged by Sally Marmon.
Concluded by Niamh Cusack.
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.
FRI 08:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h938)
10. Return to the Mill
Tom is now the master of Dorlcote Mill but there is no gladness or triumph for the young man and Maggie is full of despair.
But can love win through the bitterness and conflict?
George Eliot's novel of grand passions and tormented lives.
Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.
George Eliot, the Narrator Anna Maxwell Martin
Maggie Joanna Vanderham
Tom Will Kirk
Stephen Jack Farthing
Philip Chris Lew Kum Hoi
Lucy Ell Potter
Mrs Tulliver Alison Belbin
Bob Kurtis Lowe
Dr Kenn Hasan Dixon
Mrs Glegg Elizabeth Counsell
St Ogg's Lady Heather Craney
Director: Tracey Neale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.
FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zg7b)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
FRI 09:30 Owning Colour (b08lk3jt)
Series 1
5. Black
Designer Wayne Hemingway looks at five colours that have been at the centre of ownership and trademark battles, revealing the complex status of colours in our society - their artistic, commercial and cultural impact.
He explores our response to colour - whether it's the red soles of designer shoes, the blue strip of a football team or the purple of a chocolate bar wrapper - interviewing those involved in branding, advertising and IP, as well as the psychologists, scientists, colour gurus, artists and those creating the colours of tomorrow using Nanotechnology.
Programme 5 - Black
Whether black is a colour is debatable. Unlike colours which are created from the reflection of different wavelengths of light, black is created from the absorption of light. Wayne tells the story of Vantablack - the blackest black created which, unlike other blacks, absorbs all but a tiny (less than 0.04%) of light. Anish Kapoor has bought exclusive rights to the black. Wayne concludes the series by questioning the rights of colour ownership.
Producer: Sara Parker
A Juniper production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m001zg7d)
Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Prayer
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Guidance (Holy Spirit) - In Prayer
Psalm 25: 1-7
Led by Ann Easter
What a friend we have in Jesus
David & Yvonne Lyon
A Living Prayer
Aled Jones
Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness
Choir of St Martin in the Fields
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b008m82d)
Series 6
New York, New York
Andrew Collins and Mark Shenton present the story behind the classic song New York, New York.
Songwriting duo John Kander and Fred Ebb wrote the title song for the film. Unfortunately, the star Robert de Niro didn't like it, so they furiously wrote another one.
John Kander talks about the story behind the classic song.
Featuring:
Lorrena Turner
Michael Freedland
Huw Madoe-Jones
Terry Bennett
Alun Howells
Gareth Valentine
John Kander
Patrick Sasso
Rosemary Watts
Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.
Producer: Sara Conkey
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.
FRI 10:30 Bombay's Beatle (b00hv1dt)
Sarraz Manzoor goes to the site of the recording studio in Mumbai where George Harrison created the extraordinary soundtrack to Joe Massot's psychedelic film Wonderwall (1968) - his first major solo project.
He meets some of the musicians who can still remember when a Beatle came to work with them - decades before.
Featuring:
Aashish Khan
Uttank Vora

Hari Prasad Chaurasia
Prabhakar Mundkur
Simon Leng
John Barham
Madan Singh
Naresh Fernandes
Mario Rodrigues
Saed Navqui
Shivkumar Sharma
Ronu Majumdar
Producer: Mark Rickards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.
FRI 11:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bx1y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 11:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7tzy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
FRI 12:00 The Older Woman (b01xpy74)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 12:30 Albert and Me (b04bzw4t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Says on the Tin (b00gb0bt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 13:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h938)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m00193ts)
Series 12
University of Warwick
Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from the University of Warwick take on their professors.
A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects Maths and Statistics, Linguistics and Engineering.
Contestants are asked questions about Kartvelian Languages and Prismatic Actuators to Yellow Submarines and Vanessa Shanessa Jenkin.
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 (b0076hn4)
Series 1
She's Funny That Way
George is speechless when confronted by his Broadway idol, Francesca Marlowe.
Roy is equally speechless when he realises she has taken his place in George's affections and to make matters worse the infatuation seems to be mutual.
Starring Ram John Holder and George Layton.
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
Francesca Gemma Craven
Producer: Carol Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.
FRI 15:00 The Late Mr Shakespeare (b00f58rh)
As a boy actor, Pickleherring played Viola, Juliet and Cleopatra. He was Shakespeare's favourite. Now, in his eighties he finally discovers what it means to fall in love.
Starring Jim Broadbent as Pickleherring.
Written by Robert Nye.
Pickleherring Jim Broadbent
Boy George Longworth
Polly Jill Cardo
Pompey Bum Dan Starkey
Dramatised by Jonathan Broadbent.
Director: Jeremy Mortimer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.
FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b008m82d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:30 Bombay's Beatle (b00hv1dt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
FRI 17:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bx1y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 17:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b01c7tzy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
FRI 18:00 The Older Woman (b01xpy74)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Albert and Me (b04bzw4t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 19:00 Says on the Tin (b00gb0bt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (b00kd1q9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 19:45 George Eliot - The Mill on the Floss (m000h938)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 20:00 The 3rd Degree (m00193ts)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me (b0076hn4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
FRI 21:00 The Late Mr Shakespeare (b00f58rh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
FRI 22:00 Michael Spicer: No Room (m001yzzz)
1. Yellow
Can men called Tim change the world? Comedian Michael

Spicer on the good, the great and the awful.
No Room features an up to the minute take on current events, alongside character-filled sketches which brilliantly capture everything that provokes us - culture, politics, work...and other people.
Michael is famous for his Room Next Door sketches which have amassed more than 100million views. Now he's pouring his cutting-edge online presence directly into your ears in this original, topical, and very funny new series.
Writer, Performer and Co-Editor: Michael Spicer
Composer and Sound Designer: Augustin Bousfield
Producer: Matt Tiller
A Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 22:15 Michael Spicer: No Room (m001z001)
2. Orange
Louis Theroux attempts to win another BAFTA. An MP parachutes into a local election campaign. A football pundit considers a manager's future.

Comedian Michael Spicer brings his satirical talents to this original, topical, and very funny series. No Room features an up-to-the-minute take on current events, alongside character-filled sketches which brilliantly capture everything that provokes us - culture, politics, work... and other people.

Michael is famous for his Room Next Door government advisor character whose withering takedowns of politicians have amassed more than 100 million views and helped keep his audience sane in fractured times.

Writer, Performer and Co-Editor: Michael Spicer

Composer and Sound Designer: Augustin Bousfield

Producer: Matt Tiller

A Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00y2x2m)
Series 2
Episode 6
Love is all around?
The day of Julian and Prunella's wedding dawns.
Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt and Geoffrey Palmer.
David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by eccentrics and obsessives.
Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt
Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer
Prunella Edgcombe Rachel Atkins
Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond
Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGivern
Eva Tittle Julia Deakin
Des Wainwright Michael Smiley
Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo
Susie Maltby Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Dave Edgcombe Stephen Critchlow
3rd Mrs Wainwright Liz Sutherland
Julian's Mother Helen Atkinson-Wood
Ghost of Charlie Tattle Barry Cryer
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.
FRI 23:00 Absolute Power (b007tcept)
Series 2
Episode 2
There's unrest at Prentiss McCabe when an old flame pits spinmeisters Charles and Martin against one another.
Mark Tavener's comedy about the machiavellian doctors of PR spin.
Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry
Martin McCabe John Bird
With:
Tamsin Greig
Tony Gardner
Siobhan Hayes
Philip Fox
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.
FRI 23:30 TEZ Talks (b07mrrgf)
Series 1
Integration
Breakthrough comedian Tez Ilyas presents a show for everyone interested in - or interested in becoming - a British Muslim. Everything you need to know is here - the do's, don'ts, and avoid-or-you'll-be-arrested. Simultaneously a hilarious, joyous celebration of British-Muslim life - and a subversive, thoughtful satire on society's attitudes to Islam.
In this episode, Tez looks at 'Integration', a word that's often used in the context of Muslims in the UK.
How can Muslims integrate better? And who says they don't at the moment? And more importantly, what's Marks & Spencer or hipster beards got to do with it? Tez explains all...
Producer: Sam Bryant
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.
**** About Tez
Blackburn-born Tez Ilyas started performing comedy in 2010 and has appeared in eight competition finals including the BBC New Comedy Award and Leicester Mercury New Comedian of the Year.
He's appeared on Radio 4's The Now Show on Radio 4, as well

performing on BBC1, BBC 3, E4, and BBC iPlayer, following his hugely critically-acclaimed debut Edinburgh show.
FRI 23:45 Irish Micks and Legends (b01nl8gr)
Series 1
The Salmon of Knowledge
Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram become Ais and Yaz and are the very best pals.
They take their role as Ireland's freshest story-tellers to the British nation very seriously indeed but haven't had the time to do much research, learn their lines or work out who is doing which parts.
The girls' unconventional way of telling stories involves a concoction of thoroughly inappropriate modern-day metaphors and references to many of the ancient Irish stories.
With a natural knack for both comedy and character voices the duo bring you warm, modern re-workings of popular ancient Irish stories.
For starters, it's the Salmon of Knowledge.
Written and performed by Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram.
Producer: Raymond Lau.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.