

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024**SAT 00:00 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 Madoc-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.

SAT 00:30 Bombay's Beatle (b00hv1dt)

Sarfray 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

Hariprasad 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.

SAT 01:00 Massachusetts Avenue (m000bx1y)

2. Compromised

As investigations into the cyber-attack on the British transport system continue, ex-police officer Louise Caxton uncovers a conspiracy.

And she discovers how deeply she's been compromised...

Starring Clare Corbett.

Conclusion of David Morley's two-part thriller.

Louise Caxton Clare Corbett

Birdy Dolya Gavanski

Melanie Scarlett Courtney

Marcus Will Kirk

Tom Walker Joseph Balderamma

Malcolm King Ian Conningham

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 December 2019.

SAT 01:45 The Resistance of Mrs Brown (b017tzy)

5. Decisioni

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

Sturmabführer 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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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 Critchlow, Donnla Hughes,

Janice Acquah and Jill Cardo.

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

SAT 03:30 Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín (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 Tóibín'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.

Concluded 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 (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.

SAT 04:00 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 including Maths and Statistics, Linguistics and Engineering.

Questions range from 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.

SAT 04:30 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.

SAT 05:00 The Late Mr Shakespeare (b00f58rh)

As a boy actor, Pickleherring played Viola, Juliet and

Cleopatra.

He was Shakespeare's favourite.

Now, in his 80s he finally discovers what it means to fall in love.

Starring Jim Broadbent.

Robert Nye's novel, first published in 1998.

Dramatised by Jonathan Broadbent.

Pickleherring Jim Broadbent

Boy George Longworth

Polly Jill Cardo

Pompey Bum Dan Starkey

Director: Jeremy Mortimer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

SAT 06:00 Whodunnits (b00hqjg0)

Hercule Poirot - Elephants Can Remember

A provocative question posed by a formidable busybody sends

Hercule Poirot and Ariadne Oliver on a series of journeys.

Can they unravel the mystery of a tragedy from the distant past

- provoked in equal measure by love and hate?

Starring John Moffatt and Julia McKenzie.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Ariadne Julia McKenzie

Chief Supt. Garroway Trevor Cuthbertson

Celia Rachel Bavidge

Desmond Ifan Meredith

Mrs Burton-Cox Paula Jacobs

Julia Jane Wenham

Nanny Barbara Atkinson

Mrs Buckle Elizabeth Proud

Mrs Rosentelle Jill Balcon

Zelie Alexandra Bastedo

Mr Goby Stephen Thorne

George Patrick Garland

Music Composed by Tom Small

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006

SAT 07:30 The Bells of Old Tokyo by Anna Sherman (Omnibus) (m001z3c)

For over 300 years, Japan closed itself to outsiders, developing

a remarkable and unique culture.

During its period of isolation, the inhabitants of the city of Edo

- later known as Tokyo - relied on its public bells to tell the

time.

Anna Sherman tells of her search for the bells of Edo, exploring

the city of Tokyo and its inhabitants and the individual and

particular relationship of Japanese culture - and the Japanese

language - to time, tradition, memory, impermanence and

history.

Anna journeys around the city - calling on her friend - the

owner of a small, exquisite cafe, who elevates the making and

drinking of coffee to an art-form.

She captures a series of hauntingly memorable voices in the

labyrinth that is the metropolis of the Japanese capital:

• an aristocrat plays in the sea of ashes left by the Allied

firebombing of 1945

• a scientist builds the most accurate clock in the world, a clock

that will not lose a second in five billion years.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Polly Coles.

Read by Amanda Root.

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May

2020.

SAT 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0001b2w)

Zandra Rhodes

Fashion Designer Zandra Rhodes chooses Boléro by Ravel and

The Pearl Fishers' Duet by Bizet.

SAT 08:45 Marriot's Monologues (b007jqz7)

Dame Thora Hird

Monologist, Dame Thora Hird introduces the Ramsbottom

family with 'The Lion and Albert' and 'The Return of Albert'.

Series of the famous monologues of Marriot Edgar.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC BBC Radio 2 in August 1991.

SAT 09:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000ygm1)

Episode 6

Donald finds himself at the mercy of a rampaging fox hunt and

a society ball.

Retired injured from the Great War, young Donald Cameron is writing a book about the English and their curious habits. AG Macdonell's classic comic novel, first published in 1933. Adapted by Bob Sinfield. Narrated by Leslie Phillips
Donald Cameron Sam Graham
Mr Fielding Peter Kelly
Mrs Fielding Denise Coffey
Esmeralda Kate Odey
Mr Still away Christopher Benjamin
Major General Robin Bailey
Director: Neil Cargill
A Splice of Life production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast in October 1994.
SAT 09:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008ppy)
From 21/07/1963
A pensioner and his guest require a discount at the cinema, and a very persistent stranger demands a lift to Dagenham. Arthur Haynes stars in the sketch show series written by Johnny Speight.
With
Nicholas Parsons
Leslie Noyes
Gary Watson
Joyce Stewart
Music by The Hedley Ward Trio.
Producer: Richard Dingley
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1963.
SAT 10:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xm63)
2. Brilliant, Holmes
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 second of three programmes, Hannah delves further 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 RETURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: The Dancing Man' [BBC Radio 4 1993]
Producer: Kevin Core
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2020.
SAT 11:00 Whodunnits (b00hqjg0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:30 The Bells of Old Tokyo by Anna Sherman (Omnibus) (m001zm3c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0001b2w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SAT 13:45 Marriot's Monologues (b007jqz7)
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SAT 14:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000ygm1)
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SAT 14:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008ppy)
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SAT 15:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xm63)
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SAT 16:00 Rendezvous with Rama (b00hs8xn)
Episode 1
A mysterious space object known as Rama appears in the solar system.
So the crew of the SV Endeavour are sent to investigate. Starring Richard Dillane.
Arthur C Clarke's novel set in the 22nd Century. Dramatised in two parts by Mike Walker.
William Norton Richard Dillane
Li Kwok Paul Courtenay Hyu
Pieter Rousseau Jimmy Akingbola
Jimmy Pak Robert Lonsdale
Aruna Calvert Archie Panjabi
Gerry Inam Mirza
Ruby Barnes Janice Acquah
Laura Ernst Ania Sowinski
Indira Gopal Shelley King
Erl King Peter Marinker
Tamara Ruiz Jill Cardo
Tan Sun Jonathan Tafler
Henning Paul Rider
Director: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.
SAT 17:00 Whodunnits (b00hqjg0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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SAT 20:00 England, Their England by AG Macdonell (m000ygm1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 The Arthur Haynes Show (m0008ppy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xm63)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m000lzzj)
Series 2
Episode 3
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". Paul recounts the amazing true stories that lie behind fascinating nuggets of information.
This episode is all about the famous people who've fallen from the public eye, such:
* The model who appeared on the cover of Vogue UK with Turlington, Evangelista, Campbell and Schiffer
* Four women so famous we didn't need to tell you their first names - who you have probably never heard of.
Recorded virtually, with an audience of 200 people watching Paul from the comfort of their own home.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
Producer: Ed Morrish
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2020.
SAT 22:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b011j6lq)
Series 2
5. 'I'm a mother in need of quiet'
"Sibling Rivalry: The grass is always greener in my brother's massive garden"
"I'm a mother in need of quiet - do drum kits have a mute button?"
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
Melissa Isabel Fay
Michael Miles Jupp
Janet Annie Aldington
Written by Sarah Millican.
Producer: Lianne Coop
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011
SAT 23:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001d5kt)
Series 1
Episode 4
Miles Jupp and guests with whimsical sketches.
In this episode, an ending and a beginning. Not necessarily in that order.
Miles discovers a dark secret at the heart of the BBC Radio family, helps Seann Walsh launch his new podcast Are We Still Alive? and finally gets a guest spot on GB News.
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 (b007jqyg)
Series 3
Masterson Rides Again
The life of young Billy at his Victorian boarding school. Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding saga of the Mastersons - a family at war with itself.
Starring:
Paul Merton
Josie Lawrence
Jim Sweeney
Lee Simpson
Phelim McDermott
Caroline Quentin
Producer: Phil Clarke
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

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SUN 00:00 Rendezvous with Rama (b00hs8xn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Whodunnits (b00hqjg0)
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SUN 05:00 Dr Hannah Fry: Codebreaker (m000xm63)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03zj7r9)
Gardeners
Alan Titchmarsh
Broadcaster, author and gardener Alan Titchmarsh castaway by Sue Lawley.
Alan was drawn to gardening from an early age in Ilkley, Yorkshire, making his first polythene greenhouse at the age of 12 and deciding he was going to be a gardener when he grew up.
He left school at 15 and became an apprentice gardener in the Parks Department of Ilkley Urban District Council, going on to horticultural college at the age of 18. His interest in English literature and writing prompted him to apply for a job as assistant editor of gardening books at Hamlyn Publishing and he began to write gardening books of his own, publishing his first in 1976.
Alan experienced his first taste of TV when there was a plague of greenfly on the south coast and he was approached to report on it in Margate for Nationwide. He says, "I suddenly tasted blood. It was wow!, I like this. I want to do more."
He became a presenter of BBC 1's Daytime Live, a Birmingham-based chat show, interviewing stars like Placido Domingo, Barry Manilow and Julia Roberts.
He also presented Songs of Praise but never forgot his gardening, and took to the screens as a gardener with the amazingly successful garden make-over programme, Ground Force, in 1997.
As well as presenting the more 'serious' gardening programme, Gardener's World, Alan recently took viewers back to basics with the series How to be a Gardener and, having written a grand total of 37 gardening books, he remains the UK's premier gardener.
DISC ONE: Pinchas Zukerman and the English Chamber Orchestra - Ralph Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending
DISC TWO: Band of the Royal Marines, conducted by Lt Col P Neville - AC Green's Sunset
DISC THREE: Richard Burton - Finale Ultimo (from Camelot soundtrack)
DISC FOUR: Benjamin Rayson, Teri Ralston, Beth Fowler - Stephen Sondheim's Remember
DISC FIVE: Pat Metheny and the London Orchestra - Always and Forever
DISC SIX: Jane Eaglen - Weep You No More Sad Fountains
DISC SEVEN: London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by R Hickox - Hubert Parry's I Was Glad
DISC EIGHT: Evening song of a blackbird
BOOK CHOICE: One of the Blandings novels by P G Wodehouse
LUXURY CHOICE: A box of watercolours
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Pinchas Zukerman and the English Chamber Orchestra - Ralph Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending
Producer: Lisa Jenkinson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pfkw3)
Series 1
Giant Birds
Madagascar, off the eastern coast of Africa, is the largest continental island in the world.
As Sir David reveals, it's also where the largest egg known to have existed was laid, and the bird that laid it was also a giant. 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 (m001zmrq)
The Flaggy Shore by Gwyneth Lewis
Daljit Nagra chooses The Flaggy Shore by Gwyneth Lewis. Taken from Ruth Padel's landmark series exploring the pleasures of writing and reading poems.
This edition comes from Swansea, where Ruth leads a workshop with the Junkbox poetry group - at The Dylan Thomas Centre.
To warm up their poetry muscles, the group try out some writing exercises. Then they work on developing and refining poems from two members of the group; acting (as Heaney describes it) as "the reader over my shoulder."
The poems are Milking Time by Becky Lowe and Still Life with Wine Glasses by Alan Kellerman.
Both have a sense of loss or longing. The group discuss line endings, alliteration and adjectives, and the effectiveness of their use in the two poems. They also enjoy and respond to a poem by Gwyneth Lewis that evokes that peculiarly Welsh phenomenon 'hiraeth'.
Producer: Sarah Langan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.
SUN 07:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (Omnibus) (m001zmrj)
Episode 2
A family tragedy and a trip back to Ireland from New York for

Ellis Lacey.
Colm Toibin's novel opened in the small town of Enniscorthy in the south east of Ireland in the early 1950s.
Ellis Lacey is one among many of her generation who moved to America in search of a better life. Her new adventure is curtailed by a family tragedy in Ireland.
Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes abridged by Sally Marmion.
Concluded by Niamh Cusack.
Producer: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001zmr)
Karen Hauer
Strictly Come Dancing's longest-serving pro-dancer Karen Hauer with Don't Speak by No Doubt and Your Song by Elton John.
SUN 08:50 The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot (Omnibus) (m000hgq5)
Episode 2
Four years have passed and Maggie is reunited with a friend from the past.
Tom is determined to rescue his father from debt and return The Mill to the Tulliver family.
George Eliot's absorbing tragedy of financial ruin, desire, betrayal and moral conflict.
Starring Anna Maxwell Martin and Joanna Vanderham.
Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes 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 Eil 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
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.
SUN 10:00 Tony's (b00tphh)
Series 2
The Firm's Outing
Tony's plan for a firm's day-out at the seaside doesn't quite to plan.
Starring Victor Spinetti.
More misadventures of cornershop barber, Tony - a beleaguered Italian in his 40s.
Written by Jim Eldridge.
Tony Victor Spinetti
Stanley Deryck Guyler
Maisie Deborah Watling
Mamma Norma Ronald
Jim Gordon Kaye
George John Blythe
Other parts played by the cast.
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 (b015f9b7)
From 03/05/1950
With fresh London premises, the staff must recruit a new secretary.
Starring Kenneth Horne and Richard 'Stinker' Murdoch.
With:
Sam Costa
Maurice Denham
Diana Morrison
Barbara Leigh.
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 May 1950.
SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03zj7r9)
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SUN 16:00 Wally K Daly (b007js5w)
Before the Screaming Begins
2. Authorities
The startling new mental powers of Tom Harris sparks the interest of the authorities...
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 Laurenson
Sally Harris Jennifer Piercey
Prime Minister Patrick Troughton
AP Smith Donald Hewlett
Detective Sergeant Forbes Robert Trotter
MP Peter Williams
Silkin Peter Wickham
Alien Voice Malcolm Gerard
Alien Controller Manning Wilson
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.
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 (b00cft28)
2. Olalla by Robert Louis Stevenson
During the Peninsular War in Spain a wounded Scottish soldier is sent to stay in a remote house in the hills.
The soldier falls in love with the daughter of the house, but the family harbour a terrible secret...
Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.
Dramatised by Marty Ross.
Series of three Scottish 19th century tales of terror and mystery.
Alec Paul Blair
Olalla Roxanna Pope
Felipe Richard Conlon
Senora Carol Ann Crawford
Carrido Richard Greenwood
The Padre Simon Tait
Producer: Bruce Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.
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SUN 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vhf5y)
July and August
Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures from the 1960s to the present day.
July and August: School's out for Barack Obama, Frank McCourt and Germaine Greer.
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 (b00yz3hs)
Series 3
Kate Adie
Kate Adie has a reputation for fearless BBC reporting from wars zones, riots and natural disasters.
But, of all things, she has a mild fear of porridge.
Marcus Brigstocke helps Kate to overcome this fear for the very first time, and has a small taste of the traditional breakfast food.
She tries some other things entirely new to her too - yoga, the TV series The Sopranos, bingo and reading Swallows and Amazons.
Created and produced by Bill Dare.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
SUN 23:00 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b075tdy)
Series 1
Episode 2
Josie swears off romance and almost immediately finds herself in a budding relationship with Darren's former flatmate, Roddy.
Comedy drama from award-winning comedian Josie Long about a young woman trying to build a new, more fulfilling life for herself in Glasgow.
Based on characters from the short films "Romance and Adventure" and "Let's Go Swimming" by Josie Long and

Douglas King.
Josie Josie Long
Darren Darren Osborne
Roddy Sanjeev Kohli
Kerry Hatty Ashdown
Eleanor Clare Grogan
Chris Michael Bertenshaw
Janie Georgie Glen
Mona Rebecca Hamilton
Fraser Chris Pavlo
Written by Josie Long.

Producer: Colin Anderson
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2016.
SUN 23:30 Liam Williams: Ladhood (b06ptymb)
Series 1
Truants
Liam Williams - a two-time Edinburgh Festival Award nominated comedian - shares his teenage misadventures in the Yorkshire suburbs.
With evocative monologues by "Adult Liam" being interjected with flashback scenes from his teenage years, 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 ennui, 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
Craig Cheng Ken Cheng
Mrs Pallister Amelia Lowdell
Liam's Mum Debra Baker
Liam's Dad Caolan McCarthy
Mr Draper Ewan Bailey
Mr Bishop Gerard McDermott
Teacher 1 Evie Killip
Producer: Amah Chanda
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2015.

MONDAY 27 MAY 2024

MON 00:00 Wally K Daly (b007js5w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 The Darker Side of the Border (b00cft28)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b03zj7r9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pfbk3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m001zmr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Brooklyn by Colm Toibin (Omnibus) (m001zmrj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001zmr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]
MON 03:50 The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot (Omnibus) (m000hgq5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Tony's (b00tphh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Much Binding in the Marsh (b015f9b7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 London Particulars (m001znh)
Series 1
1. Missing Michael
It's 1839. Kathleen travels to London from Cork in Ireland to be with her sweetheart Michael, only to find that he's gone missing.
He has a past, but has it caught up with him?
Starring Todd Carty and Elizabeth Spriggs.
John Peacock's two-part Victorian drama is set at the time that the Bow Street Runners were disbanded, to be replaced by the Peelers.
'London Particular' is the name given to the heavy fogs that occurred in the capital in that period.
Pip Shepherd Todd Carty
Thomas Tedman Charles Simpson
Dolly Jenks Elizabeth Spriggs
Kathleen Kelleher Hilary Reynolds
Sarah Vermilloe Linda Polan
Robert Vermilloe Jonathan Adams
Toby Peter Kenny
Ethel Zulema Dene
Suzannah Becky Hindley
Hannah the Cook Tina Grey
Polly/Singer at The Hotel Dieppe Elizabeth Mansfield
Peter Ablass Matthew Morgan
Inspector Goddard Keith Drinkel
Sam Weeks John Hartley

With:
Denys Hawthorne
David Timson
Piano played by Neil Brand.
Director: David Blount
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.
MON 06:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mtr89)
1. Facing the Music 1/2
Ian Rankin's most celebrated creation, Inspector John Rebus, investigates the theft of some valuable equipment from an Edinburgh hi-fi shop.
But it's not a quite as straightforward a case as it appears...
Read in two parts by James Macpherson.
From a collection of short stories by crime writer Ian Rankin.
Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.
MON 07:00 The Alan Davies Show (b007jsk4)
Episode 6
Struggling actor Alan has a date with an X-rated actress, whilst Peruvian Flu strikes at the Gazette.
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
Kevin Eldon
Producer: Jane Berthoud
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
MON 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jp1c)
Series 6
Porn Yesterday
Harold is aghast when he discovers exactly 'What the Butler Saw!'
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
Mabel Norma Ronald
Vicar Anthony Sharpe
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1976.
MON 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000ph4v)
Series 10
Stratford-upon-Avon
Another of Mark Steel's short series of shows recorded outdoors during the coronavirus pandemic.
The bubonic plague didn't stop Shakespeare from working.
So for this show, Mark performs on a tree stump in The Dell Gardens, Stratford-upon-Avon in front of a small but lovely local crowd.
In between being interrupted by geese, Mark asks the people gathered on the grass in the RSC's outdoor performance area on the banks of the River Avon, just by the church where Shakespeare is buried, across from the Shakespeare ice-cream boat, not far from the Hamlet statue, if they've noticed any sort of theme to the place.
Mark also looks at what else Stratford has to offer and visits the Butterfly Farm, the Tudor World museum and he discovers that the town was also once the home of the Teletubbies.
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 Extra, first broadcast in November 2020.
MON 08:30 Book of the Week (m00040ms)
The Nature of Spring by Jim Crumley
1. Harbingers
In a series of poetic vignettes, nature writer Jim Crumley paints a captivating picture of Scotland's wilderness in spring and the joys of observing its abundant wildlife.
The staccato, jazzily-inventive sound of the mistle thrush singing for a mate acts as a harbinger of Spring while kestrels hover over the Stirlingshire hills and peregrine falcons act out their courtship.
A majestic sea eagle with its vast wingspan swoops inconspicuously over the Lowland hills and a peregrine starts to mimic the eagle's flight pattern.
Then, at a mere ten yards, he's face to face with a Roebuck, armed with blood-smear antlers and a hostile stare.
Abridged in five parts by Linda Cracknell.
Read by Simon Tait.
Producer: Bruce Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.
MON 08:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hdjf)
Series 10: Things of Stone
Part 1
Magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast.
Diane returns to the village to find Gareth and Emlyn are running the pub into the ground.
And then disaster strikes.
Diane Emma Sidi

Emlyn Ifan Huw Dafydd
Gareth Richard Ellis
Megan Aimee Ffion Edwards
Matty Siw Hughes
The Ghost Owain Gwynn
Anwen Juno Robinson
Written by Alan Harris.
Series created by Meic Povey.
Director: James Robinson
A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.
MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001zdfd)
Series 81
Episode 2
This series of Radio 4's multi award-winning 'antidote to panel games' promises more homespun wireless entertainment for the young at heart.
This week the programme pays a return visit to 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 chair.
At the piano - Colin Sell
Producer - Jon Naismith
A Random production for BBC Radio 4
MON 09:30 A British History in Weather (b079ndwy)
1. The Weather Indoors
Alexandra Harris tells the story of how the weather has written and painted itself into the cultural life of Britain, the earliest days to the present, come rain come shine.
The weather finds us everywhere. Inside, we are out of the weather. That's the point.
But when we close the front door, we do not entirely shut the weather out.
This series bears witness to Britain's cultural climates across the centuries. Before the Norman Conquest, Anglo-Saxons living in a wintry world wrote about the coldness of exile or the shelters they had to defend against enemies outside.
The Middle Ages brought the warmth of spring; the new lyrics were sung in praise of blossoms and cuckoos.
Descriptions of a rainy night are rare before 1700, but by the end of the 18th century the Romantics had adopted the squall as a fit subject for their most probing thoughts.
A British History in Weather is a celebration of the British climate and a life story of those who have lived in it.
Music by Jon Nicholls.
Producer: Tim Dee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m001znhq)
Three in one - Trinity Sunday - Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Three in one - Trinity Sunday - Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
John 1: 14-18
Led by Joe Aldred
Lord I lift your name on high
AMC Gospel Choir
Amazing Grace
Seth Pinnock & A New Thing
Jesus Christ is Lord
Andrae Crouch
MON 10:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ykyk)
A Bust, a Candy Bar, and Chad Everett
True stories told live in the USA: Jenifer Hixson introduces tales of responsibility and obsession.
The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA. Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it.
Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year.
Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.
First heard on PRX in February 2019.
MON 10:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000nb08)
Trevor Nelson
BBC Soul DJ Trevor Nelson chooses 'I Want You Back' performed by The Jackson 5 and 'As' by Stevie Wonder.
MON 11:00 London Particulars (m001znhn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mtr89)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 12:00 The Alan Davies Show (b007jsk4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jp1c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000ph4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 Book of the Week (m00040ms)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hdjf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00dhh35)
Series 53
Episode 9
Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
From the Opera House in Manchester.
With:
Paul Merton
Tony Hawks
Ian McMillan
Shappi Khorsandi
Subjects include: War of the Roses, Pantomime Dames, Charm Offensive and My Birthday Party.
Created by Ian Messiter.
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.
MON 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m001znht)
Oscar Wilde - An Ideal Husband
Lady Chiltern: "Robert, that is all very well for other men, for men who treat life simply as a sordid speculation; but not for you, Robert, not for you. You are different. All your life you have stood apart from others. To the world, as to myself, you have been an ideal always. Be that ideal still....don't kill my love for you."
When a serious indiscretion occurs Mrs Cheveley attempts to turn it to her advantage.
Starring Noel Johnson, Jane Wenham, Ronald Lewis and Rosemary Martin.
Written by Oscar Wilde and first staged in London in 1895.
Sir Robert Chiltern, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Noel Johnson
Lady Chiltern Jane Wenham
Lord Goring Ronald Lewis
Mrs Cheveley Rosemary Martin
Miss Mabel Chiltern Jane Knowles
The Earl of Caversham Ralph Truman
Lady Markby Ellen Pollock
The Countess of Basildon Jill Simcox
Mrs Marchmont Lisa Rayne
Mason, butler to Sir Robert Chiltern Richard Griffiths
Phipps, Lord Goring's servant James Thomason
Director: David Geary
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1970.

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MON 16:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000ykyk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000nb08)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 today]
MON 17:00 London Particulars (m001znhn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mtr89)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 18:00 The Alan Davies Show (b007jsk4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jp1c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000ph4v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Book of the Week (m00040ms)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hdjf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b00dhh35)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Hidden Treasures (m001znht)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m001zdfd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b007jwnv)
Series 2
Episode 1
A Buddhist pest control expert is hampered by his unwillingness to actually kill pests - "I intend to make the mice think about their actions" - plus TV's Masterchef with a twist.
Starring:
Sanjeev Bhaskar
Kulvinder Ghir
Nitin Sawhney
Meera Syal
Nina Wadia
Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001.
Written by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.
Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1997.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m001zdtx)

Series 24

Episode 5

Mordant topical satire from the usual team with voices by Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis MacLeod, Duncan Wisbey and Jess Robinson. With writing from Tom Jamieson, Nev Fountain, Ed Amsden & Tom Coles, Laurence Howarth, Rob Darke, Edward Tew, Sophie Dixon, Sarah Campbell, Toussaint Douglass, Cody Dahler and Joe Topping.

MON 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007jyjh)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Night

Episode 1

For cricket's most unremarkable medium-paced trundler, Dave Podmore, every problem is an opportunity. So Pod turns his 140 hours of community service, teaching the basics of the game to kids, into a novel way of promoting his testimonial dinner.

Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.

Pod Christopher Douglas

Andy Hamer Andrew Nickolds

With:

Nick Newman

Chris Pavlo

Mark Perry

Nichola Sanderson

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024

TUE 00:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m000yyky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000nb08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:50 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 London Particulars (m001znhn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mtr89)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 The Alan Davies Show (b007jsk4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jplc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m000ph4v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 Book of the Week (m00040ms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hdjf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b00dh35)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Hidden Treasures (m001znht)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 London Particulars (m001znc3)

Series 1

2. Framed

Kathleen has arrived in London from Cork - only to discover her sweetheart Michael is missing.

A Bow Street runner and a Peeler investigate the murder of an Earl. Is there a connection?

Starring Todd Carty and Elizabeth Spriggs.

Conclusion of John Peacock's Victorian drama.

Pip Shepherd Todd Carty

Thomas Tedman Charles Simpson

Dolly Jenks Elizabeth Spriggs

Kathleen Kelleher Hilary Reynolds

Sarah Vermilloe Linda Polan

Robert Vermilloe Jonathan Adams

Toby Peter Kenny

Suzannah Becky Hindley

Hannah the Cook Tina Grey

Polly/Singer at The Hotel Dieppe Elizabeth Mansfield

Peter Ables Matthew Morgan

Inspector Goddard Keith Drinkel

With:

Denys Hawthorne

David Timson

Piano played by Neil Brand.

Director: David Blount

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.

TUE 06:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mv1st)

2. Facing the Music 2/2

Inspector John Rebus discovers a link between a series of burglaries and Wardell, the hi fi dealer, who has reported a shop theft in Edinburgh.

Concluded by James Macpherson.

From a collection of short stories by crime writer Ian Rankin.

Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

TUE 07:00 Semi Circles (b007jtxf)

Series 2

Charity Begins at Home

Helen and Ben fight the forces of materialism. Can they win when promotion beckons?

The improving story of life and improving times in an improving neighbourhood.

Starring Paula Wilcox and David Wood.

Sitcom written by Simon Brett.

Helen Paula Wilcox

Ben David Wood

Mrs Kelly Pay Heywood

Alastair Tony Millan

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007qzrx)

Series 5

The Case of the Missing Heir

As a Dimberger, Neddie Seagoon sets out to dethrone a

Heidelberger...

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Peter Eton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1955.

TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vno)

A Sojourn with Mr Swift

It's festival time in Edinburgh, but in the early 18th century it's not a place for comedians and actors, but priests and storytellers like Jonathan Swift.

This young Irish clergyman wants help with his tales, and the members of the Fair Intellectual Club are keen to help him win the So You Think You're Holy competition.

Alison's idiot brother Robert needs assistance too - and an unfortunate mix-up leads to the creation of a literary masterpiece.

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

Alison Jessica Hardwick

Ishbel Caroline Deyga

Margory Samara MacLaren

Robert Simon Donaldson

Kennedy Gordon Kennedy

Mr Swift Keith Fleming

Music by Aly Macrae

Director: Marilyn Inmie

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

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

TUE 08:30 Book of the Week (m0003ztm)

The Nature of Spring by Jim Crumley

2. Island Spring

In a series of poetic vignettes, nature writer Jim Crumley paints a captivating picture of Scotland's wilderness in spring and the joys of observing its abundant wildlife.

On visits to Colonsay and Shetland he encounters cuckoos, snipe, eiders, oystercatchers, choughs, yellow hammers, starlings, corncrakes, red-throated divers and some basking grey seals into the bargain.

Abridged by Linda Cracknell.

Read by Simon Tait.

Producer: Bruce Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

TUE 08:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hf0)

Series 10: Things of Stone

Part 2

Magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast.

When the Druid's Rest collapses into a sinkhole, Emlyn and Megan are trapped underground.

And there's someone else down there too, hiding in the darkness.

Emlyn Ifan Huw Dafydd

Megan Aimee Ffion Edwards

The Ghost Owain Gwynn

Gareth Richard Elis

Written by Alan Harris.

Series created by Meic Povey.

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.

TUE 09:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m001zg5l)

Series 6

6. Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Nostrils

Star of Mock The Week Milton Jones gathers the gang together for one last nose job.

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

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

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

"Milton Jones is one of Britain's best gagsmiths with a flair for

creating daft yet perfect one-liners" - The Guardian

Written by Milton Jones, James Cary and Dan Evans

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

Dan Tetsell & James Akka

With music by Guy Jackson

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 09:30 A British History in Weather (b07b2hxf)

2. The Wisdom of Winter

Alexandra Harris tells the story of how the weather has written and painted itself into the cultural life of Britain.

Our thoughts have been expressed through certain weathers. In the literature that survives from the 8th, 9th and 10th centuries, it is often winter that speaks loudest. Though that winter is a fierce challenge, it is also surprisingly beautiful, exposing the white bones of the world as a kind of truth.

Music by Jon Nicholls.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m001znc6)

Three in one - Trinity Sunday - The love of God

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

Theme: Three in one - Trinity Sunday - The love of God

John 16: 25-33

Led by Swarzy

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Perfect love - Rivers and Robots

Holy Holy Holy - Seth Pinnock & A New Thing

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b08crrz7)

Victor Adebowale and Rachel Unthank

Lord Victor Adebowale and musician Rachel Unthank join

Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by David

Almond, Robert Seehaler and John Higgs.

Half a Creature from the Sea by David Almond

Publisher: Walker Books

Stranger Than We Can Imagine by John Higgs

Publisher: Weidenfeld & Nicolson

A Whole Life by Robert Seehaler

Publisher: Picador

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

TUE 10:30 Sounds Natural (m001znc9)

Eric Morecambe

Comedian Eric Morecambe chats to Derek Jones about his

combined enthusiasm for birdwatching and fishing.

Amongst his choice of recordings from the BBC Sound

Archives:.

The Pink-Footed Goose

Kingfisher

Honey Buzzard

Badger

Produced at BBC Bristol by John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1975.

TUE 11:00 London Particulars (m001znc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mv1sl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

TUE 12:00 Semi Circles (b007jtxf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b007qzrx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

TUE 13:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vno)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Book of the Week (m0003ztm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hf0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 The Personality Test (b00mrc84)

Series 2

Adam Hart-Davis

Broadcaster, writer and science enthusiast Adam Hart-Davis quizzes a panel about himself.

With:

Sue Perkins

Will Smith

Robin Ince

Lucy Porter

Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.

Script by Richard Turner and Simon Littlefield.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

TUE 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m001zncd)

Dodie Smith - Dear Octopus

A revival of Dodie Smith's delightfully nostalgic play set in the home of Charles and Dora Randolph on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.

As the family arrives for a celebratory weekend, apprehension is in the air as memories of past events surface.

Dora Randolph Dorothy Lane

Charles Randolph Charles Simon

Their children:

Hilda Barbara Bolton

Margery Sally Lahee

Cynthia Pauline Lettis

Nicholas John Pullen

Their grandchildren:

Hugh Leslie Heritage

Flouncy Jane Knowles

Bill Judy Bennett

Scrap Jessica Shaw

Sister-in-law: Belle Schlessinger Noel Hood

Kenneth Harvey, Margery's husband ... Clifford Norgate

Edna Randolph, Hugh's mother Lorna Rosslyn

Laurel Randolph, Hugh's wife Gilli Gratham

Fenny, Dora's companion Elizabeth Cassie

Gertrude Hilary Mason

Nanny Margot Boyd

Director David Geary
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1971

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TUE 16:00 A Good Read (b08crzr7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:30 Sounds Natural (m001znc9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
TUE 17:00 London Particulars (m001znc3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 17:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mv1sl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
TUE 18:00 Semi Circles (b007jtxf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (b007qzrx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 19:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vn0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 Book of the Week (m0003ztm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 19:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hfy0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
TUE 20:00 The Personality Test (b00mrc84)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Hidden Treasures (m001zncd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
TUE 22:00 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (m001zg5l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
TUE 22:30 Think the Unthinkable (b01mm3ch)
 Series 4
 Eurotank
 The bumbling management consultants try to salvage the reputation of the Ministry of Defence, James Cary's award-winning sitcom about a team of incompetent management consultants.
 Starring:
 Ryan Marcus Brigstocke
 Owen David Mitchell
 Sophie Beth Chalmers
 Daisy Catherine Shepherd
 With:
 Geoffrey McGivern
 Martin Hyder
 Producer: Adam Bromley.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.
TUE 23:00 Rubbish (b0088np3)
 Series 2
 Rant
 Martin foolishly agrees to go on a sponsored walk with his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend.
 Will he be able to keep his rants to a minimum - or will an audience just encourage him?
 Reece Dinsdale stars as local government officer, cynic and manic-depressive, Martin Christmas in Tony Bagley's sitcom.
 Martin Reece Dinsdale
 Sarah Pippa Haywood
 Barney Matthew Cottle
 Scott Kevin Eldon
 Loud American Ewan Bailey
 David Martin Trenaman
 Producer: Claire Bartlett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.
TUE 23:30 Helen Keen's It Is Rocket Science (b03zd3jk)
 Series 3
 Episode 1
 Helen Keen's comic but scientifically accurate look at the science and history of space exploration.
 A look at how we might one day travel to Mars and beyond - discussing the problems of long space voyages.
 With tips on a rather unsavoury way to stop cosmic rays and what to do if you feel like eating your crewmates?
 Starring:
 Helen Keen
 Peter Serafinowicz
 Susy Kane
 Written by Helen Keen and Miriam Underhill.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.
TUE 23:45 Hearing with Hegley (b0082c3x)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley entertains an audience in Luton
 With poems about his father and more.
 With:
 Keith Moore
 Susan Norton
 Andrew Bailey
 Nigel Piper
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

WED 00:00 A Good Read (b08crzr7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 Sounds Natural (m001znc9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 London Particulars (m001znc3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mv1sl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Semi Circles (b007jtxf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 The Goon Show (b007qzrx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vn0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]
WED 03:30 Book of the Week (m0003ztm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hfy0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 The Personality Test (b00mrc84)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:30 Hidden Treasures (m001zncd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b010y0sr)
 Father Brown - The Secret Garden
 Paris, 1911. A dinner party given by Aristide Valentin, Chief of the Paris Police, is disturbed by the discovery of a stranger lying murdered within the grounds of his high-walled garden.
 Who is he?
 How did he get there?
 And which of the distinguished guests has committed the gruesome crime?
 Time for Father Brown to step forward. Intuitive and unassuming, his unremarkable exterior conceals a profound knowledge of human frailty.
 Who better than a priest to understand the nature and prevalence of evil?
 Written by GK Chesterton.
 Dramatised by Bert Coules
 Father Brown Richard Greenwood
 Brayne Angus MacInnes
 Valentin Liam Brennan
 Dr Simon Jimmy Chisholm
 Lord Galloway Paul Young
 Lady Galloway Eliza Langland
 Margaret Galloway Francesa Dymond
 O'Brien Robin Laing
 Director: Kirsteen Cameron
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.
WED 06:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mvd3y)
 3. Herbert in Motion 1/2
 A senior art gallery curator faces humiliation and disgrace - not to mention a prison sentence - when his part in a major art fraud looks about to be exposed.
 Read in two parts by James Bryce.
 From a collection of short stories by crime writer Ian Rankin.
 Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.
WED 07:00 Never Too Late (m001zm8v)
 Series 1
 Something To Celebrate
 Emily and Mildred plan a surprise birthday party for Hilda.
 Can Tommy keep the secret?
 Starring Thora Hird.
 Terry Gregson's sitcom about a group of highly-active pensioners, living life to the full.
 Hilda Springett ... Thora Hird
 Mildred Emmett ... Avis Bunnage
 Emily Holroyd ... Megs Jenkins
 Tommy Preston Joe Gladwin
 with Tom Mennard and Martyn Read
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1981.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxyr)
 Series 1
 The Idol
 Feeling tired of the Lad's big-headedness, Bill and Moira decide it's time to teach him a lesson.
 Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With:
 Moira Lister
 Bill Kerr
 Sidney James
 Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
 Music recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
 Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954
WED 08:00 Hazelbeach (b00853kb)
 Series 1
 Horse-Racing
 Ronnie organises a trip to the races and Nick makes a startling discovery about the true nature of friendship.
 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 Dougal
 Harry Simon Treves
 Andrea Liza Sadovy
 Producer: Marc Beeby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.
WED 08:30 Book of the Week (m0003z7z)
 The Nature of Spring by Jim Crumley
 3. An Island Pilgrimage
 In a series of poetic vignettes, nature writer Jim Crumley paints a captivating picture of Scotland's wilderness in spring and the joys of observing its abundant wildlife.
 In this episode, Jim visits the fertile small island of Lismore in Loch Linnhe.
 Abridged by Linda Cracknell.
 Read by Simon Tait.
 Producer: Bruce Young
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.
WED 08:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hfy0)
 Series 10: Things of Stone
 Part 3
 Magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast.
 The community comes together to rescue Emyln and Megan from the sinkhole that's swallowed half of The Druid's Rest.
 Diane Emma Sidi
 Emyln Ifan Huw Dafydd
 Gareth Richard Elis
 Megan Aimee Ffion Edwards
 Matty Siw Hughes
 The Ghost Owain Gwynn
 Written by Alan Harris.
 Series created by Meic Povey.
 Director: James Robinson
 A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.
WED 09:00 Tudor Owen: United Nations of Anglesey (m0013zpd)
 Episode 2
 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 gauchó 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-Jén 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 09:30 A British History in Weather (b07h2hyd)
 3. Wind
 Alexandra Harris tells the story of how the weather has written and painted itself into the cultural life of Britain.
 The blasted country - a windy island.
 "There was a proper gust, I remember, which sent dry leaves off across the pavement into shop doorways and blew back my hood. And something caught my eye as I looked up. Way above me in the grey sky, at the top of Chichester cathedral spire, there was a glint of light. It was the weathervane turning. It must just momentarily have caught the sun. And then there it was in distant silhouette again, with its big flat rooster tail. I'd never noticed it, and yet it had been up there all the time - up in the weather which goes on continuously, regardless of us, up there as well as down here in the street."
 Music by Jon Nicholls.
 Producer: Tim Dee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m001zm8x)
 Three in one - Trinity Sunday - The fellowship of the holy spirit
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Three in one - Trinity Sunday - The fellowship of the holy spirit
 Romans 8: 12-17 & 26-30
 Led by Jay Hulme
 Holy Spirit living breath of God
 St Martin's Voices
 Thou whose almighty word
 Cambrensis
 Abba Father
 Lou Fellingham
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0008xbd)
 Please Leave a Message after the Tone
 The voicemail is falling out of favour - and fast. It's increasingly seen as inefficient, impractical, even old-fashioned.
 Writer and broadcaster Oilly Mann charts its rise, fall and strange afterlife.
 As our communications move ever more towards email, text, DMs and the rest, the etiquette, culture and unique characteristics of the voicemail and answerphone message are under threat.
 As a podcaster, Oilly fascinated by the voicemail. Leaving a voicemail message is not about having a conversation, but it can be an imagined conversation. It can be a performance of sorts.

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024

While it may seem a relic of the late 20th Century, some of the biggest news events of this millennium have involved voicemails - including the phone hacking scandal where journalists broke into private messages and brought down the News of the World, and the 'Sachsgate' affair which started with an answering machine message. There are also a few surviving voicemails sent by victims of the 9/11 attacks. Oly explores how voicemails have given life to, and fed the plots of, films and TV shows and impacted on many genres of music, as well as documentary - and daily life. As more people ignore that red icon at the bottom corner of the phone screen, are these disembodied monologues worth saving?

Featuring:

* Cognitive neuroscientist, Professor Sophie Scott
* Audio producer, Davia Nelson

* Film critic for The Observer Simran Hans

* Tech journalist for Guardian US, Kari Paul,

* Trumpeter and music producer, Keyon Harrold.

A Voicemail Valentine extracts used with thanks to Phono Post Archive and Radio Diaries.

Portrait of an Artist as an Answering Machine was produced by The Kitchen Sisters (Davia Nelson and Nikki Silva) with Valerie Velardi.

Extracts from The Sonic Memorial Project were produced by The Kitchen Sisters (Nikki Silva and Davia Nelson).

Producer: Richard Ward

Archive Research: Thomas Rees

Mixing Engineer: Mike Woolley

Executive Producer: Russell Finch

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2019.

WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b010y0sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 11:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mvd3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

WED 12:00 Never Too Late (m001zm8v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 13:00 Hazelbeach (b00853kb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 13:30 Book of the Week (m0003z7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hfxq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

WED 14:00 Dilemma (b01qwgw)

Series 2

Episode 2

Sue Perkins sets moral and ethical posers for:

Josie Long

Owen Jones

Clare Grogan

Andrew Maxwell

This is the panel show posing finely-balanced dilemmas as Sue cross-examines their answers.

The panellists finely balanced dilemmas include a catering faux pas, putting a value on human life and/or robots, keeping the back yard tidy and hearing the patter of tiny feet.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

WED 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m001zm90)

Patrick Hamilton - The Slaves of Solitude

England, 1943. No end of the war is in sight, but into the world of rationing and austerity something vital begins to intrude for a group of lonely boarding house residents.

Strange voices in the blackout, strange uniforms in the pubs.

The Americans are taking over and beginning, dramatically, to affect the lives of vulnerable Miss Roach, that atrocious old bully Mr Thwaites, and the devious Miss Kugelmann.

Starring Gwen Watford as Miss Roach, Raymond Huntley as Mr Thwaites, Jill Bennett as Vicki Kugelmann and Peter Marinker as Dayton Pike.

Written by Patrick Hamilton.

Dramatised by William Fox.

Miss Roach Gwen Watford

Mr Thwaites Raymond Huntley

Lt Dayton Pike Peter Marinker

Vicki Kugelmann Jill Bennett

Mrs Barratt Joyce Carey

Miss Steele Lala Lloyd

Mrs Payne Yvonne Manners

Sheila Jenny Lee

Mr Prest Leonard Fenton

Lt Lummis Anthony Hyde

Maisie Lolly Cockerell

Jill / Hospital sister Diana Bishop

US Major / Ambulance driver John Church

Comedian's stooge Alexander John

Roger Stephen Garrick

Doctor John Bott

Director: John Cardy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

'The Slaves of Solitude' is part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hidden Treasures collection, selected from titles returned to the BBC by various collectors.

Our warm thanks go to the Radio Circle.

WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (m0008xbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

WED 17:00 Whodunnits (b010y0sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 17:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mvd3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

WED 18:00 Never Too Late (m001zm8v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 18:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

WED 19:00 Hazelbeach (b00853kb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

WED 19:30 Book of the Week (m0003z7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 19:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hfxq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

WED 20:00 Dilemma (b01qwgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

WED 20:30 Hidden Treasures (m001zm90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

WED 22:00 Tudor Owen: United Nations of Anglesey (m0013zpd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 22:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cfzrq)

Series 2

Episode 2

Tom tried to get into his mother's good books by helping out at her folk club, but soon finds himself in the doghouse when the band inside his head launch into a jazz number in the middle of her song.

In an attempt to make amends he tries to raise money for the church funds and finds himself taking part in a stand-up comedy competition...

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 De Vere

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 April 2003.

WED 23:00 Chain Reaction (b071vkw)

Series 11

2. Al Murray interviews Ian Hislop

Pub Landlord creator, Al Murray passes the baton to the comedian and satirist Ian Hislop.

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

After an early foray into stand-up 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 chat show and sitcom for Sky. Outside of the Pub Landlord, Al presents history documentaries - and in 2015 stood as a candidate for parliament against Nigel Farage in the UK General Election.

Al's guest Ian Hislop is much more used to the cut and thrust of British politics both as a long-standing team captain on BBC TV's 'Have I Got News for You' and as the editor of satirical magazine Private Eye. As a dedicated fan and student of history, he has made several acclaimed documentaries on wide-ranging subjects including conscientious objectors and The Beeching Report.

Al grills Ian on his early days writing for such comedians as Harry Enfield, asks how we should define the role of the satirist and poses the intriguing question, 'what's it like being sued?'

Producer: Richard Morris

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

WED 23:30 The Big Booth (b007k32y)

Series 2: The Big Booth Too

Episode 2

Boothy stays the night in a haunted Scottish castle.

More guitar-flavoured songs and surreal laughs from Boothy

Graffoe.

With:

Stephen Frost

Vivienne Soan

Big Al

Kevin Eldon

Special guest: singer-songwriter Robyn Hitchcock.

Written by Boothy Graffoe and Dave Thompson.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024

THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (m0008xbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Whodunnits (b010y0sr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mvd3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Never Too Late (m001zm8v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Hazelbeach (b00853kb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 Book of the Week (m0003z7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hfxq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 Dilemma (b01qwgw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Hidden Treasures (m001zm90)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Drama on 4 (m0009kic)

Red Earth, Red Sky

Based on a true story: 70 year old Paul had a dream in London where his sister, Evelyn, asked him to take her back to Agbor, their town of birth.

The next morning he received a call saying his sister had died in Lagos. Paul, a religious man, knew what he had to do.

Paul, and his niece Carol arrive in Lagos and are travelling along the Benin Bypass when the car is ambushed by masked armed men.

They are dragged out of the car and taken into the bush and held to ransom.

Written by Janice Okoh.

Paul Nonzo Anozie

Carol/Evelyn Joan Iyiola

Chinedu/Sunnyy Peter Bankole

Deborah Susan Aderin

Ovo Seun Shote

Franklyn Adam Courting

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2019.

THU 06:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mvqs6)

4. Herbert in Motion 2/2

A week of readings from a collection of short stories by the crime writer Ian Rankin.

A senior art gallery curator faces humiliation and disgrace - not to mention a prison sentence - when his part in a major art fraud looks about to be exposed.

But a personal connection to a painting makes the gallery curator rethink his options.

Read by James Bryce

Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 07:00 Patterson (m000m6c1)

Episode 1

How will Dr Andrew Patterson get on in his new university role in a rather unusual English department?

A comedy serial in eight parts by Malcolm Bradbury and Christopher Bigsby

Starring Lewis Fiander as Patterson with John Barron as the Vice-Chancellor.

Patterson: Lewis Fiander

Vice-Chancellor John Barron

Professor Misty Richard Vernon

Jane: Judy Parfitt

Melissa: Maureen Lipman

Cuthbertson: Richard O'Callaghan

Victor Hugh Thomas

Amy Spade: Maggie Steed

Probity Jack May

Mary Frances Jeater

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 1981.

THU 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jqh1)

Series 3

The Big Parade

Captain Mainwaring wants a parade mascot, so he decides his Home Guard platoon must catch one.

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

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

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

The Verger Edward Sinclair

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.

THU 08:00 The Break (b0b4ztdn)

Series 2

Monday on the Beach with George

Andy helps Jeff track down a vital document. Thanks to a rapacious seagull, the quest ends in a literal cliffhanger.

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
 Michael ... Mark Benton
 Corrine ... Alison Steadman
 Jeff ... Philip Jackson
 Andy ... Tom Palmer
 Sally ... Shobna Gulati
 With Rasmus Hardiker
 Producer: Gordon Kennedy
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.
THU 08:30 Book of the Week (m0003zd5)
 The Nature of Spring by Jim Crumley
 4. The Sanctuary
 In a series of poetic vignettes, nature writer Jim Crumley paints a captivating picture of Scotland's wilderness in spring and the joys of observing its abundant wildlife.
 In this episode, Jim goes in search of sandpipers, greenshanks and black-throated divers and imagines a land where wolves might roam free.
 Abridged by Linda Cracknell.
 Read by Simon Tait.
 Producer: Bruce Young
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.
THU 08:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hgh9)
 Series 10: Things of Stone
 Part 4
 Magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast.
 Gareth attempts to bring the village together with a pop-up poetry evening. While Emyln is lured back underground by a mysterious voice.
 Diane Emma Sidi
 Emyln Ifan Huw Dafydd
 Gareth Richard Elis
 Megan Aimee Ffion Edwards
 Matty Siw Hughes
 The Ghost Owain Gwynn
 Anwen Juno Robinson
 Written by Alan Harris.
 Series created by Meic Povey.
 Director: James Robinson
 A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.
THU 09:00 Unspeakable (m001wgvz)
 Ever had an emotion or sensation on the tip of your tongue, but you just can't find the word? Finally, here's the show for you. Stand-up Phil Wang and lexicographer and etymologist Susie Dent challenge guests to dream up new words for universal, shared concepts and experiences which have always lacked names. Until now!
 We've got our best people on the case. Linguists? Anthropologists? Nope. Comedians!
 Phil Wang and Susie Dent welcome guests putting forward a new word suggestion, hilariously picking apart each other's pitches. Unspeakable is a celebration of language and shared experiences and it's a cure for that relatable moment when we've lost for words.
 Hosts: Phil Wang and Susie Dent
 Guests: Stephen Fry, Laura Smyth and Maisie Adam
 Created by Joe Varley
 Writer: Matt Crosby
 Recorded by Jerry Peal
 Programme Associate: Andy Brown
 Producer: Jon Harvey
 Executive Producers: Joe Varley and Akash Lockman
 A Brown Bred production for BBC Radio 4
THU 09:30 A British History in Weather (b07b2kcs)
 4. Britain and the Sun
 Alexandra Harris tells the story of how the weather has written and painted itself into the cultural life of Britain.
 The Sun: a rare treat?
 "I kept a kind of weather diary during a hot spell last summer - the warm, basic ingredients from which summer days are made. There's the waking up already hot with a single sheet in a crumpled mess, and why does the traffic sound louder - oh yes, because the window's open behind the curtain. Best keep the curtains closed all day. So the house stays dark, and there's a white-green flash when you come back into it from brightness, before the eyes have adapted, as well as the swooning doziness of sitting at a desk again after half an hour in the sun. There's all the action in the street outside, people going to the park, hot children pulling scooters, hotter children crying, music from open car windows, wasps in the kitchen, a cloud of heat hovering half way up the stairs. In the evening the scent of lilac pools in the stillness; you can walk into it like a room."
 Music by Jon Nicholls.
 Producer: Tim Dee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m001zm96)
 Three in one - Trinity Sunday - Communion (Corpus Christi)
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Three in one - Trinity Sunday - Communion (Corpus Christi)
 Matthew 26: 16-30
 Led by Isabelle Hamley
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b0076dzt)
 GK Chesterton

Richard Ingrams nominates author and journalist GK Chesterton for regularly being right.
 The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life. Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life?
 Presented by Humphrey Carpenter
 Produced by Miles Warde
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.
THU 10:30 Soul Self Satisfaction: The Story Of Northern Soul (b0076v8l)
 The strange world of Northern Soul music first landed on British shores in the early 1960's.
 Writer and Cultural Historian CP Lee investigates.
 This movement instantly created an underground cultural phenomenon for teenagers who previously had nowhere to go. The Northern Soul scene was driven by a love of Black American Artists who had failed to make a success in the USA. Followers of the Northern Soul fraternity include the designer Wayne Hemingway, music Producer Ian Levine, DJ Jo Wallace, and lifelong soul boy Stuart Cosgrove.
 All of them describe their passion and experiences of Northern Soul music
 Producer:
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.
THU 11:00 Drama on 4 (m0009kcl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mvqs6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
THU 12:00 Patterson (m000m6c1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqh1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 13:00 The Break (b0b4ztdn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 13:30 Book of the Week (m0003zd5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hgh9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m000ykp3)
 Series 26
 Episode 3
 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 dolls, philosophers, tennis, and laughter.
 With:
 Lucy Porter
 Frankie Boyle
 Sally Phillips
 Neil Delamere
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.
THU 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m001zm99)
 Alan Ayckbourn - Absurd Person Singular
 Three couples meet on three separate Christmas Eves in their respective kitchens.
 The result is one of Alan Ayckbourn's funniest plays.
 There is, however, a sting in the tail and a dark undercurrent as the strains of the festive season and marriage take its toll.
 Ayckbourn is one of the most successful comedy writers in the theatre and this play - like most classic comedies - reveals not only his wit but also the wicked and dark observations behind his humour.
 Sidney Hopcroft Christopher Godwin
 Jane Hopcroft Jane Knowles
 Eva Jackson Frances Jeater
 Geoffrey Jackson John Rowe
 Ronald Brewster-Wright Stephen Murray
 Marion Brewster-Wright Judy Parfitt
 Dick Potter Leslie Heritage
 Lottie Potter Sheila Butler
 Director: Kay Patrick
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1977

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THU 22:00 Unspeakable (m001wgvz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b018fllw)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 There's a Riot going on... Topical!
 Join DS Nick Mohammed and co. as they tackle a full-on student protest complete with professional Sloane: Cordelia Jasmine Beatrice de Beatrice Grimes (as featured in IN BITS).
 Written by and starring Nick Mohammed.
 With:
 Anna Crilly
 Colin Hoult
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
THU 23:00 Clare in the Community (b01pp88x)
 Series 8
 On Expenses
 With society collapsing all around us Social Worker Clare Barker is appalled to be stuck indoors bean counting. But as Clare discovers anomalies in the Sparrowhawk Family Centre's expense claims will friendship and loyalty win over professional integrity?
 Sally Phillips stars as 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 her private life Clare is struggling to come to terms with Brian's infidelity. Will their relationship survive?
 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
 Nali Nina Conti
 Ray Richard Lumsden
 Helen Liza Tarbuck
 Simon Andrew Wincott
 Libby Sarah Kendall
 Paul Ben Crowe
 Mrs Manjula Bharti Patel
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.
THU 23:30 And the Winner Is... (b0105spy)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show - The Lucases - as selected by his guests.
 Awards include the Lucas for Most Annoying Nation of People, Biggest Sporting Disappointment and Least Effective TV Detective.
 Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:
 Kevin Bridges
 Jason Manford
 Lee Mack
 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 06:00 RD Wingfield - Cat and Mouse Game (m001znvt)

'Now' look here, Inspector, I'm not a patient man at the best of times. You've barged your way in here and you've made some impertinent remarks. If you're here on official business, get straight to the point. If not, then I must ask you to leave - now! When a wealthy woman goes missing, her husband is suspected of murder.

But who, exactly, is leading the investigation?
Starring Hugh Burden and Michael Kilgarriff.

A play for radio written by RD Wingfield.
Robinson Hugh Burden
John Crampton Michael Kilgarriff
Gerry Landers Jill Shilling
Arnold Wilfrid Carter
Mr James Douglas Blackwell
Ada Page Sheila Grant
Mr Dennett Leslie Heritage

Jones Nigel Havers
Producer: David H Godfrey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1971.

FRI 06:45 Ian Rankin - Beggars Banquet (b00mw69h)

5. The Hanged Man
A contract killer, Mort, wanders through the fairground in search of his victim, one of the minor attractions. He arrives at the table of Gypsy Rose Lee who invites him to have a reading or some healing - she is a psychic healer after all. He reluctantly agrees.

Read by Steven McNicoll.

From a collection of short stories by crime writer Ian Rankin.
Abridged and produced by David Jackson Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

FRI 07:00 The Older Woman (b021n6sq)

Series 1
Episode 3
Journalist Roy's plan to insinuate himself further into his old teacher Jane's good books gets a boost when she needs his help to save a tree.
But a major obstacle remains in the path of fulfilment, in the macho form of Chad Mann - Media Hero and Jane's current lover.

Starring Zoe Wanamaker and Martin Clunes.
Tony Bagley's romantic comedy drama serial with a twist.

Miss Callaghan.....Zoe Wanamaker
Roy Hitchcock.....Martin Clunes
Elsa.....Toyah Willcox
Mr Say.....David Troughton
Chad.....Nickey Henson
Wyn.....Sue Roderick
Dick.....Geoff McGivern
Mickey.....John Baddeley
Reporter.....Keith Drinkel
Host.....David Holt
Presenter.....Melanie Hudson
Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

FRI 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jrtv)

Series 4
Remember the Burkiss Way
It's the clash of the game shows! Jo Kendall, Chris Emmett, Fred Harris and Nigel Rees try to win the car.
Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1979.

FRI 08:00 Says on the Tin (b00gl50p)

Schokolade
Elliott finds nothing to laugh about while promoting a German chocolate called Laughing.
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
Zadie Joannah Tincey
Baz Inam Mirza
Mandelbrot Malcolm Tierney
Interpreter Gunnar Cauthery
Other parts played by Dan Starkey, Janice Acquah and Jonathan Tafler.

Producer: Liz Webb
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

FRI 08:30 Book of the Week (m000400g)

The Nature of Spring by Jim Crumley
5. Renaissance
In a series of poetic vignettes, nature writer Jim Crumley paints a captivating picture of Scotland's wilderness in spring and the joys of observing its abundant wildlife.

In this episode, Jim encounters sparrows, woodcock, greenfinches, and watches a pine marten cross paths with a vixen.

Abridged by Linda Cracknell.
Concluded by Simon Tait.

Producer: Bruce Young
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.
FRI 08:45 Curious Under the Stars (m000hhss)
Series 10: Things of Stone

Part 5
Magical drama set in Glan Don, a mysterious village perched on the wild Welsh coast.

The fate of The Druid's Rest hangs in the balance as Gareth and Diane must decide its future.

Diane Emma Sidi
Emlyn Ifan Huw Dafydd
Gareth Richard Ellis
Megan Aimee Ffion Edwards
Matty Siw Hughes

The Ghost Owain Gwynn
Anwen Juno Robinson
Written by Alan Harris.
Series created by Meic Povey.
Director: James Robinson
A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.

FRI 09:00 Michael Spicer: No Room (m001z7ff)

3. Green
Politics and food cause indigestion.
Michael Spicer whips up his 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 take downs 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 09:15 Michael Spicer: No Room (m001z7fg)

4. Purple
Train stations, cars and the secret to being a winner in life.
Comedian Michael Spicer's series 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.

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FRI 09:30 A British History in Weather (b07b2krc)

5. Punishing Weather
Alexandra Harris tells the story of how the weather has ingrained itself into our culture.

Punishing weather: do we deserve the weather we get?
Weather and time have often been twinned. They are linked by one word in Latin, tempus. "Quel temps fait-il?", ask the French. Proust's time regained is also the weather of memory revisited.

In English the connection is less clear because our word for weather is from Norse 'weder', but still there is a long and potent tradition of thought that links the passing of time with the mobile, changeful, ever-passing weather. In this tradition time and weather began together when Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden into an imperfect and impermanent world.
Music by Jon Nicholls.

Producer: Tim Dee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m001zmvw)

Worship and music led by Rev Owain Jones, Emeritus Minister of the United Church of Bute.

Theme: Grace, love and fellowship be with you all.
Reading: Mark 16: 15-20

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00763hf)

Series 2
In the Mood
Critic Alyn Supton and Glen Miller's trombonist Paul Tanner, reflect on the impact of the jitterbug super hit.

Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.
Producer: Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.
FRI 10:30 Great Aunt Mary's Tune (b0084ldp)
Mary Neal was a suffragette, social-worker, colleague and later adversary of Cecil Sharp during the great English Folk Dance revival at the start of the 20th century.

Lucy Neal goes in search of a home for the valuable archive of her once renowned great great aunt.

Readers:

Geraldine James
John Rowe

Producer: Beaty Rubens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.

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FRI 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m00199w7)

Series 12

Bangor University
Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from Bangor University take on their professors.
A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects Education, Film Studies and Zoology with Herpetology.
Contestants are asked questions about the Miracle at Cana to the sex life of Komodo Dragons. And you can play along to the well-known game, Name Five Famous Spaniards.
Producer: David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2022.

FRI 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m001znvy)

Daphne du Maurier - The Scapagoat 1956. Le Mans, the Chateau de St Gilles.
A chance encounter at a French railway station leads an English tourist into assuming the presence and personality of an enigmatic stranger.

Starring Hugh Burdon and Beatrix Lehmann.

Written by Daphne du Maurier.
Dramatised by Archie Campbell.

Jean de Gué/John, the narrator Hugh Burden
Gaston, a chauffeur/Maitre TalbertMichael Harbour

Paul de Gué Geoffrey Beevers
Renee, his wife Kate Binchy

Blanche, his sister Cecile Chevreau
Francoise Betty Huntley-Wright

Old Comtesse Beatrix Lehmann
Marie-Noel Elizabeth Proud

Julie Gladys Spencer
Bela Eva Stuart

Charlotte Betty Baskcomb
Hotel Patron/Police Commissaire/Marquis William Fox

Driver/Jacques/Dr Moutier Gerald Cross
Mercier/Bank Clerk/Dr Lebrun Douglas Blackwell

Barnmaid/Germaine/Nun Bridget McConnel
Director: Archie Campbell

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FRI 22:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00hg3gf)

Series 2

Episode 1

Laura reveals 1001 uses for peas, misses a meeting and shuns a caravan owner.
Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With:

Rosie Cavaliero

Ben Moor

Ben Willbond

Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by Holly Walsh and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

FRI 23:00 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b019chmt)

Series 3

Parents

Despite being close to his mum and dad, why does Adam

Bloom argue with them all the time?

Adam examines our attitudes to children and parents, as well as picking up a flute for the first time in years.

Heart-warming, funny and quixotic comedy.

Written by and starring Adam Bloom.

With:

Rob Rouse

Hattie Hayridge

Stefano Paolini

Bernie Bloom

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

FRI 23:30 TEZ Talks (b07pj2v3)

Series 1

Community

Comedian Tez Ilyas presents a show for everyone interested in – or interested in becoming – a British Muslim. Everything you need to know is here.

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 'Community'.

It seems from the news, all Muslims belong to the 'Muslim Community' – but what is this mysterious organisation? Who runs it? What does it do? And does Nadiya from Bake Off speak for them all? Tez gets to the bottom of it.

Blackburn-born Tez began performing comedy in 2010.

Producer: Sam Bryant

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.

FRI 23:45 Irish Micks and Legends (b01nq4j1)

Series 1

Tir Na Nog

Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram become Ais and Yaz and are the very best pals. They are taking their role as Ireland's freshest story-tellers to the British nation very seriously indeed but they 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 Yasmine Akram and Aisling Bea will bring you warm, modern re-workings of popular ancient Irish stories.

Today it's Tir Na Nog.

Written and performed by Aisling Bea and Yasmine Akram.

Producer: Raymond Lau

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.