

SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2024

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m00127bz)

Song To The Siren
"Long afloat in shipless oceans":
So begins 'Song To The Siren' whose lyrics were inspired by Homer's Odyssey and the story of the Sirens who lured unwitting sailors to their deaths on the rocks.
There is something so ancient and enchanting about the Siren that appeals to us.
For wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson listening to the song reinforced his belief that the eerie calls of seals at night, were in fact the original siren voices whose sound and shape convinced sailors that they were being called by strange mer-creatures.
His collaboration with poet Alec Finlay led to Chris recording two singers singing to each other across a bay in the North East of England "Here I am waiting to enfold you". Song To The Siren fills him with melancholy.
The image of lives lost at sea is one that Meg Bignell strongly associates with the song.

When a family friend drowned in the ocean surrounding her native Tasmania she was comforted by the version by This Mortal Coil and Elizabeth Fraser's haunting vocals.
Larry Beckett regrets the song's association with death as he intended the lyrics to tell a more hopeful story about love.
However Tim Buckley's death at 28 and the tragedy of his son Jeff's drowning in 1997 weigh Song To The Siren with a heavy sorrow that comforts those who have lost a loved one.
Former Olympic runner Anthony Famiglietti lost his childhood friend Rob in an accident when they were both 21.
Rob introduced Anthony to the music of John Frusciante whose version of Song To The Siren astounded him when he first heard it. It has a profound effect on him and it speaks to him of fathers and sons communicating across time and space, when one has passed on as in the case of Tim and Jeff Buckley, and Anthony's friend Rob and his father, the man who inspired Anthony's career as a runner.

When Director Zack Snyder lost his daughter he stopped working on his Justice League film but when he completed it four years on he wanted to include Song To The Siren.
Singer Rose Betts who recorded it for him explains how she immersed herself in the song to express the love, longing, grief and loss that it evokes.
Musician and singer Dominic Stichbury sets out the musical elements that make this such a simple yet devastatingly powerful song.

Producer: Maggie Ayre
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2021.
SAT 00:30 Carnival Queens (b00763pf)
Glamour, power and influence - all part of life as a Carnival Queen in Southend-on-Sea, Essex.
Queens may still have chaperones and celebrity status, but what is the appeal for the modern girl?
Sara Parker hears from queens past and present as they get together for this year's event.
Will the tradition survive for the another 75 years?
Presented and produced by Sara Parker.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 01:00 Prize Fighting (m0021nzz)
The judges of a prestigious international book prize meet on the day the winner is to be announced.
Tensions rise as they bicker over picking the winner. Then there's a knock on the door.
Detective Inspector Pearce announces that terrorists have planted a bomb under the Bank of England.
Unless their own, populist, choice of book is announced as winner, they will detonate it.
What are they going to do..?
Fantasy crime thriller written by Caroline and David Stafford
Sara Teck ... Helen Atkinson Wood
Helen Kinross ... Isla Blair
Clive Renshaw ... John Duttine
Inspector Gordon Pearce ... Roy Marsden
Sir Archie Northcote ... Geoffrey Palmer
Aki Demetriades ... Nadim Sawalha
Director Marc Jobst
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

SAT 01:45 The One About The Social Worker (b038jg0w)
Series 1
5. Confession
Liz makes a full confession. But it's harder than she expected.
It's an irony of child protection, that if you've been a social worker long enough to remove two children from a woman at birth, that means you may be the one constant in her life she can trust.
So when Tamsin tracks down her old social worker Liz for help, she doesn't care that Liz is on suspension and forbidden from talking to her. Or that Liz is the current hate figure of the national press, after the violent death of a child on her caseload.
Tamsin just wants help.
Should Liz ignore her? Or is time to break the rules?
Written by Martin Jameson.

Liz Beecham ... Claire Skinner
Tamsin Geraghty ... Lacey Turner
DCI Stuart Groves ... David Seddon
DS Miriam Ince ... Maria Teresa Creasey
DC Fletcher ... Michael Bertenshaw
Director: Jonquil Panting.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.

Details of help and support with child sexual abuse and violence is available from the BBC Action line here:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/22VVM5LPr3pYdKqctmMXn/information-and-support-sexual-abuse-and-violence>
SAT 02:00 Comedy Showcase (m0021nzz)
1. All My Life I've Wanted to Be Someone - Now Who Was It?
A group of scatty 20-something friends share a flat in London. Juby thinks the man from the lido might be the one, Beena will stop at nothing to advance her career and Ruth wants to take things further with Arnie but there's a problem...
One of four shows making up the Comedy Showcase series from the 90s.
Juby Finn Taylor
Ruth Claire Cox
Beena Natalie Walter
Customer Rachel Atkins
Studio Man Darren Boyd
Arnie Justin Salinger
John Frank McCusker
Other parts played by the cast.
Series Producer: Bill Dare
Producer: Stephen McCrum
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1998.

SAT 02:30 Share and Share Alike (m000mdnb)
The Strike
One of Jack's factory workmates is suspended for persistent absenteeism.
Jack is pressurised by the shop steward to do anything to get the Personnel Manager, his brother Lesley, to change his mind.
Even if it means crawling...
Starring Hugh Paddick and Michael Robbins.
Series written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles
Jack Burrows ... Michael Robbins
Lesley Burrows ... Hugh Paddick
Janet ... Elizabeth Morgan
Ron ... Denis Bond
MD, Mr Robertson ... Reginald Marsh
Shop Steward, George Fellowes ... George A Cooper
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1978.

SAT 03:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (b0b2kpm2)
Series 1
The Helpers
Malawian Comedian Daliso Chaponda continues his look at the relationship between the UK and Africa.
The UK and Africa have had a long a complicated past. This series looks at the history of this relationship and Daliso is our relationship guidance counsellor, helping us navigate the rocky historical waters between the two places.
A Malawian comedian who grew up all over the world, Daliso straddles cultural divides. He will help us all better understand how to sort out our differences. Or not...
In this episode, Daliso looks at charities and organisations who want to help the relationship.
Written and performed by Daliso Chaponda
The Other Guy ... James Quinn
Producer: Carl Cooper
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.
SAT 03:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gfsmh)
5. The Music Room and the Attic
Married life with a conductor husband and contemplating future resolutions.
Actress Dame Joanna Lumley, concludes her home-based autobiography
Producer: Liz Webb.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.
SAT 03:45 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jrx0)
5. News of a Beastly Baby
The peace of Sawston is disturbed by the latest news from Italy about Lilia.
EM Forster's deliciously witty story of English conventions founded by the romanticism of Italy.
Debut novel first published in 1905.
Dramatised by Penny Leicester.
Narrator Sian Thomas
Philip Jamie Bamber
Caroline Emilia Fox
Mrs Herriton Sara Kestelman
Harriet Deborah Findlay
Lilia Teresa Gallagher
Gino Tom George
Irma Imogen Hamilton-Jones
Director: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

SAT 04:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00jdp93)
Series 1
Episode 4
James Walton chairs the show that tests and tickles the knowledge of industry pundits and people passionate about pop.
Regulars Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by:
Actor Martin Freeman
Comedian, Stewart Lee
The panellists also reveal their favourite most bizarre musical moments.

Reader: Beth Chalmers
Written and researched by James Walton.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.
SAT 04:30 The Brothers (b00nn2hg)
Series 2
Episode 1
Michael becomes obsessed by the circus - and Nigel has a bizarre encounter with a Ted Hughes poem.
Return of the sitcom about the dysfunctional Burbage siblings.
Written by Caroline and David Stafford.
Nigel Burbage Adam Godley
Michael Burbage Ray Coulthard
Oonagh Pauline McLynn
Zorro Alex Lowe
Director: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

SAT 05:00 The Annunciation (b06hlnmk)
Are mysterious messages foretelling the Second Coming?
Graham and Myra are a childless couple in early middle-age, living a quiet, uninspiring life in a London suburb.
Until one day a series of curious events commence that make Myra begin to believe that she's been chosen for something special - by God.
Starring Michael Gambon and Eva Stuart.
Mystifying drama written by Geoffrey Parkinson.
Graham Michael Gambon
Myra Eva Stuart
Vicar Peter Howell
Doctor Peter Baldwin
Housekeeper Brenda Kaye
First Librarian Leonard Kenton
Second Librarian Josie Kydd
Director: Cherry Cookson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.

SAT 06:00 JB Priestley - An Inspector Calls (b007jvpp)
The Birling Family - successful Northern industrialists - are celebrating the engagement of their daughter Sheila to the son of a rival business family, Gerald Croft.
Then Inspector Goole calls by with news of the suicide of a young woman in the infirmary.
As the drama unfolds, the Inspector weeds out information that implicates each of the party as being somehow connected with the girl and - to a greater or lesser extent - responsible for her death....
JB Priestley's modern morality stage play - first performed in 1945.
Starring Bob Peck, John Woodvine and Maggie Steed.
Dramatised by John Foley.
Inspector Goole Bob Peck
Arthur Birling John Woodvine
Sybill Birling Maggie Steed
Sheila Birling Sara-Jane Holm
Gerald Croft David Antrobus
Edna Alison Pettitt
Director: Rosalyn Ward
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in August 1998.

SAT 07:30 Bog Child (Omnibus) (m000b748)
Episode 1
Fergus is out digging illegally for peat with his uncle.
Then he discovers the body of a child, who seems to have been murdered.
He tries to concentrate on revising for his A levels, as a means of escape from the 'insane' world around him: his brother on hunger-strike in prison, his growing feelings for Cora, his parents arguing over the Troubles, and being blackmailed into acting as a courier for the IRA.
A voice comes to him in his dreams and the story of the bog child unfolds.
Siobhan Dowd's award-winning novel is set in the summer,1980s, on the Northern Irish border during the Troubles.
Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes abridged by Sara Davies.
Mel Catherine Cusack
Read by Finian Garbutt.
Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.
SAT 08:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b039bbjz)
Series 2
The Hospital
Robb Wilton (1881 - 1957) was one of the most popular music hall and radio comics of the 1930s and 1940s.
Famed as an all-round pessimist - what would he have made of 1980s Britain: can he lend a medical hand?
Michael Williams stars as Robb Wilton - making as little sense out of life as he did 40 years before...
Written by Allen Sadder.
Producer: Brian Miller
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1988.

SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jp4q)
In the Picture
The bungling bureaucrats spark confusion in a moral crusade.
Stars Richard Murdoch and Deryck Guyler.
Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler
Lamb Richard Murdoch
Mildred Murfin Norma Ronald
Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddiley

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Other Roles John Graham
 'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in September 1974.
SAT 09:30 Brothers in Law (b007jrhv)
 Series 2
 Statistics
 Lawyer Roger has a bad day at the races, thanks to Joy's Uncle. Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was first published in 1955.
 Adapted for radio from Frank Muir & Denis Norden's BBC TV scripts by Richard Waring.
 Roger Thurstby Richard Briers
 Henry Blagrove Terence Alexander
 Sally Julia Lockwood
 Joy Bridget Armstrong
 Judge John Le Mesurier
 Trent Richard Wattis
 Commentator Malcolm Hayes
 With:
 Michael Kilgariff
 Producer: David Hatch.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1971.
SAT 10:00 Dr John Cooper Clarke: Complete Control (m0007k2h)
 3. Cowboys
 Dr John Cooper Clarke is back in your radio, taking Complete Control.
 The poet, rock star, radio DJ, comedian and cultural icon concludes his personal journey through the BBC Radio archives - as he heads for the Wild West.
 The last of three parts, featuring:
 * Brian Cox in the recent Western classic 'THE SHOOTIST', a drama so good that John admits "it was the only time I've stayed silent for an hour in my life".
 Producer: Luke Doran
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra - and first broadcast in November 2015.
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SAT 15:00 Dr John Cooper Clarke: Complete Control (m0007k2h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - The Lost World (m0021w28)
 2. The Edge of Terror
 **** This series was suggested by Hadrian Jeffs as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
 Professor Challenger is leading an expedition - determined to prove that dinosaurs are not extinct.
 Having reached the mysterious plateau in Brazil, he and his party now must tackle the perilous climb.
 What awaits them at the summit?
 Starring Francis de Wolff, Kevin McHugh, Gerald Harper and Carleton Hobbs.
 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic adventure, first published in 1912.
 Dramatised by Peggy Wells and Barry Campbell.
 Professor Challenger Francis de Wolff
 Edward Malone Kevin McHugh
 Lord John Roxton Gerald Harper
 Professor Summerlee Carleton Hobbs
 Gomez Ronald Faulkner
 Zombo Tommy Eyle
 Producer: Betty Davies
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1975.
 **** To nominate a programme from the archive that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk ****
SAT 16:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0021w2b)
 Danny Robbins
 Broadcaster, presenter and writer Danny Robbins inherits 'Ride On' by Christy Moore and passes on 'Nightrain' by Guns N' Roses.
SAT 17:00 JB Priestley - An Inspector Calls (b007jvpp)
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SAT 19:45 Robb Wilton: I Should Say So (b039bbjz)
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SAT 20:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jp4q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Brothers in Law (b007jrhv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Dr John Cooper Clarke: Complete Control (m0007k2h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m000yflx)
 Series 3

Episode 4
 Paul Sinha is an award-winning comedian, the reigning British Quiz Champion and also, according to the Radio Times, the UK's "funniest fund of forgotten facts".
 He's recounting the amazing true stories that lie behind fascinating nuggets of information.
 This episode is a race against the clock for Paul to present the virtual audience with an A-Z of facts.
 He gives them a letter, they give him a word, and he either gives them a fact or he just reads out the script he prepared for another word. Starting with A for Aubergine and Alligator, how far can he get before the twenty-eight minutes are up?
 Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
 Additional material by Oliver Levy.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A Lead Mojo/Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.
SAT 22:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b007jzvg)
 Series 1
 Fans
 Fans...who needs them? Well, pop stars, if they want to be, well, pop stars...
 Mitch Benn sets out on a musical journey through the showbiz glitz and backstage litter of pop music.
 With:
 Robert Ince
 Alfie Joey
 Tash Baylis
 Kirsty Newton
 Producer: Adam Bromley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0022512)
 Elf Lyons 1/1
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Elf Lyons.
SAT 23:00 What The Future? (b04p86jl)
 Series 1
 Cars
 Automatic vehicles are introduced into the country. At first, things are great. Drivetime radio becomes highly intellectual, children take to the roads and the driving test becomes dead, dead easy.
 Only Jeremy Clarkson has his doubts, which he expresses by feeding a driverless car to a bear, live on Top Gear. And he's right. Soon the cars gain sentience, reproduce and use roundabouts as giant nests. Then, they take over the world.
 Kirsty Wark presents a documentary from the future...
 Starring:
 Nadia Kamil
 Geoffrey McGivern
 Kieran Hogson
 Alistair McGowan
 Alice Scott-Gemmell
 Ivan Gonzalez
 Hannah Genesis
 Jane Slavin
 Shaun Mason.
 Recorded 30 years from now, What the Future plunges into the world of tomorrow and investigates how decisions and actions from today's headlining issues could have massive repercussions on our later lives.
 Written by Madeleine Brettingham, Steve Burge and Dale Shaw.
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.
SAT 23:30 Fred at The Stand (b099yjmp)
 Series 1
 MacDonald, Omotayo, Caulfield and Foot
 Fred MacAulay is back at The Stand Comedy Club in Edinburgh doing what he does best - making people laugh.
 The series brings another selection of some of the best of stand-up comedians working in the UK right now. Some you'll know and some you won't - yet.
 In this episode:
 * Jamie MacDonald jokes about his life as a blind comedian
 * Jo Caulfield bemoans relationships
 * Fummbi Omotayo tells us about his experiences with the police
 * Paul Foot... well, Paul Foot needs to be heard to be believed.
 Fred At The Stand is the closest thing your ears are going to get to an actual night in a comedy club.
 A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0021x12)
 Olympic Spirit
 Denise Lewis
 Olympic gold medalist Denise Lewis is castaway by Kirsty Young.
 Her discipline was the heptathlon and it was at the 2000 Sydney Olympics that she leapt, threw, sprinted and hurdled her way on to the winner's podium.
 An only child of a single mother, she says her mum had always had ambition for her - and was there to witness her success. She said: "Her face said it all, there were tears in her eyes and for me it felt like, yes mum, we've done it together".
 DISC ONE: Diana Ross - Ain't No Mountain High Enough
 DISC TWO: Bob Marley - Is this Love
 DISC THREE: a-ha - Take On Me
 DISC FOUR: Whitney Houston - One Moment in Time
 DISC FIVE: Lauryn Hill - To Zion
 DISC SIX: JLS - She Makes Me Wanna
 DISC SEVEN: India.Arie - Ready for Love
 DISC EIGHT: Mariah Carey - It's Like That
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: India.Arie - Ready for Love
 BOOK CHOICE: Oprah: An Autobiography - Oprah Winfrey
 LUXURY CHOICE: Sex and the City DVD box set
 Producer: Leanne Buckle
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mcxcs)
 Series 1
 The Dodo
 The Dodo is the caricature of extinction.
 This turkey-sized flightless pigeon lived on a remote island and was slaughtered by seafarers for its meat. The same fate has met other flightless species.
 Can we learn this lesson from history?
 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 September 2009.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m0021x15)
 Tongue and Talk - The Dialect Poets: Northumberland
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Tongue and Talk - The Dialect Poets: Northumberland with children's author Kirsty Mckay.
 When Kirsty returned home recently she was struck by how dialect and culture was being eroded by the encroachment of urbanisation and the influx of people moving into the area. Here Kirsty rediscovers the dialect poetry by listening to old tapes recorded by her late father. She says: "I found recording after recording of dialect poetry, often accompanied by local musicians, some recorded in late night lock-ins at local pubs or by the fire in the tiny cottage I'd known as a child."
 Kirsty sets out on an exploration of identity and the future of the Northumbrian language in the poetry of the Cheviot hills. Among the people she meets along the way are poet, musician and composer James Tait, retired shepherd Allan Wood and poet and historian Katrina Porteous. Kirsty also hears poetry from the children of Harbottle School and the entrants of The Morpeth Gathering.
 Meanwhile the case is made for Northumbrian as a language, not a dialect. It represents the remainder of Old English and is the grandmother of the Scottish language.
 Produced by Iain Mackness, Catherine Harvey and Ashley Byrne
 A Made in Manchester production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2018.
SUN 07:30 No Room for Secrets by Joanna Lumley (Omnibus) (m000vy0k)
 One of this country's best loved actors, Joanna Lumley, reads from her autobiography.
 She uses the theme of rooms in a house to separate different parts of her life.
 Omnibus of five episodes.
 * The Hall
 * The Drawing Room
 * The Kitchen
 * The Dressing Room
 * The Music Room and the Attic
 Producer: Liz Webb.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0021x17)
 Reece Shearsmith
 Inside No 9's Reece Shearsmith inherits 'White Christmas' by Darlene Love and passes on 'Tonight We Fly' by The Divine Comedy.
SUN 08:50 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (Omnibus) (b00fsbmd)
 Episode 1
 English prejudices clash with Italian passions when a young widow is sent abroad to avoid the clutches of a man.
 EM Forster's deliciously witty story of English conventions confounded by the romanticism of Italy.
 Debut novel first published in 1905.
 Omnibus of the first five of ten parts abridged by Penny

Leicester.
Narrator.....Sian Thomas
Lilia.....Teresa Gallagher
Kingerfrof.....Tom George
Philip.....Jamie Bamber
Caroline.....Emilia Fox
Mrs Herriton.....Sara Kestelman
Harriet.....Deborah Findlay
Director: Di Speirs
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
SUN 10:00 Home to Roost (m000h0qd)
Series 2
Television Problems
There's panic in the Wheeler household when the TV stops working.
How are they going to cope?
Starring Molly Sugden and Deryck Guyler.
Sitcom written by Anne Jones.
After 40 years working in the same office, William Wheeler has just retired and battles to adapt to his new life of leisure. His wife Olive, on the other hand, is trying to cope with him her feet all day, for the first time in their marriage.
William Wheeler Deryck Guyler
Olive Wheeler Mollie Sugden
Nev/TV Repairman John Baddeley
Kath Patricia Greene
Ange Ysanne Churchman
Jack Bailey/TV Repairman Norman Rossington
Theme music composed and played by Alex Walsh and his Band.
Producer: Trafford Whitelock.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1975 .
SUN 10:30 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000tvp0)
Fear of Driving
Confusion reigns over Leslie's driving and his prowess in the bedroom...
Starring Leslie Phillips.
Andrew Palmer's comedy about a former property tycoon who's fallen on hard times and is now chauffeur to his wealthy ex-wife.
Leslie Duggan Leslie Phillips
Caroline Duggan Jill Bennett
Claire/Moira Norma Ronald
Dave Michael Robbins
Heather April Walker
Dr Rogers Richard Davies
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1983.
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SUN 16:00 The Veldt by Ray Bradbury (m000fh8j)
Sci-fi from the BBC's deep archive.
A futuristic cautionary tale about the perils of smart technology, where danger prowls in the nursery...
Ray Bradbury's gripping story, first published in 1950.
Dramatised by Jack Pulman.
Lydia/Witch... Diana Olsson
George... John Cazabon
Peter... Jon Hewitt
Wendy/Grethel... Nina Ludlow
David... Bruce Wightman
Producer: Frederick Bradnum.
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1959.
SUN 16:30 The Twelve Maidens (m0021x19)
2. White Against Black
**** This series was suggested by Colin Ball and Steven Croote as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
Peter Brent and Margaret Govan are working on Biodar, a new form of radar which can pick up sentient life.
They are puzzled because Maiden Tor, a nearby hilltop crowned with a circle of stones - The Twelve Maidens - shows a complete blank on their Biodar screens.
Whilst investigating the location, they've made a gruesome discovery...
Starring Martin Jarvis and Patricia Gallimore.
A sci-fi serial for radio written by Stewart Farrar.
Peter Brent Martin Jarvis
Margaret Govan Patricia Gallimore
Sgt George Blake Sean Arnold
Dr Carl Ewing Haydn Jones
Joe Gurney Douglas Blackwell
Leader of the Black Coven Patrick Tull
Bridget Williams Eva Stuart

Donald Williams Fraser Kerr
Rex Andrews Antony Higginson
Susan Platt Margaret Robertson
Professor Philip Jessup Lewis Stringer
Producer: David H Godfrey
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Series 5
Bunny
Tim Key broadcasts live from deep within Skuzzler's Bell, a cave network in Austria.
It's the site of an infamous expedition made some 40-odd years ago by Tim's father.
But the water's rising, there's no obvious means to escape and in the darkness, someone is waiting to take revenge.
Written and presented by Tim Key.
Key Tim Key
Lord Tom Basden
Megan Katy Wix
Bunny Karl Johnson
Producer: James Robinson
A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2020.
SUN 22:30 The Simon Day Show (b0112ydl)
Series 1
Tommy Cockles
Comedy legend Tommy Cockles performs on stage, but is stunned to discover that manager Ron Bone has no idea who he is.
Simon Day and his characters welcome you to The Mallard, a small provincial theatre somewhere in the UK.
Each week one of them comes to perform - with highlights of that night's show plus all the backstage and front-of-house happenings.
Written by Simon Day and Felix Dexter.
Tommy Cockles Simon Day
Catherine Catherine Shepherd
Goose Felix Dexter
Ron Bone Simon Greenall
Producer: Colin Anderson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.
SUN 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00p2z8j)
Series 3
Episode 3
Meet a woman who is so completely useless that she's just been snapped up for a job in the government.
Plus Britain's most affable secret agent - and someone with a pretend hedgehog sanctuary.
Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's series of sketches, monologues and one-liners.
With:
Rosie Cavaliero
Ben Moor
Ben Willbond
Written by Laura Solon.
With additional material by Lydia Parker, Maureen Oakley, Jon Hunter and Holly Walsh.
Script Editor: Jeremy Dyson
Producer: Colin Anderson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.
SUN 23:30 The Party Party (b007jx3r)
Episode 4
It's 1993 and the Party Party - a party of the incredibly silly tendency - remains in Number 10.
The PM turns off an angry crowd, and turns on the telly to learn that the stock exchange is so low it's suicidal, and the retail index price has joined the Jehovah's Witnesses.
Sitcom written by Moray Hunter.
Starring:
Morwenna Banks
Hugh Laurie
Robin Driscoll
Robert Glenister
Clive Mantle
Producer: Jamie Rix
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1987.

MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

MON 00:00 The Veldt by Ray Bradbury (m000fh8j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 The Twelve Maidens (m0021x19)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0021x12)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mcxcs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m0021x15)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 No Room for Secrets by Joanna Lumley (Omnibus) (m000vy0k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0021x17)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]
MON 03:50 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (Omnibus) (b00fbsmd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Home to Roost (m000h0qd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000tvp0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b016916n)
Series 2
Little Boy Blue
PC George Dixon and PC Andy Crawford investigate a break-in at Dock Green's local pinball palace.
Is one-time bad boy Geoff back to his old ways?
Radio revival of BBC TV's famous copper, based at a London police station.
Starring David Calder and Hamish Clark.
Written for TV by Ted Willis and adapted for radio by Sue Rodwell
George Dixon David Calder
Andy Crawford Hamish Clark
Geoff Tom Lawrence
Annie Hayley Doherty
Benny Dan Winter
Tony Michael Carolan
Taffy Davies Matthew Thomas
Director: Viv Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b00pr3vn)
Agatha Christie - Towards Zero
1. Tensions
Against her better judgment, Lady Tresselian permits dashing Neville Strange and his wife to come to her house party at the same time as his ex-wife.
And sure enough, as soon as everyone arrives, the tensions are evident...
Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars Hugh Bonneville.
Dramatised in four parts by Joy Wilkinson.
Neville.....Hugh Bonneville
Lady Tresselian.....Marcia Warren
MacWhirter.....Tom Mannon
Audrey.....Claire Rushbrook
Mary.....Julia Ford
Kay.....Lizzy Watts
Latimer.....Joseph Kloska
Royde.....Stephen Hogan
Treves.....David Hargreaves
Umpire/Butler.....Philip Fox
Receptionist.....Annabelle Dowler
Porter.....Benjamin Askew
Director: Mary Peate
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.
MON 07:00 Anything Legal (b0088z2b)
Episode 5
Charles and George hire a secretary to boost their new business of offering anything legal...
Starring Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles.
A Tale of Two City Gents by Wally K Daly
Charles Donald Hewlett
George Michael Knowles
Belinda Bustron Sherrie Hewson
Job Applicant Helena Breck
Theme music by Jim Parker
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.
MON 07:30 Stop Messing About! (b00s0bj8)
Series 2
Episode 9
Changing the lodger - and is marriage all wedded bliss?
Starring:
Kenneth Williams
Hugh Paddick
Joan Sims
After the unexpected death of Kenneth Horne in 1969, plans for the next series of Round The Horne were axed. Instead - using an old catchphrase of Kenneth Williams as a series title - Kenneth joined Hugh Paddick to continue the comedy tradition and was also reunited with his "Carry On" film co-star Joan Sims.
Announcer: Douglas Smith
Written by Myles Rudge, David Cumming and Derek Collyer.
With the Max Harris Group.
Producer: John Simmonds

With:
Sue Perkins
Carrie Quinlan
Will Smith
Robin Ince
Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.
Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.
Devised and produced by Aled Evans.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.
TUE 14:30 Tickets Please (b00p1nm5)
Episode 3
Love among the train-staff on the 9.27 London to Exeter flourishes.
But with the unwelcome addition of Diana's amorous mum.
And why is her Dad squashing Carol's muffins?
Sitcom on rails by Mark Maier.
Robin Jeremy Swift
Nadine Alex Kelly
Peter Malcolm Tierney
Carl Nicholas Boulton
Carol Tessa Nicholson
Diana Melissa Advani
Linda Kate Layden
Keith Stephen Hogan
Producer: Peter Kavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.
TUE 15:00 Esther Waters (b01r51f0)
1. An Escape for Esther
Set against a background of gambling and horseracing; Esther Waters is a stirring tale of how a servant girl makes her way in Victorian England.
Forced to leave the home of her brutal stepfather, Esther takes a job as a maid at 'Woodview', a country estate owned by a nouveau riche racing family.
First published in 1894, George Moore's novel is dramatised in two parts by Sharon Oakes.
Esther Lyndsey Marshal
William Matthew McNulty
Sarah Joanne Froggatt
Mrs Rivers Joanne Froggatt
Leopold Hugh Simon
George Hugh Simon
Demon Stephen Hoyle
Peggy Lisa Brookes
Mrs Latch Melissa Jane Sinden
Mrs Barfield Melissa Jane Sinden
Anne Fiona Clarke
Mrs Spires Fiona Clarke
Esther's tale is a slice of Victorian life that is rarely shown; single parenting, wet nursing, divorce, gambling, and religious zealotry. Through her we discover exactly what it feels like to be poor and powerless. The book was banned until Gladstone revoked it, saying it was compassionate, moral and humane; and after that it became a best seller.
Celebrated author Colm Toibin championed Esther Waters as a neglected Classic for Radio 4's Open Book programme.
Director: Gary Brown
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
TUE 16:00 A Good Read (b08vyfql)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:30 China, Britain and the Nunzilla Conundrum (b00rbpb4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
TUE 17:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b016n8zj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Whodunnits (b00pxqz1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Greywing (m0021xkh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (m000hwrr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 19:00 Lobby Land (b092nrns)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 James Bond - On Her Majesty's Secret Service (b07b2sbd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 19:45 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jryd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
TUE 20:00 The Personality Test (b007sq67)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Tickets Please (b00p1nm5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
TUE 21:00 Esther Waters (b01r51f0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
TUE 22:00 Do Gooders (m0021qjk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
TUE 22:30 The Consultants (b007k3f3)
Series 1
Episode 4
The team wonder why so many men went to 'mow a meadow'?
Cerebral sketch show with the winners of 2002's Perrier Best Newcomer award.
Written by and starring:
Neil Edmond,
Justin Edwards
James Rawlings
Producer: Will Saunders
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

TUE 22:45 Warhorses of Letters (b0174gm8)
Series 1
Episode 4
More passionate letters from Copenhagen, the Duke of Wellington's horse, to his hero Marengo in this epistolary equine love story.
A story of two horses united by an uncommon passion, cruelly divided by a brutal conflict.
Frisky young racehorse Copenhagen is about to be the new mount for the Duke of Wellington.
Wars rage on as Copenhagen lives it up in Paris and Marengo tries to enjoy a quiet retirement.
Marengo Stephen Fry
Copenhagen Daniel Rigby
Narrator Tamsin Greig
Written by Robbie Hudson and Marie Phillips.
Director: Steven Canny
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0022514)
Zach Zucker 1/2
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Zach Zucker.
TUE 23:00 Clare in the Community (b03s754k)
Series 9
Driven to Extremes
Clare is facing a disciplinary tribunal after a seemingly straightforward job goes awry. Can she convince the panel of her professionalism? At home, Brian tries to cheer up a despondent Nali.
Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.
Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life
In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.
Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Nali Nina Conti
Mr Byrne Richard Lumsden
Ms Mellor Liza Tarbuck
Mr Plummer Andrew Wincott
Joan Sarah Thom
Hannah Alex Treagar
Dermott Arthur Hughes
Producer: Alexandra Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
TUE 23:30 Dave Podmore (b007tm7h)
Dave Podmore's World of Cricket
Episode 4
The star player joins a host of Z-list celebrities on a charity walk for mauled dog, Shep.
Sitcom about the exploits of talented, amateurish, smug, inept and self-deluding English cricketer Dave Podmore.
Christopher Douglas stars as Pod.
Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.
Dave Chris Douglas
Andy Andrew Nickolds
With:
Nicola Sanderson
Chris Pavlo
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.

WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2024

WED 00:00 A Good Read (b08vyfql)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 China, Britain and the Nunzilla Conundrum (b00rbpb4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b016n8zj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 Whodunnits (b00pxqz1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Greywing (m0021xkh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 02:30 The Goon Show (m000hwrr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:00 Lobby Land (b092nrns)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]
WED 03:30 James Bond - On Her Majesty's Secret Service (b07b2sbd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]
WED 03:45 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jryd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]
WED 04:00 The Personality Test (b007sq67)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:30 Tickets Please (b00p1nm5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

WED 05:00 Esther Waters (b01r51f0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b016q211)
Series 2
The Captain
A series of burglaries on empty houses bears all the trademarks of one of Dock Green's most colourful characters.
But is PC Andy Crawford a bit too keen to make an arrest?
Radio revival of BBC TV's famous copper, based at a London police station.
Starring David Calder and Hamish Clark.
Written for TV by Ted Willis and adapted for radio by Sue Rodwell
George Dixon David Calder
Andy Crawford Hamish Clark
Tom Carr Jonathan Gunning
The Captain Bill Wallis
Maurie Jonathan Tafler
Director: Viv Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.
WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b00q3kvy)
Agatha Christie - Towards Zero
3. Murder
Lady Tresselien is discovered murdered in her bed, leaving everyone in the house party very distressed.
Inspector Leach leads the investigation.
Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars Hugh Bonneville.
Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson.
Neville.....Hugh Bonneville
MacWhirter.....Tom Mannon
Audrey.....Claire Rushbrook
Kay.....Lizzy Watts
Royde.....Stephen Hogan
Inspector Leach.....Philip Fox
Latimer.....Joseph Kloska
Sergeant.....Matt Addis
Doctor Lazenby.....Benjamin Askew
Constable.....David Hargreaves
Director: Mary Peate
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.
WED 07:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075gh6)
1. Crisis
Martina's not sure if she wants to be a nun anymore, so she takes work with a catering company and soon lands in a crisis of epic proportions...
Six-part comedy series by Katie Hims.
Kingsley Mark Straker
Jimmy Gerard McDermott
Martina Catherine Harvey
Juan Jose Roger May
Mrs Olney Marlene Sidaway
Director: Cat Horn
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1999.
WED 07:30 The Missing Hancocks (b08jb9nq)
Series 3
The Crown Jewels
A re-creation of a missing classic episode of Hancock's Half Hour.
Also missing from the original 1955 episode was The Lad Himself, as Tony Hancock had absconded to Rome. He was replaced for the first three episodes of the series by The Goon Show's Harry Secombe. In this re-creation, Harry is replaced by his son Andy Secombe.
The Crown Jewels. As Hancock is absent, Bill is staying with Harry Secombe. Bill and Harry decide to show Andree, recently arrived from Paris, the sights of London but get caught up in Sid's plot to steal The Crown Jewels.
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Harry Secombe Andy Secombe
Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon
Sid James Simon Greenall
Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian
Andree Melly Suzy Kane
The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Galton & Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history. Sadly, twenty episodes of the show are missing from the BBC Archives. After two highly successful series, another five of those episodes have been lovingly re-created in the BBC Radio Theatre.
The classic Hancock score newly recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.
Producers: Ed Morrish and Neil Pearson
The original version was broadcast on the 26th April, 1955.
A BBC Studios production for Radio 4 first broadcast in March 2017.
WED 08:00 Tom Wrighlesworth's Hang-Ups (b03hwbrr)
Series 1
Out of Our Tree
Tom's father is engrossed in putting together the Wrighlesworth Family Tree which is leaving Tom's mother at a loose end.
Tom suggests she gets in a lodger for company.
It's time for Tom to ring his parents for a weekly check-in.
As the conversation unfolds, Tom takes time out to explain the situation, his parent's reactions plus anecdotes from the past illustrating his family's views.
So get underneath the skin of Tom and the Wrighlesworth family in a 30 minute totally legal bit of phone hacking.
Written by Tom Wrighlesworth and James Kettle.

comic novel about Pierre, a man too obsessed with celebrity trivia to pay attention to the disintegration of his own life. This time Pierre is pondering the minutiae of a social media post about Tess Daly's breakfast choices and gets carried away sending her a message about the delights of a tube of Refreshers from the hospital vending machine.

But Doctor Misra interrupts him with some very bad news about his mother.

Starring Alex Macqueen.
Producer: Gareth Edwards

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2017.
WED 23:45 The Pin (b06kgbqd)

Series 1
Episode 2
Join Alex and Ben in their weird twist on the double-act sketch show.

Strap in for a 15 minute delve in to a world of oddness performed in front of a live studio audience.

The Pin are an award-winning comedy duo, and legends of Edinburgh festival. They deconstruct the sketch form, in a show that exists somewhere between razor-sharp smartness and utterly joyous silliness.

After a sold-out run in Edinburgh, and a string of hilarious performances across BBC Radio 4 Extra, BBC 3, Channel 4, and Comedy Central, this is The Pin's debut solo show. For fans of Adam and Joe, Vic and Bob, and Fist of Fun - a show of absurd offerings from two lovable idiots.

Producer: Sam Bryant
First broadcast in Radio 4 in October 2015.

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2024

THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (m000kmw5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b016q211)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Whodunnits (b00q3kvy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 Bangers and Mash (b0075gh6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 The Missing Hancock (b08jb9nq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b03hwbr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 James Bond - On Her Majesty's Secret Service (b07b3c6d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jryt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b071j6yh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Two Doors Down (b0076gz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Esther Waters (b01r95hq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b016q57f)

Series 2
Andy Steps Up
PC Andy Crawford gets another chance to earn his stripes when some suspiciously priced tins of salmon turn up on Dock Green market.

Radio revival of BBC TV's famous copper, based at a London police station.

Starring David Calder and Hamish Clark.
Written for TV by Ted Willis and adapted for radio by Sue Rodwell.

George Dixon David Calder
Andy Crawford Hamish Clark
Duffy Shaun Prendergast
Mrs Jones Carol MacReady
DI Cherry Christian Rodska
Mary Crawford Charlie Brooks
Director: Viv Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.
THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b00qcjl3)

Agatha Christie - Towards Zero

4. Suspicion

Now Neville is in the clear, suspicion has turned on Audrey for the murder of Lady Tresselian.

But no-one can find her, and MacWhirter is convinced she's innocent...

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit.
Starring Hugh Bonneville.
Dramatised by Joy Wilkinson
Neville.....Hugh Bonneville
MacWhirter.....Tom Mannion
Audrey.....Claire Rushbrook
Mary.....Julia Ford
Latimer.....Joseph Kloska
Kay.....Lizzy Watts
Inspector Leach.....Philip Fox
Royde.....Stephen Hogan
Sergeant.....Matt Addis
Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.
THU 07:00 Our Man at Wembley (b00759xc)

Episode 4
Eric Halliday's vocal secret has been discovered by his arch-rival.
Can he avert disaster?
Starring Alistair McGowan.

Bill Matthews's four-part comedy series set in 1947.

Eric Halliday Alistair McGowan
Gordon McKay Jon Glover
Major Shaw Jones Jeremy Child
Michael John Salthouse
Dora Jane Whittenshaw
Alf Dax O'Callaghan
Chantal Melanie Hudson
Rex Charles Simpson

Other parts played by the cast.
Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.
THU 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jr8h)

Series 3
The Two and a Half Feathers
Corporal Jones fights back - as a new Home Guard platoon recruit rakes up their military past.

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
Private Walker Larry Martyn
Mr Clarke Michael Bates
Edna Avril Angers
Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1976.
THU 08:00 My Teenage Diary (m000jmtm)

Series 9
Julie Myerson
Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.

In this episode, writer Julie Myerson delves into the diaries of her most formative years.
Producer: Harriet Jaime

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2020.
THU 08:30 James Bond - On Her Majesty's Secret Service (b07bb72s)

4. Sir Hilary
Adopting a cover identity, 007 heads for Switzerland in search of the elusive Blofeld.

First published in 1963, this was Fleming's 11th Bond novel, sandwiched between 'The Spy Who Loved Me' and 'You Only Live Twice'. In movie terms, this was the sixth of the original Bond movie franchise with George Lazenby playing the hero and Diana Rigg as Tracy.

The reader, Joanna Lumley, had a small, unnamed role in the 1969 film of 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service', being simply referred to as 'The English Girl'.

Abridged in ten parts by Michael Bakewell.
Producer: David Benedictus

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.
THU 08:45 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jrzb)

9. Terrible Consequences
Philip admires Gino's love for his son, but Harriet has other plans which spark terrible consequences.

EM Forster's deliciously witty story of English conventions confounded by the romanticism of Italy.
Debut novel first published in 1905.
Dramatised by Penny Leicester.

Narrator Sian Thomas
Philip Jamie Bamber
Caroline Emilia Fox
Harriet Deborah Findlay
Director: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
THU 09:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m0021qpz)

Series 2
3. Is This Your Seat?
A man refuses to move seat, causing a moral crisis on board, in the comedy set in the claustrophobic carriages of a cross-country rail service. Starring Rosie Cavaliero and written by Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

When two American tourists attempt to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a Great British railway journey to York, Sam must negotiate with the bloke in their reserved seat who's refusing to move.

The Train at Platform 4 follows a long-suffering crew who manage to scrape through every shift like a dysfunctional family - Train Manager, Sam (Rosie Cavaliero; Inside No. 9) First Class Steward, Noel (Hugh Dennis; Outnumbered), and Trolley Operator Tash (Amy Gledhill; Alma's Not Normal). The passengers are made up of a rolling roster of guest stars.

Sam.... Rosie Cavaliero

Noel.... Hugh Dennis
Tash.... Amy Gledhill
Man.... Martin Trenaman
Mr McAllister.... Steve Punt
Mrs McAllister.... Gemma Arrowsmith
Written by....Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis
Producer... James Robinson

A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4
THU 09:30 Horse Story (b09v9p14)

4. Racehorses
Spies, bribes and poison. Horse racing has a long and varied history full of colourful characters, politics, scandal and fancy hats. Thoroughbred race horses can all be traced back to three original blood lines. Their descendants are at the centre of a sport and industry worth billions of pounds yet have, for centuries, been shrouded in mystery. What makes the perfect racehorse? Genes, training, jockeys?

As a former jockey from a horse racing family, Clare Balding is fascinated by thoroughbreds. She heads to Newmarket to meet a newborn racehorse foal at Stanley House Stud. Hopes are resting on this four-day-old that she will follow in her parents' purebred hoofsteps. Clare discusses her provenance, and the strict rules and specific techniques of thoroughbred breeding, with stud groom Marco Palozzi. In the paddock, she also meets champion Ouija Board and some of her many offspring.

Racing started as a training exercise to swell the ranks of the King's cavalry, developing as a gentleman's contest. Scandalous from the start, it was one of the earliest regulated sports. At the Museum of Horseracing and Sporting Art, Chris Garibaldi shows Clare intriguing artefacts from racing history. These include quasi-religious relics made of the hooves and hides of former winners. Champions of the track were also preserved as ashtrays and book binding.

Outside racing, sophisticated genetic breeding techniques are rapidly becoming the norm. Will the same happen inside the sport? Clare visits the renowned Newmarket Equine Hospital where director David Dugdale and surgeon Ian Wright discuss what veterinary science promises for racehorses of the future.
Producer: Lucy Dichmont

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2018.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m0021xws)

God's commands - Do not worry
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: God's commands - Do not worry
Luke 12: 8-12
Led by Sharon Grehnam Toze.

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00x95hm)

JB Priestley
Barry Cryer nods to his Yorkshire roots in choosing JB Priestley, the Bradford born author of 'The Good Companions and An Inspector Calls.

Barry knew JB for the last ten years of his life, and fondly recalls visiting a man he loved with two members of Monty Python. Other memories include a trip to the Cafe Royal, and thoughts on Priestley's notorious love of women.

Martin Wainwright, northern editor of the Guardian, presenter of last year's radio documentary about the Postscripts, also brings to life a prolific writer nearly killed in World War One. Some say he wrote so much to avoid the memories of that war. Recorded in front of an audience at the Arncliffe in Bristol, the programme includes colourful clips of JB Priestley and also Priestley's son, Tom.

The only discordant note is raised by presenter Matthew Parris: "It's awfully watchable, awfully readable, but where's the magic? Is Priestley really very good?"

From the Arncliffe arts centre in Bristol.
Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
THU 10:30 Who Was Bessie Head? (b0075mf)

Hugh Quarshie talks to those who knew one of Africa's most brilliant but troubled writers: Bessie Head.

To some she was a refugee, single parent, amateur gardener and internationally acclaimed writer. To others, a temperamental, isolated figure on the Botswana landscape.

Contributors:
Randolph Vigne
Patrick Van Rensburg
Gillian Eilerson
Dennis Brutus

Extracts read by Janice Acquah.
Presenter/Producer: Hugh Quarshie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1999.
THU 11:00 Dixon of Dock Green (b016q57f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b00qcjl3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Our Man at Wembley (b00759xc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jr8h)
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THU 13:00 My Teenage Diary (m000jmtm)
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THU 13:30 James Bond - On Her Majesty's Secret Service (b07bb72s)
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THU 13:45 EM Forster - Where Angels Fear to Tread (b007jrzb)

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Episode 5
The Jane Austen industry and car user manuals.
Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation
and nonsense.
Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright.
With:
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Ronni Ancona
Jon Culshaw
Lewis MacLeod
Sally Grace
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