

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m00187b3)

Ne Me Quitte Pas

Ne Me Quitte Pas is a song about begging someone not to go - and of promising the world to them, if they'll only stay.

From Haiti to New York, Provence to Glasgow - in versions by Nina Simone, Dusty Springfield and Scott Walker - we hear stories of what Jacques Brel's song has meant to people around the world.

With contributions from France Brel, Johane Celestin, Alastair Campbell, Brendan McGeever, Peter Hawkins and Malaika Kegode.

Producer: Mair Bosworth

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

SAT 00:30 Open the Box (b0075rhq)

Sara Parker meets those for whom the red telephone box is far more than somewhere to place a call.

Set against the relentless 24-hour story of the phone box's life - from late-night revellers calling for cabs to the clean-up teams that scour out the box ready for another day,

Producer: Simon Elmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

SAT 01:00 Castles in Spain (m0004xw1)

5. Death

'Whatever you think it is, bookseller, Terry copied pictures. End of story. Right?'

Will Forrest's death release bookseller Grahame Mayer from the business of tracking down Jock Cameron?

Starring Ray Brooks.

Conclusion of Edward Boyd's mystery thriller serial.

Grahame Mayer Ray Brooks

Coleman John Westbrook

Teresa Alexandra Mathie

Dr Lovat Roy Hanlon

Joseph Greig Cameron

Produced at BBC Scotland by Patrick Rayner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

SAT 01:30 P Division (b007jx62)

Condition Purple

2. Mystery

The police post-mortem has shown that prostitute, Stephanie Craigellachie had an 'I belong to Dino' tattoo.

But who is Dino and what did he have to do with her murder...?

Peter Turnbull's P Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.

Stars Martin Cochrane and Ralph Riach.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

DCI Donoghue Martin Cochrane

DS Ray Sussock Ralph Riach

Karen Gaylie Runciman

DC King John Buick

DC Montgomery Frank Gallagher

Tuesday Noon Alex McAvoy

Mr Keyes Robert Trotter

Mrs Olive Keyes Kay Gallie

WPC Elka Willems Ann Louise Ross

Dino Alexander Morton

Produced at BBC Glasgow by Hamish Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

SAT 02:00 Trapped (b0076h5p)

Series 1

A Boy in A Well

A local TV news team are desperate for a dramatic story to boost their ratings.

Pennine News Network needs a big story to go national and keep them all employed. So when 9-a year-old boy falls down a well - will he be trapped there long enough for the team to keep their jobs?

Starring Philip Jackson.

Six black comedies by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.

Stuart Philip Jackson

Mike Paul Copley

Becky Catherine Shepherd

MacFee Ralph Ineson

Mrs Pickery Catherine Tate

Trevor Chris Pavlo

Ben Paul Poplewell

Singer Daniel Maier

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

SAT 02:30 Doctor in the House (b007jsz4)

Anatomy

More hospital mayhem, as student medic Simon Sparrow struggles with dissecting bodies.

The misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow.

Starring Richard Briers.

Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Simon Sparrow Richard Briers

Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner

Tony Benskin Ray Cooney

Taffy Evans Edward Cast

Vera Norma Ronald

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

SAT 03:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000xtc1)

Series 1

Silver Badge

Things are taking off for our socially awkward and neurotic part-time comedian now he is a fully fledged internet sensation. Michael is asked to attend the Webber's Comedy Awards, but he is only needed to present an award, not to receive one. Even so, this is the first time Michael has been invited to such a prestigious industry event and wife Roberta insists he attends - as long as she can come too.

Roberta is more excited about the awards ceremony than Michael, as she spies a chance to network and create new opportunities for his burgeoning comedy career. And the stress of Michael's day job as a copywriter at a kitchen worktop company intensifies after an ominous corridor encounter with a new recruit.

As Michael's anxiety goes full throttle, even a call from 1920s cabaret star and war heroine Josephine Baker fails to calm his nerves and he gives the most explosive presentation speech in the history of the Webber's Comedy Awards. Or does he?

As Roberta attempts to become Michael's manager and thrust him into the limelight outside the social media where he has become successful, will he break through into television and radio?

It's only Episode Two so this is still in your hands. Listen to the show. He's been trying for 20 years with only cult success until now. So give it a sympathy listen, if nothing else. That would be good.

Written and performed by Michael Spicer.

With:

Ellie Taylor

Joanna Neary

Paterson Joseph

Susan Wokoma

Greig Johnson

Kiell Smith-Bynoe

Tara Flynn

Peter Curran

Producer: Matt Tiller

A Starstruck and Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2021.

SAT 03:30 Endell Street by Wendy Moore (m000jph0)

5. The Last Days

The final days of First World War hostilities approach, but it is "darkest before dawn."

Wendy Moore's account of the brilliant and courageous trailblazing women who set up three military hospitals during the First World War.

Louisa Garrett Anderson and Flora Murray were the two doctors who put their campaigning for women's suffrage to one side, so that they could turn their attention to the war wounded. They made their mark by setting up and running a hospital on Endell Street in the heart of London, where over the course of the war they treated 26,000 wounded soldiers.

However, when the war ended, their achievements were once again side-lined, and the story of Endell Street was forgotten. Abridged by Katrin Williams

Concluded by Jessica Raine

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2020.

SAT 03:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767g1)

5. Infidelity

Can Andrea and married Philip manage to keep their affair secret?

Stan Barstow's gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's.

Dramatised by his partner Diana Griffiths.

Agnes.....Naomi Radcliffe

Andrea.....Deborah Mcandrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

Landlord.....Geoff Hinsliff

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SAT 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m00138j0)

Series 2

Episode 1

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

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

The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as pigs, underwear, camels and sausages.

With:

Alan Davies

Lucy Porter

Lou Sanders

Justin Edwards

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

SAT 04:30 All the Young Dudes (b00cgyjs)

Series 1

School's Out

Having moved back to London, Patrick is still looking for a teaching post and tries for a job at his old school.

An unexpected voice from the past leaves him feeling cold...

The lives of Patrick and wife Helen as they settle back into the town where he was born.

Comedy drama written by and starring Jim Sweeney.

Patrick Jim Sweeney

Helen: Cathryn Harrison

Billy Steve Steen

Joe Stephen Frost

Moirá Sadie Shimmin

Maria Flaminia Cinque

Charlie Izzy De Rosario

Mr Martin Geoffrey Whitehead

Announcer: Whispering Bob Harris

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

SAT 05:00 Rodney Stone by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (m000gvjz)

Episode 4

Rodney Stone and his friend Jim, two young lads from the country, find themselves drawn into the racy, colourful but dangerous world of boxing and gambling, and become involved in a series of exciting adventures set in an England where the Prince Regent is all but King and Lord Nelson all but God.

Sir Charles and Rodney rush to meet Jim Harrison to find out what prevented him from fighting Wilson. Stars Sean Arnold. Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and first published in 1896, it is dramatised for radio in 4 parts by Constance Cox.

Rodney Stone ... Sean Arnold

Jim Harrison ... Stuart Organ

Champ Harrison ... Henry Stamper

Mrs Harrison Charlotte Mitchell

Sir Charles Tregellis ... John Rye

Lord AvonTerence Morgan

Miss Hinton ... Jill Balcon

Anson Stone ...Peter Woodthorpe

Mrs Stone Jean Trend

Sir Lothian HumeNigel Graham

Ambrose Michael Bilton

Sir James Ovington/1st Officer.... Peter Tuddenham

2nd Officer David Gooderson

Directed by David Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1983.

SAT 06:00 The Double Gallant (m002541q)

Atall takes two names to woo three ladies, while Lady Dainty looks for a cure.

The Double Gallant or The Sick Lady's Cure

A farcical comedy by Colley Cibber and others*

First produced at the Queens Theatre on London's Haymarket, November 1st, 1707

Starring Fenella Fielding, John Westbrook, June Tobin and Jane Wenham.

Cast in order of appearance:

Prologue / Sir Henry Atall.... Austin Trevor

Atall Timothy West

Tom Clerimint John Westbrook

Careless Peter Pratt

Sir Solomon Sadlife Hamlyn Benson

Supple, His Man / Mr Rhubarb Lewis Stringer

Clarinda, niece to Sir Solomon June Tobin

Sylvia, her cousin Jane Wenham

Wishwell, Lady Sadlife's Woman Hilda Kriseman

Lady Sadlife Janet Burnell

Lady Dainty Fenella Fielding

Situp, her woman Dorit Welles

Caesar / An Indian / Finder, man to Atall Jonathan Scott

Pompey / An American Birdman David Valla

The Chinawoman Stan Davies

Doctor Blister / Mr Lockum, the Queen's messenger.... Kenneth Hyde

Old Mr Wilful George Merritt

Music composed and conducted by Christopher Whelen.

Music played by a section of the New Symphony Orchestra

Harpichord: Lionel Salter

Adapted for radio and produced by Raymond Raikes

First broadcast on the BBC Third Programme in October 1962.

* The Double Gallant (1707) was constructed from Burnaby's

The Reformed Wife (1700) and The Lady's Visiting Day

(1701) and Centlivre's Love at a Venture (1706).

SAT 07:36 Parcel Arrived Safely: Tied With String (Omnibus) (m0013qzv)

From Frank Spencer-like moments at the births of his daughters to the tribulations and ultimate triumph of starring in 'The Phantom of The Opera'.

Michael Crawford CBE reads his autobiography.

Celebrated for his roles as the hapless Frank Spencer in the BBC TV sitcom, Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - and as the man in the mask in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, The Phantom of the Opera - Michael is one of Britain's best loved entertainers.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Pat McLoughlin.

Producer: Penny Leicester

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.

SAT 08:45 Alan Coren - Core Coren (b007jrph)

3. Away From It All

The humourist, writer and broadcaster muses on travelling and considers acting lessons for consoling in holiday snaps.

Alan Coren's book 'A Bit on the Side' was first published in 1996.

Abridged and read by the author.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b017gzgl)

All Change

Struggling with the new metric system - will the dopey duo measure up in fancy new jobs?

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government

departments.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler

Lamb Richard Murdoch

Mildred Murfin Norma Ronald

Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddley

'Creepy' Crawley 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 July 1975.

SAT 09:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m002541s)

Episode 5

Eric and Ernie discuss holidays before reimagining a classic search for lost treasure.

Starring Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise

A radio romp written by Eric Merriman.

With:

Elaine Taylor

Peter Hawkins.

Music from:

Anita Harris

The Mike Sammes Singers

Burt Rhodes and his Orchestra

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on BBC Light Programme in August 1966.

SAT 10:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000n0kq)

1. A Cad and a Bounder

Public Historian Greg Jenner embarks on an Arthurian quest to find out how comedy writers make history funny.

Greg is the Historical Consultant to all eight TV series of CBBC's Emmy and multiple BAFTA award-winning Horrible Histories.

In short, he is both a nerd and a comedy nerd.

In the first of three programmes, Greg grapples with the big questions over accuracy and ethics

With the help of:

* Comedian-turned-classicist Natalie Haynes

* 'Horrible Histories' Head Writer Ben Ward

* 'Austentatious' improvisers Cariad Lloyd and Andrew Hunter-Murray.

Featured programme:

'AUSTENTATIOUS: A Cad and a Bounder' [BBC Radio 4 18/06/2017]

Producer: Anne-Marie Luff

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February 2019.

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SAT 16:00 Stanislaw Lem - Solaris (b00pf12m)

1. Trouble in Space

A psychologist is sent to a rundown space station to find out what has happened to its crew.

When his long-dead young wife turns up, he suddenly finds himself in serious trouble.

Stanislaw Lem's modern sci-fi classic, first published in 1961.

Dramatised in two parts by Hattie Naylor.

Kris Ron Cook

Rheya Joanne Froggatt

Sartoris Stuart Rickman

Snow Tim McMullan

Woman Maxine Burth

Music by Alice Trueman

Sound Design: Steve Brooke

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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SAT 20:00 The Men from the Ministry (b017gzgl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m002541s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000n0kq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Angstrom (b09nxsx4)

Series 1

Into the Mad Mind of Madness

Matthew Holness stars as Knut Ångström, a brooding, alcoholic, maverick Swedish detective from the tough streets of Oslo.

Scandinavian detective yarn adapted from the bestselling Ångström trilogy by Martin English (writing as Bjorgen Swedenssonsson).

Following the death of his wife, Ångström is posted to the Njalsland peninsula where he becomes embroiled in a labyrinthine murder (or possibly not-murder) case which bears an eerie similarity to the Askeladden killings - a case from his distant past.

A clue left by the killer now leads Ångström and Mina to the Schmilsson novelty troll factory, where Ångström's brooding threatens to get out of control.

Written by Joel Morris and Jason Hazeley.

Knut Ångström Matthew Holness

Nina Oblong Nadia Kamel

Narrator Simon Kane

Also starring:

Kevin Eldon

Freya Parker

David Reed

Anna Crilly

The writers have also written the Ladybird Books for Grown Ups, Charlie Brooker's Wipe, That Mitchell and Webb Look and A Touch of Cloth.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2018.

SAT 22:30 The Secret World (b03mj1yd)

Series 4

Episode 6

Peter Sallis lays down a track for Lady Gaga's new album.

Chancellor Merkel plays 'snog marry avoid' and Ed Miliband learns to boogie.

It can only be the strange goings on in the show that shines a light on the private lives of public people.

With:

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Jon Culshaw

Julian Dutton

Lewis MacLeod

Jess Robinson

Duncan Wisbey

Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton and Duncan Wisbey.

Produced and created by Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00255ce)

Michael Cumming 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus more from Jake Yapp's chat with Brass Eye director Michael Cumming.

SAT 23:00 Innes Own World (b0178mxy)

Episode 2

A radio programme that takes you inside Neil Innes's head and doesn't let you out for half an hour.

Featuring "The Breakfast Things", Neil's own version of The Today Programme, broadcast from his kitchen table.

Written and performed by Neil Innes.

Script Editor: John Dowie

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

SAT 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b007k4h5)

Series 1

Episode 3

When a new coroner arrives, Ruth wants him to send her the most interesting autopsy cases.

Laurence Howarth's sitcom set in the fascinating, but misunderstood world of the pathology lab.

Dr Anthony Webster Peter Davison

Dr Ruth Anderson Tracy-Ann Oberman

Professor Donaldson Geoffrey Whitehead

Gordon Tom Price

Chloe Marianne Levy

Simon Gus Brown

Daniel Kasper Laurence Howarth

With:

Stephen Critchlow

Beth Chalmers

Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002541v)

Booker Prize Castaways

Arundhati Roy

Writer, Arundhati Roy is castaway by Kirsty Young.

Arundhati won the Booker Prize for her first novel, *The God of Small Things*, which has been translated into 40 languages and became the best-selling book ever by a non-expatriate Indian. After a gap of 20 years, her second novel was published in 2017.

Brought up in Kerala, her Syrian Christian mother left her marriage when her children were young and set up a small school where Arundhati and her brother were educated. Raised to be independent, aged 16, Arundhati left home to study architecture in Delhi before being introduced to the film world by her second husband.

Since the publication of *The God of Small Things* in 1997, she has continued to write non-fiction, using her influence here to focus on tackling injustice.

She has campaigned against India's nuclear programme, dam-building, globalisation, religious intolerance and the inequality of Indian society.

DISC ONE: The Beatles - While My Guitar Gently Weeps

DISC TWO: Martin Taylor's Spirit of Django - Hi Lily, Hi Lo

DISC THREE: Paul Robeson - Ol' Man River

DISC FOUR: The Rolling Stones - Ruby Tuesday

DISC FIVE: Janis Joplin - Summertime

DISC SIX: Bhungar Khan - Jhatke Aaayo Chomasho

DISC SEVEN: Bhimsen Joshi - Raga Chhaya-Chhaya Malhar

DISC EIGHT: Leonard Cohen - Winter Lady

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Bhimsen Joshi - Raga Chhaya-Chhaya Malhar

BOOK CHOICE: Hope Against Hope by Nadezhda

Mandelstam

LUXURY CHOICE: A Ratol Mango Tree

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yz55m)

Series 2

Charnia

David Attenborough has always been fascinated by fossils; even as a boy he'd spend many hours exploring the local quarry near his home in Leicestershire.

Near his family home was a forest which he visited frequently, but didn't hunt for fossils there because he knew the rocks were too old to have any postcards of early life embedded in their layers.

But he was wrong - those rocks harboured a wonderful secret - a secret that would rattle the cages of the big thinkers of the time and would change the story of life on earth for ever.

Written and presented by Sir David Attenborough.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002541x)

In The Studio - Ocean Vuong: Becoming Briefly Gorgeous

Poet Daljit Nagra selects In The Studio - Ocean Vuong:

Becoming Briefly Gorgeous

This features the young Vietnamese writer who has been called "one of our most gifted poets".

Ocean came to public attention when his poetry collection

"Night Sky With Exit Wounds" was showered with awards. His first novel "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous" followed and has also been critically acclaimed.

Ocean's work often mirrors his own experience as an immigrant. He was born in Saigon, Vietnam but at a young age he and members of his family left Vietnam, as refugees for the United States.

After attempting a degree in business, Ocean found his true vocation as a writer and now divides his time between creating new work and teaching university students.

Oonagh Cousins talks to Ocean about the way he creates his work, how ideas and images come to him and the importance of being uncomfortable when he's writing.

Producer: Emma Kingsley

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2020.

* Plus Daljit reads a poem from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month - Battery Rocks by Katrina Naomi.

SUN 07:30 Endell Street by Wendy Moore (Omnibus) (m002541z)

Wendy Moore's account of the trailblazing women who set up three military hospitals during the First World War.

This is her tribute to their brilliant and courageous work.

Louisa Garrett Anderson and Flora Murray were the two pioneering doctors who temporarily put to one side their campaigning for Votes for Women, so that they could turn their attention to the casualties of war.

They made their mark by setting up and running a military hospital on Endell Street in the heart of London, where over the course of the war they treated 26,000 wounded soldiers.

Anderson and Murray demonstrated, along with their staff of women surgeons, nurses and orderlies, that they were supremely capable in so many fields of medicine, but when the war ended, their achievements were once again side-lined, and the story of Endell Street forgotten.

Omnibus of five-parts abridged by Katrin Williams.

Read by Jessica Raine.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2020.

SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0025421)

Celia Inrie

Actor and author Celia Imrie selects 'You Know What I Mean' by Jeff Beck and 'Merville' by Jean-Louis Aubert.
SUN 08:50 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (Omnibus) (b06z87jb)

Episode 1

Andrea meets Philip, a married man.

The warnings are all about lust, but tenderness is the real enemy.

Stan Barstow's gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts.

Dramatised by his partner Diana Griffiths.

Andrea Deborah McAndrew

Philip Robert Glenister

Tom David Calder

George John Griffin

Julie Naomi Radcliffe

Mrs Warner Daryl Fishwick

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast in on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SUN 10:00 Beyond Our Ken (b007jqx6)

From 29/07/1958

Kenneth Horne turns journalist for a women's magazine - and Hornerama probes the English.

A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took

Starring:

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Ron Moody

Music from Pat Lancaster, the Malcolm Mitchell Trio and the BBC Review Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Announcer: Douglas Smith

Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.

The precursor to 'Round The Horne' - sadly only 13 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 1. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1958.

SUN 10:30 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m0025423)

Series 2

The Holiday Camp Skulls

The dear ladies hear of plans for a new holiday camp.

Starring Dr Evadne Hinge and her lifelong companion Dame Hilda Brackett.

Brought to you from the genteel setting of the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressel, where the musical duo reside.

Written by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.

Dame Hilda Brackett Patrick Fyffe

Dr Evadne Hinge George Logan

Maud Daphne Heard

Teddy Tranter John Savident

Constable Bolsover Herbert Smith

Three series ran on BBC Radio 4 between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on BBC Radio 2 until 1990.

In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.

Produced at BBC Manchester by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1978.

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SUN 16:00 The Man in Black (b00yhs8p)

Series 3

Connect by Lucy Moore

Helpline volunteer Rosie receives a series of strange calls from a sinister person raking up her past...

The Man in Black is back to introduce Lucy Moore's chilling tale that may make you think twice before picking up the phone...

Mark Gatiss stars as the sinister raconteur,

Rosie Claire Harry

Mike Iain Batchelor

The Demon Eliza Caitlin Parkes

Sam Lloyd Thomas

Liz Leah Brotherhood

The Volunteer Deeviya Meir

More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.

Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Abigail le Fleming

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.

SUN 16:30 Weird Tales (b00vknmp)

Series 2

Connected by Melissa Murray

Hoarder of horror, HP Lovecraft is back!

When her brother-in-law is killed in a car crash, Steph is overcome with sadness.

One day, feeling maudlin, she rings his mobile number. She just wants to hear his voice really.

The next day he rings her back...

Weird chilling tale written by Melissa Murray

Lovecraft Stephen Hogan

Steph Fiona Glascott

Ray Joseph Kloska

Jamie Piers Wehner

Mother Kate Layden

Jan Melissa Advani

Passenger Ewan Hooper

Shop Assistant Rhys Jennings

Passer-by John Biggins

Estate Agent Tessa Nicholson

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

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SUN 21:00 Beyond Our Ken (b007jqx6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:30 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m0025423)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 What's Funny About ... (m000j35w)

The Vicar Of Dibley - with Dawn French & Richard Curtis

TV veterans Peter Fincham and Jon Plowman talk to the

writers, producers and performers behind Britain's biggest TV

comedy hits, and hear the inside story of how they brought their

programmes to the screen.

In this episode, Dawn French and Richard Curtis discuss their

much-loved sitcom 'The Vicar of Dibley'.

They explain how to make a fundamentally nice character

funny, ponder Richard's curious appetite for writing quite so

many weddings, and Dawn's strangest ever Vicar of Dibley gig.

With Peter and Jon as our guides, discover how Dawn and

Richard went about making a great bit of TV comedy.

Who came up with it?

How did it get written?

Plus, backstage secrets straight from the horse's mouth, with the

unvarnished truth from the people who were there, and who put

these iconic shows on the telly.

Producer: Owen Braben

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Expectation Productions.

Reversioned for BBC Radio 4 in July 2021.

SUN 22:30 1966 and All That (b0100q4y)

The 1920s and 30s

King George utters some unmemorable last words.

DH Lawrence of Arabia writes Lady Chatterbox's Llama.

And John Yogi Bear discovers the BBC, but finds there's not

much on...

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain begins in the 1920s

and 1930s.

With:

Joss Ackland

Eleanor Bron

Rory Bremner

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

John Humphrys

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

SUN 23:00 Life With Lederer (m001jt0r)

Series 2

The Company

With so much talk about the recession, Helen decides it's time

to set-up her own company!

Helen Lederer returns with more of her recipes for coping with

life

Written by and starring Helen Lederer.

With:

Malcolm Raeburn

Christopher Campbell

Victoria Finney

Sandra Maitland

Produced at BBC Manchester by Paul Z Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

SUN 23:15 Where to, Mate? (m000j2sq)

Series 1

"...Walt Disney has a sister...?"

Follow taxi drivers Bernie and Ben as we eavesdrop on their

journeys around North West England.

Starring Peter Slater and Jo Enright.

In this opening episode, Bernie picks up Milton and they strike

up a friendship. Ben picks up a healer who tries to help him

against his will.

A semi-improvised comedy set and recorded on location in a

car in Manchester.

Based on ideas by Jason Wingard and Carl Cooper.

Ben was the first driver to work at the firm and he's seen it all.

He likes 80s movies and arguing about nothing, but tries to help

passengers out with their problems whenever he can.

Bernie has left her husband in Birmingham and escaped to

Manchester to work as the only female driver at All Star Cars.

She didn't get out on her own much before she got this job, but

she's making up for it now.

Featuring local voices and character actors/comedians from the

North.

Ben Peter Slater

Bernie Jo Enright

Milton Christopher J Hall

The Healer Lisa Moore

Saj Abdullah Afzal

Controller Jason Wingard

Controller Abdullah Afzal

Additional voices and material by the cast and crew.

With additional material and production support by Hannah

Stevenson.

Director: Jason Wingard

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in May 2020.

SUN 23:30 The Absolutely Radio Show (b08xzcvk)

Series 2

Episode 4

It's a fractious Stoneybridge Town Council meeting where

there's controversy even when there's no agenda.

The Little Girl gives her take on US politics, Frank Hovis

reveals how he met his wife and the Commissaire explains

how to manage a border wall between countries.

Calum Gilhooley makes a mountain out of buying a cup of

coffee and Gwynedd shocks Denzil when she reveals her new

beachwear - a beaver skin furkini.

The team look at the rise of mobile phone zombies and there's a

song about the pitfalls of being a self help junkie, while ageing

rockers Joe and Davie try to resurrect the old magic in the

recording studio.

The cast of TV's hugely popular sketch show revisit some of

their much-loved sketch characters, while also introducing some

newcomers to the show.

Starring:

Peter Baikie

Morwenna Banks

Moray Hunter

Gordon Kennedy

John Sparkes

Gus Beattie

In 2013, the group that made their name on Channel Four in the

1980s and 90s got back together for BBC Radio 4's

Sketchorama: Absolutely Special - which won the BBC Audio

Drama Award for Best Live Scripted Comedy.

Producers: Gordon Kennedy & Gus Beattie

An Absolutely/Gusman production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in July 2017.

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2024

MON 00:00 The Man in Black (b00yhs8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Weird Tales (b00vknmp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002541v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yz55m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002541x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Endell Street by Wendy Moore (Omnibus) (m002541z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0025421)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (Omnibus) (b06z87jb)

Lady in a Fog

1. Presenting Philip Odell

Philip Odell is a hard-nosed Irish-American private eye, who worked for the American secret service during the Second World War.

When his friend Heather O'Mara reveals her brother has been killed, she asks him to investigate.

With London under a thick pea soup fog, his probe begins...

Starring Robert Beatty.

Vintage thriller serial by Lester Powell in eight parts.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMara Sheila Manahan

Marilyn Peters June Tobin

Christopher Hampden James Thomason

Parkin Harold Reese

Martin Sorrowby John Bennett

Barman Ronald Baddley

Mrs Cantaloup Betty Baskcomb

Receptionist Joan Matheson

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.

MON 06:30 P Division (b007jx64)

Condition Purple

3. Dino

While Dino remains as elusive as ever, the team continue their search for fresh evidence in the hunt for the killer of prostitute, Stephanie Craiggellachie.

Peter Turnbull's P Division novel about his Glaswegian cops.

Stars Martin Cochrane and Ralph Riach.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

DCI Donoghue Martin Cochrane

DS Ray Sussock Ralph Riach

DC King John Buick

DC Montgomery Frank Gallagher

Collette Louise Beattie

WPC Elka Willems Ann Louise Ross

First Woman Wilma Duncan

Second Woman Mammie Stirling

Dino Alexander Morton

Produced at BBC Glasgow by Hamish Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

MON 07:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b41fs)

Series 2

Anyone for a Cruise to Cherbourg?

The singing duo wonder why their agent is being uncharacteristically nice...

30 years after sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, the musical double-act are back in the big time.

June Whitfield and Roy Hudd star in Mike Coleman's sitcom.

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

With:

Pat Coombs

Julian Eardley

Edward Halstead

Paul Rogan

Alex Lowe

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.

MON 07:30 The Navy Lark (b0176m1q)

Series 11

The Forbodians Hijack Troutbridge

When the crew of HMS Troutbridge are taken on an unexpected voyage - who can save them?

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS

Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Commanding Officer Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caldico

Natasha Heather Chasen

The Admiral Tenniel Evans

Igor Michael Bates

AS Tiddy Lawrie Wyman

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959

and 1976.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1970.

MON 08:00 North by Northamptonshire (b018xy2d)

Series 2

Episode 5

The dawn of the Dickensian festival brings chaos to Wadenbrook, and Angela has something to tell Frank. Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

Keith John Biggins

Rod Mackenzie Crook

Jonathan/Ken Kevin Eldon

Narrator Sheila Hancock

Helen Jessica Henwick

Esther/Jacqui Katherine Jakeways

Jan Felicity Montagu

Norman Geoffrey Palmer

Angela Lizzie Roper

Mary Penelope Wilton

Frank Rufus Wright

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

MON 08:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000sgrj)

1. Like Finding a Friend

Jackie Kay reflects on her love of blues singer Bessie Smith.

She explores the life of the Empress of the Blues and considers the effect the icon had on her as she grew up as a black girl adopted by white parents.

Orphaned by the age of nine, Bessie Smith sang on the street to support her siblings and was swept into travelling shows as a young woman. Facing extreme racial prejudice, she browsed under the influence of bathtub gin and had tumultuous love affairs with men and women. She also sold hundreds of thousands of records and became a genuine superstar.

Mixing biography, fiction, music and memoir, Jackie Kay

remembers the electric thrill of identification when, as a young black girl growing up in Glasgow, she was first heard the music of the Empress.

Abridged in five parts by Rosemary Goring.

Read by Jackie Kay with Adjoa Andoh

From 2016 to 2021, Jackie Kay was the Makar - Scotland's poet laureate.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

MON 08:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767h8)

6. Collision

Tom plans for Norma's future, whilst Andrea's future is very much threatened.

A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's.

Dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

Andrea.....Deborah McAndrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

David Calder.....Tom

Jo-Anne Knowles.....Kate

Sharon Duce.....Norma

Ruth Herbert.....Shirley

Ben Crompton.....Nick

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00254g2)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

MON 09:30 Team Spirit (b0092bys)

1. London Air Ambulance Service

Claudia Hammond looks at the psychology of team dynamics.

By talking to academics and visiting teams across the UK she finds out what makes them tick.

She begins with members of the London Air Ambulance

Service, who daily deal with life and death.

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m00254g4)

Children of God - Importance of Children

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

Theme: Children of God - Importance of Children

Presenter: Claire Campbell Smith

Reading: Mark 9:36-41

Music:

God is here as we his people (Everton) - St Martin's Voices

A Grateful Heart (Plumstead) - Young Chorister of the Year

Belinda

Walk together, children (Spiritual) - Jessye Norman

MON 10:00 Sounds Natural (b071p1v3)

Derek Nimmo

From the Bar-Tailed Godwit to the Natterjack Toad.

Actor, producer, author and Just A Minute panellist, Derek

Nimmo talks to Derek Jones about his love of wildlife

photography and filming, plus his recent trip to Australia,

Aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.

Derek Nimmo died aged 68 in 1999.

Producer: John Burton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

MON 10:30 The Gospel Truth (b06ycmd8)

1. Church To Charts

Financial educator Alvin Hall explores how the American

gospel music genre has been affected by commercialisation.

Gospel's uplifting and rejoicing sound is world famous, a multi

million-dollar music genre that in many ways has ended up the

beating heart of American popular music.

But can gospel be gospel if it entertains and makes money as well as praises the Lord?

In the first of two episodes, Alvin examines gospel's journey

from the church to the charts through the music of Thomas

Dorsey, Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Mahalia Jackson and Sam

Cooke. Now considered some of gospel's greatest artists, these

early singers all met with strong criticism from the church as

they took their songs from the sacred world into the secular.

Alvin also reveals how other gospel performers in the first half

of the 20th century struggled fulfilling their religious

obligations whilst battling with the temptations of life on the

road.

Producer: James Hale

First broadcast on BBC Radio in January 2016.

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (m0017lnv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 P Division (b007jx64)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b41fs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (b0176m1q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 North by Northamptonshire (b018xy2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 13:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000sgrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767h8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00pqh91)

Series 56

Episode 2

Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.

With:

Paul Merton

Josie Lawrence

Charles Collingwood

Chris Neill

Subjects include: How I Know When I Am In Love, A Police

Escort, My Battle Strategy, Walking On Hot Coals, Sweet

Sixteen, Crossing A Zebra Crossing, Morris Dancers and My

Kitchen.

Created by Ian Messier.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

MON 14:30 Street and Lane (b00vzz09)

Series 2

Estimates Day

When the duo price up fitting some mirrors, they start seeing

double...

Starring Shaun Dooley and Fine Time Fontayne

Ian McMillan and Dave Sheasby's sitcom about a pair of

Yorkshire builders.

Johnny Street Shaun Dooley

Arthur Lane Fine Time Fontayne

Janet Christine Kavanagh

Franklin Sam Dale

Julia Rachel Atkins

John Mark Straker

Producer: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (b072htqt)

Sylvia's Lovers by Elizabeth Gaskell

1. Captured

Sylvia Dobson's cousin, Philip, lives for her, he loves her totally but Sylvia is in love with seafaring whaler, Charlie Kinraid.

Set in 1790s Yorkshire- the time of the Napoleonic wars. It all

takes place in Monkshaven (ie. Whitby).

The Press Gangs were always lurking when the whale boats

were returning from Greenland with their cargo. They

intercepted the boats, seized the men and pressed them into

service with the Royal Navy to fight the French.

Elizabeth Gaskell last (completed) novel, first published in

1863.

Starring Jodie Comer.

Dramatised in two parts by Ellen Dryden.

Elizabeth Gaskell Barbara Flynn

Sylvia Jodie Comer

Philip Graeme Hawley

Charlie Kinraid Chris Connel

Bell Siobhan Finnegan

Daniel Paul Copley

Kester/Donkin Jonathan Keeble

Molly Nichola Burley

Mrs. Corney Olwen May

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

MON 16:00 Sounds Natural (b071p1v3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 The Gospel Truth (b06ycmd8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 Whodunnits (m0017lnv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 17:30 P Division (b007jx64)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 18:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b41fs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:30 The Navy Lark (b0176m1q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 North by Northamptonshire (b018xy2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000sgrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767h8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

Norwood on their knowledge of places with SE postcodes, and the people who have lived, worked and studied there.

So if you know your Stanleys from your Stanleys and your Gilberts from your Gilberts, grab yourself a pencil and see how many you can get right.

The audience also test Paul on their favourite questions - such as the connection between Elon Musk and Hilary Mantel, and what makes a particular member of Girls Aloud unique.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Additional material: Oliver Levy
Additional questions: The Audience

Original music: Tim Sutton

Recording engineer: David Thomas
Mixed by: Rich Evans
Producer: Ed Morrish

A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4
MON 22:30 Ashley Blaker: 6.5 Children (m000xv7s)
Series 1

2. Opt to Adopt
Stand-up comedian Ashley Blaker tells the story of how the Blakers added to their large, hectic domestic life. They decided to adopt a little girl with Down Syndrome. Series featuring a mix of stand-up and observational documentary, all recorded in the Blakers' home with the voices of his real family, and tackling parenting, adoption and raising children with special needs. As parents of six children, Ashley and his wife Gemma are trying to raise a family in a world that is only really set up for having two. What's more, the Blakers' children are not just any kids. Three have special needs – two autistic boys and an adopted girl with Down Syndrome – and the show - with sensitivity - finds the funny side of raising children with disabilities and also adoption.

Written and performed by Ashley Blaker
Ashley is joined by:
Shelley Blond

Kieran Hodgson
Rosie Holt
Judith Jacob

Also appearing as themselves are Ashley's own children:

Ami
Ophie
Simi
Soroh
Sruly
Bina

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m0024x4y)

Series 25

Dead Ringers: Ep 3. New World Disorder

Donald Trump makes some surprising new additions to his team, there's an unexpected guest at COP29, Nigel Farage accepts that climate change is real, and Justin Welby explains the real reason for his resignation.

This week's impressionists are Jan Ravens, Lewis Macleod, Jess Robinson, Duncan Wisbey and Jason Forbes

The episode was written by: Tom Jamieson and Nev Fountain, Laurence Howarth, Rob Darke, Edward Tew, Joe Topping, Christina Riggs, Pravana Pillay with additional material by Lizzy Mansfield and Vicky Richards.

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Produced and created by Bill Dare

Production Co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

MON 23:30 The Confessional (m001g9sm)

Series 3

The Confession of Neil Dudgeon

Midsomer Murders star, Neil Dudgeon reveals some toe curling tales about his past - including that time in hospital...

Stephen Mangan hosts his comedy chat show about shame, guilt and occasional repentance.

Each episode, Stephen invites a distinguished guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' to him.

An antidote to conventional talk shows, the guests' stories don't reflect their proudest moments. Stephen wants them to open up about their darker side - however much they may squirm.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With additional material by Nick Doody

Producer: Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2022.

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024

TUE 00:00 Sounds Natural (b07lp1v3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

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TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (m0017lnv)

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TUE 01:30 P Division (b007jx64)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767h8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b00pqh91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Street and Lane (b00vzz09)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Drama on 4 (b072htqt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (m001716r)

Lady in a Fog

2. O'Gorman of Islington

Irish-American private eye Philip Odell is investigating the suspicious death of his friend's brother.

But the body count suddenly doubles...

Starring Robert Beatty.

Lester Powell's vintage thriller about the cases of a hard-nosed

Irish-American private eye.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMarra Sheila Manahan

Marilyn Peters June Tobin

Mrs Cantaloup Betty Baskcomb

Hector O'Gorman David March

Taxi Driver Will Leighton

Violet Levine Joan Matheson

The Narrator Anthony Vaccara

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

TUE 06:30 P Division (b007jx68)

Condition Purple

4. Angel

As the search for Dino and Jimmy 'The Rodent' Purdue continues, Donoghue receives a report of another murder. 'P

Division' closes in...

Concluding Peter Turnbull's P Division novel about his

Glaswegian cops.

Stars Martin Cochrane and Ralph Riach.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

DCI Donoghue Martin Cochrane

DS Ray Sussock Ralph Riach

Karen Gaylie Runciman

DC King John Buick

DC Montgomery Frank Gallagher

Tuesday Noon Alex McAvoy

Mr Keyes Robert Trotter

Mrs Olive Keyes Kay Gallie

WPC Elka Willems Ann Louise Ross

Dino Alexander Morton

Produced at BBC Glasgow by Hamish Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

TUE 07:00 Living with Betty (b09k8sy0)

Episode 6

Betty's ex-husband turns up unexpectedly and Bill is concerned.

Starring Barbara Windsor and Peter Sallis.

North meets South in Arline Whittaker's sitcom.

Betty Barbara Windsor

Harold Peter Sallis

Bill Glynn Edwards

Muriel Rosalind Knight

Trevor Simon Molloy

Katherine Diana Mather

Vince Chris Ellison

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1987.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b018jzjf)

Series 6

The House of Teeth

Neddie Seagoon investigates a dastardly denture-stealing plan.

But who wants them and why?

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

With Valentine Dyll.

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 1956.

TUE 08:00 Lemn Sissay's Social Enterprise (m000cc6m)

Episode 4

Every year since 2013, the poet, broadcaster and author Lemn Sissay has arranged a Christmas dinner for people aged 18-25

who have left the care system and have no one with whom to

have Christmas dinner. No one to give presents or receive them.

No-one on the other end of the cracker.

This is not a charity. It isn't even an organisation. It's a project Lemn undertook because he understands how it feels - at 18 he was released from a children's home and given an empty flat in Wigan, with no-one in the world who had known him for longer than a year.

Lemn Sissay's Social Enterprise is a four-part series for BBC Radio 4, considering what these dinners have taught him about charity, social enterprise, and people, through stand-up, interview and poetry.

This time, Lemn explores the idea of time - with the help of:

* Jill Mortimer from Age UK

* Anna Chojnicka from the Global Entrepreneurship Network

* Comedian and podcaster, Deborah Frances-White

Written and performed by Lemn Sissay

Producer: Ed Morrish

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

TUE 08:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000s999)

2. Ma Rainey

Bessie joins a travelling show with the 'Mother of the Blues' and faces violence in her second marriage....

Poet Jackie Kay charts the rise and fall of Bessie Smith as she brings to life the dramatic story of the greatest blues singer who ever lived.

Orphaned by the age of nine, Bessie Smith sang on the street to support her siblings and was swept into travelling shows as a young woman. Facing extreme racial prejudice, she frequently

brawled under the influence of bathtub gin and had tumultuous love affairs with men and women. She also sold hundreds of thousands of records and became a genuine superstar.

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Abridged by Rosemary Goring

Read by Jackie Kay

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Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

TUE 08:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767h8)

7. Some Revelations

Andrea's in hospital and her mother's discovered the truth.

Across town, Norma's daughter, Shirley is shocked by her

brother's news.

A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's.

Dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

Andrea.....Deborah Mcandrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

David Calder.....Tom

Jo-Anne Knowles.....Kate

Sharon Duce.....Norma

Ruth Herbert.....Shirley

Ben Crompton.....Nick

Guy Perry.....Bedford

Daryl Fishwick.....Mrs Warner

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m002541j)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

TUE 09:30 Team Spirit (b009j996)

2. Birmingham's Morris Men

Claudia Hammond looks at the psychology of team dynamics.

By talking to academics and visiting teams across the UK she

finds out what makes them tick.

This time, she visits the Jockey Morris Men as they dance

around Birmingham's city centre On Plough Day.

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002541i)

Children of God - Returning to the father

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Children of God - Returning to the father

Presenter: Joe Aldred

Reading: John 16:21-28

Music:

He put a song on my heart - Volney Morgan

I still believe - Volney Morgan & New Ye

Heaven - Still Shadey & Melodees from Heaven

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09p1x4w)

Stephen Fry and Alan Davies

Actors Stephen Fry and Alan Davies reunite and join Harriett

Gilbert to debate favourite books by Aldous Huxley, JM

Coetzee and Muriel Spark.

A Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

Publisher: Vintage

Boyhood by J.M. Coetzee

Publisher: Vintage

A Far Cry From Kensington by Muriel Spark

Publisher: Virago

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.

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2. Going Global

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beating heart of American popular music. But can gospel be

gospel if it entertains, makes money and praises the Lord at the same time?

Alvin explores how this American religious music genre has been affected by both commercialisation and secularisation. In this final episode, Alvin explains how gospel became a global force in popular music.

He reveals how Aretha Franklin's marriage of pop to gospel sold millions of records, introducing gospel to a world audience in the process. He looks at the rise of the gospel choir in the 1970s and 80s and discovers how it increasingly became a money-making industry.

He also meets leading gospel stars Kirk Franklin and Donnie McClurkin to ask whether they think today's gospel stars have been affected by money and celebrity.

Producer: James Hale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

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Series 1

Episode 5

Three-way play-off to establish which generation of comedians is the funniest.

Hosted by Simon Mayo.

With Team Captains:

Jon Richardson

Lucy Porter

Roy Walker

Guest Comics:

Russell Kane

Phil Nicoll

Johnnie Casson

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

TUE 14:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00mzslr)

Series 3

Episode 4

If Isaac Newton had been a middle aged woman he would have discovered gravity much sooner. But would he have joined a gym?

Fat is a feminist issue and everybody else's when Pamela takes action.

Sitcom set in the Cyber Pass' internet café.

Written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.

Merv Mervyn Stutter

Pam Lill Roughley

Dibden John Challis

Nev Gyuri Sarossy

Chantal Tracy-Ann Oberman

Dilkes Chris Etridge

Various Geoffrey McGivern

Songs by Mervyn Stutter.

Performed by Swamp Things.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (b0736566)

Sylvia's Lovers by Elizabeth Gaskell

2. The Return

Sylvia marries Philip, believing Charlie to be dead.

But chaos descends when Charlie returns, and Sylvia discovers Philip has lied to her.

Set in Yorkshire in the 1790's - the time of the Napoleonic wars, in Monkshaven (ie. Whitby), during the time of the Press Gangs, who intercepted the fishing boats, seized the men and pressed them into service with the Royal Navy to fight the French.

Conclusion of Elizabeth Gaskell last (completed) novel.

Starring Jodie Comer.

Dramatised by Ellen Dryden.

Elizabeth Gaskell Barbara Flynn

Sylvia Jodie Comer

Philip Graeme Hawley

Bell Siobhan Finneran

Daniel Paul Copley

Charlie Chris Connell

Kester/Duncan Jonathan Keeble

Molly Nichola Burley

Hester/Mrs Kinraid Verity Henry

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

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TUE 22:00 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m00035w0)

Nature

Henry Normal: A Normal... Nature

"Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for Henry Normal"

Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times

The fifth instalment in this acclaimed, occasional series in which acclaimed, occasional writer Henry Normal uses poetry, stories and comedy to tackle those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.

In this new episode Henry looks our relationship with nature in an exploration of unsung nature from the point of view of a busy urban human.

Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated Philomena, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.

He has published several volumes of poetry, including Travelling Second Class Through Hope, Staring Directly at the Eclipse, Raining Upwards and his new volume This Phantom Breath. And his memoir, A Normal Family: Everyday adventures with our autistic son.

Praise for previous episodes in this series:

"It's a rare and lovely thing: half an hour of radio that stops you short, gently demands your attention and then wipes your tears away while you have to have a little sit down"

"It's a real treat to hear a seasoned professional like Henry taking command of this evening comedy spot to deliver a show that's idiosyncratic and effortlessly funny"

"Not heard anything that jumps from hilarious to moving in such an intelligent, subtle way as Henry Normal's show"

Written and performed by Henry Normal

Production Coordinator - Beverly Tagg

Produced by Carl Cooper

This was a BBC Studios production.

TUE 22:30 The Penny Dreadfuls (b00gpbqc)

The Brothers Faversham

Augustus Faversham

The story of Victorian Britain's most celebrated magician -

Augustus Faversham.

The comedy sketch trio present swashbuckling tales of four brothers born into the same privileged aristocratic family - Horatius, Theseus, Leonidas and Augustus.

Written by and starring The Penny Dreadfuls:

Humphrey Ker

David Reed

Thom Tuck

Alexandra Faversham ... Ingrid Oliver

Narrator... Miles Jupp

Producer: Julia McKenzie

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2008.

TUE 23:00 Clare in the Community (b063dcbg)

Series 10

Things That Go Bump in the Day

The Sparrowhawk team are forced to work together to overcome a little problem they discover in the office. Lead by Clare, they're thinking outside the box...

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/ Megan Nina Conti

Ray Richard Lumsden

Helen Pippa Haywood

Simon Andrew Wincott

Libby Sarah Kendall

Joan/ Sarah Barker Sarah Thom

Scarlett Eleanor Curry

Stine Wetzel Amelia Lowdell

Hunter Neet Mohan

Dylan Elliot Steel

Producer: Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

TUE 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0025f2l)

Rachel Fairburn 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Rachel Fairburn.

Photo credit: Andy Heathcote

TUE 23:30 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03xgl4g)

Job Interviews and Office Politics

Jason Cook uses the lessons learnt from his bitter experiences to help sweeten the lives of listeners.

This time, he holds forth on the best ways to pass a job interview.

Plus, how to wend one's way through the perilous pastures of office politics.

Helping to police the prairie of the public's problems:

Zoe Harrison

Neil Grainger

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

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Lady in a Fog

3. The Mink Coat

Odell's investigations take a glamorous turn with the appearance of woman clad in a mink coat.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Lester Powell's vintage thriller about the cases of a hard-nosed

Irish-American private eye.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMara Sheila Manahan

The Lady in Mink Mary Wimbush

Christopher Hampden James Thomason

Parkin Harold Reese

Inspector Rigby Edward Jewesbury

Sergeant Leyton Jeffrey Segal

Mrs Cantaloup Betty Baskcomb

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

WED 06:30 Stand By For West (m00045r5)

Battle for Inspector West

1. Honeymoon Spells Danger

Chief inspector Roger West has an old score to settle with a notorious blackmailer.

Starring Patrick Allen as Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest

chief inspector.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised in seven parts by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Prendergast John Cazabon

John Creasey wrote over 600 novels, using over 20

pseudonyms. More than 40 Roger West novels were written

between 1942 and 1973 with the basis for this first series, first

published in 1948.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

WED 07:00 Winston (b007vcn9)

Winston in Europe

Where Are We Now?

The old rogue challenges Nancy's intelligence.

Father sings the praises of Crewe toilets.

Peter Timmiswood's bawdy comedy serial.

Winston Bill Wallis

Father Maurice Denham

Nancy Shirley Dixon

Rosie Liz Goulding

William Christian Rodska

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.

WED 07:30 The Missing Hancocks (b04pvk1j)

Series 1

The New Neighbour

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

The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history.

Between 1954 and 1959, BBC Radio recorded 102 episodes, but 20 were missing from the BBC archives, until four highly successful series lovingly reimagined them before a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.

In this recreation, Tony has a new neighbour, whose night-time routine is very, very suspicious.....

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Tony Hancock Kevin McNally

Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon

Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian

Sid James Simon Greenall

Andree Melly Susy Kane

Other Parts David Cann

Classic Hancock score re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.

Producers: Ed Morrish and Neil Pearson.

The lost original recording was last broadcast in March 1956.

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.

WED 08:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)

Series 2

D.I.Y.

Sir Lucien casts aside his hopes of Brutalism returning to fashion and decides to go into house building.

His loyal team must follow...negotiating marshland, unexploded bombs and homicidal relatives en route.

Comedy set in a struggling architectural practice.

Written by Jim Poyser with Neil Griffiths.

Sir Lucien Geoffrey Whitehead

Tim Alex Carter

Sarah Anna Crilly

Matt Dominic Coleman

Lucy Jane Slavin

Darvo/Receptionist Ian Coningham

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

WED 08:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000sh81)

3. Buffet Flats

After the end of her marriage, Bessie continued to have relationships with both sexes - It wasn't just the jazz that could 'swing'. But unfortunately, one love triangle ended in violence and jail.....

Scotland's National Poet Jackie Kay explores the success of Bessie Smith and the rise in popularity of the blues, as she brings to life the dramatic story of the greatest blues singer who ever lived.

Mixing biography, fiction, music and memoir, the Makar remembers the electric thrill of identification when, as a young black girl growing up in Glasgow, she was first encountered the Empress.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring

Read by Jackie Kay

Produced by Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

WED 08:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767j6)

8. The Campaign

After finding out Tom is actually her father, Shirley has gone missing.

A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's, dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

Andrea.....Deborah Mcandrew

David Calder.....Tom

Sharon Duce.....Norma

Ruth Herbert.....Shirley

Ben Crompton.....Nick

Geoff Hinsliff.....Inspector Bradley

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00255gh)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

WED 09:30 Team Spirit (b009mr7v)

3. Antarctic

Claudia Hammond looks at the psychology of team dynamics. By talking to academics and visiting teams across the UK she finds out what makes them tick.

This time Claudia Hammond hears from members of a small research group in the Antarctic who use initiation rites and celebrate Midwinter's Day to help bonding.

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002557c)

Children of God - A new generation

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

Theme: Children of God - A new generation

Presenter: Georgia Clarke

Reading: Deuteronomy 4:9-14

Music:

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice (Vulpus) - The Chapel Choir of Marlborough College

Who you say I am - Hillsong (musicbox)

There's nothing our God can't do - Spring Harvest

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000jszt)

Anthony Blunt: A Question of Retribution?

In November 1979, Margaret Thatcher exposed the British art historian Sir Anthony Blunt as a Soviet spy. She revealed that Blunt - openly gay and a former intelligence officer for MI5 - was a member of the infamous Cambridge Five spy ring who had traded secrets with Soviet Russia during the Second World War.

As one of the country's leading academics and a former Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures (a role for which he received his knighthood), Blunt's influence reached to the top of the establishment. In a Britain polarised by the Cold War, Blunt's exposure provoked an unprecedented media storm and turned him into a national hate figure.

Blunt had shared 1,771 top secret documents with Russia during the war and played a key role in the escape of Donald Maclean, Guy Burgess and Kim Philby, fellow members of the Cambridge Five. Ironically, Stalin's regime was so distrustful of everything they received that it is questionable how much impact the information that Blunt shared actually had.

David Cannadine, the current President of the British Academy, reassesses Blunt's career before his exposure as well as the fallout afterwards. He uncovers the controversy which erupted over Blunt's academic position after he was revealed as a spy, and how the academic community came to terms with the revelation of a traitor in its midst.

Eventually stripped of his knighthood and expelled from academic life, Blunt's rapid downfall was driven as much by a hostile disdain for his position as a privileged left-wing intellectual, and by a rampant homophobia in the press that labelled him a 'treacherous Communist poof'.

Can artistic reputations survive political actions or personal disgrace, and what issues does Blunt's story raise for institutional loyalty and professional identity?

David Cannadine speaks to many of Blunt's former students and those directly involved in the raw and personal clash of ideals over Blunt's position, some of whom remained sympathetic to him as a great intellectual and great teacher, and saw themselves as defenders of intellectual liberty against a political witch-hunt. With Dawn Ades, Christopher Andrew, Miranda Carter, Richard Davenport-Hines, Neil MacGregor, Charles Moore, Charles Saumarez Smith, Deborah Swallow, Sarah Whitfield and Richard Verdi.

Historical research: Martin Spychal

Producer: Melissa FitzGerald

A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2020.

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WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b0367mxg)

Series 27

2013 Heat 9

Coming from the BBC Philharmonic studio at Media City in Salford - the general knowledge music quiz chaired by Paul Gambaccini

Which other female recording artist apart from Adele has won six Grammy awards in a single ceremony? And which controversial classical pianist was the subject of a TV drama featuring Victoria Wood?

These and other questions will be testing the mettle of today's contestants - and they'll also have to pick a specialist musical topic to answer individual questions on, with no advance warning of what the choice of topics will be. As always, Paul will be serving the musical extracts and anecdotes to entertain - whatever your musical tastes

The competitors battling for a place in the next round are:

David Love from Wombourne in Staffordshire

Tony Quinn from Liverpool

Peter Strange from Newcastle Upon Tyne

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

WED 14:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrl9)

Series 1

Sleeping Partners

Rosie is arranging the activities for partners of delegates to a major finance company's conference.

Kate meanwhile sees it as her ticket back into a high-flying job...

Prunella Scales in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Kate Arabella Weir

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Sheila Wilkinson Debbie Norman

Philip Wilkinson Alan Cowan

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

WED 15:00 Thomas Hardy - Far From the Madding Crowd (b01mtsm3)

1. A Farmer Just Beginning

Young farmer Gabriel Oak sees an ideal wife in Bathsheba Everdene, but she turns him down, believing in true romance.

As she becomes rich, he is ruined, and the tables turn.

Thomas Hardy's classic tale dramatised by Graham White.

Bathsheba Alex Tregear

Gabriel Oak Shaun Dooley

Boldwood Toby Jones

Troy Patrick Kennedy

Liddy Lizzy Watts

Fanny Hannah John-Kamen

Maltster Robert Blythe

Jan Joe Sims

Joseph Sam Alexander

Henery Patrick Brennan

Billy Don Gilet

Cain Harry Livingstone

Aunt Tracy Wiles

Maryann Amaka Okafor

Musicians: Colin Guthrie, Chris Davies, Lauren Swift

Director: Jessica Drumgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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WED 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001y1hr)

Series 2

'You're no help at all Chris!'

Chris McCausland asks Iain Stirling and Su Pollard to take on Alasdair Beckett-King and Sophie Duker. A raucous motormouth round creates a unique bond between Iain and Su. The teams must figure out what on earth is being advertised on TV, guess what famous objects or locations children are trying to describe, and guess what sounds their teammates are trying to recreate.

Producer: Sasha Bobak

Assistant Producer: Becky Carewe-Jeffries

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini

A BBC Studios Production

An EcoAudio certified production

WED 22:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01rw3ym)

Series 5

Canterbury

Comedian and activist Mark Thomas creates a People's Manifesto from the policies of his Gulbenkian Theatre audience in Canterbury.

Agenda:

1) Farmers to stop spraypainting sheep

2) Abandon the recycling of plastic bottles

3) Land Value Tax to replace all other taxation.

Researcher: Susan McNicholas

Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

WED 23:00 The Big Fun Show (b00lk0cl)

Episode 6

Sketch series with Paul Merton, Julian Clary, Tony Hawks and Josie Lawrence - before they hit the big time.

Includes the Timmy Twins dire performance to an expectant Detroit crowd and the story of Eastender Philip Boswell blighted by poverty and his families cheap musical instrument business.

Written and presented by Paul Merton, John Irwin and Neil

Mullarkey.

Also starring:

Josie Lawrence

Tony Hawks

Julian Clary

Music by Tony Hawks.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

WED 23:30 Ken Cheng: Chinese Comedian (m0000njc)

Series 1

2: The Arts

Stand-up series exploring British Chinese culture, from BBC New Comedy Award finalist Ken Cheng.

In this episode, Ken examines attitudes towards the Arts.

Reader Sarah Sharpe

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018

WED 23:45 Self-Storage (b0080x3g)

Series 1

Family

Dave's family try therapy to halt his descent, but he can't see the point - what's wrong with living in a storage unit?

Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.

Sitcom written by Tom Collinson and Barnaby Power.

Dave Reece Shearsmith

Geoff Mark Heap

Ron Tom Goodman-Hill

American Phil Nicol

Judy Rosie Cavaliero

Sarah Susan Earl

Dad Philip Jackson

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

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THU 06:00 Whodunnits (m0017m28)

Lady in a Fog

4. The Lady isn't Willing

Philip Odell's investigations become clouded when the police suspect him of being involved in the crimes.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Lester Powell's vintage thriller about the cases of a hard-nosed Irish-American private eye.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMara Sheila Manahan

The Lady in Mink Mary Wimbush

Christopher Hampden James Thomason

Parkin Harold Reese

Martin Sorrowby John Bennett

Inspector Rigby Edward Jewesbury

Sergeant Leyton Jeffrey Segal

Jay Haydn Jones

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

THU 06:30 Stand By For West (m00046rb)

Battle for Inspector West

2. Terror for a Bride

In a mysterious case of blackmail, Chief Inspector West hunts a missing honeymooning bride.

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Prendergast John Cazabon

Carosian Francis de Wolff

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Various Charles Haggith

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

THU 07:00 Coming Alive (b00gdw1p)

Series 2

Just One Night

Terry and Sandra come to blows when his ex winds up staying at the community centre.

Starring Karl Howman and Phyllis Logan.

Jim Eldridge's sitcom about ex-convict Terry King's efforts to

run a community centre.

Terry King Karl Howman

Sandra Gaines Phyllis Logan

Steve Addison Ben Crowe

Mr Preston David Holt

Annie Alison Pettitt

Mavis Maddox Tilly Vosburgh

Chaperoning Child Irene Prentice

Gail Jennifer Wheelan

Warren Clinton Mullins Dodson

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

THU 07:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq64)

11. War Damage

Wilson, Pike and Hodges go to London to try and claim compensation for their pier in Frambourne-on-Sea.

Starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.

A seaside saga of pier perpetuation.

Written by Harold Snod and Michael Knowles.

Arthur Wilson John Le Mesurier

Frank Pike Ian Lavender

Bert Hodges Bill Pertwee

Miss Perkins Vivienne Martin

Sir Wensley Smithers Reginald Marsh

Mr Thornydyke/Civil Servant #3 Michael Bilton

Civil Servants #1 and #5 Gordon Clyde

Civil Servants #2 and #4 Jon Glover

Based on the Dad's Army characters originally created by

Jimmy Perry and David Croft.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1984.

THU 08:00 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000fq8j)

Series 3

The Future

Award-winning comedian Alex Edelman discusses the future and how it might look.

With help from his "peer group" at the University of Arts London, he examines what issues lie ahead for humanity and how we might be able to save it.

Alex Edelman's Peer Group is written and performed by Alex Edelman, with additional material from Alfie Brown, Rebecca Nicholson, David Burstein, Catherine Brinkworth and Kat Sadler.

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2020.

THU 08:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000sjxw)

4. Richly Talented

Blues singer Bessie Smith has her talents recognised in the 1920s. She enjoys an extravagant, hedonistic, lifestyle and proves herself a generous friend. However, the 1930s are a coming.

Mixing biography, fiction, music and memoir, the Makar remembers the electric thrill of identification when, as a young black girl growing up in Glasgow, she was first gifted the music of the Empress. Jackie was thrilled by some of Bessie's naughtier lyrics.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring

Written and read by Jackie Kay

Readings Adjoa Andoh

Produced by Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

THU 08:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767jp)

9. A Trip to Scarborough

Election Day draws closer with Philip and Tom as rivals.

A gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's, dramatised by Stan Barstow's partner Diana Griffiths.

Tom.....David Calder

Norma.....Sharon Duce

Andrea.....Deborah McAndrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

Caroline.....Naomi Radcliffe

Shirley.....Ruth Herbert

Nick.....Ben Crompton

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00255gp)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

THU 09:30 Team Spirit (b009q4wr)

4. U12's Football Team

Claudia Hammond looks at the psychology of team dynamics.

By talking to academics and visiting teams across the UK she finds out what makes them tick.

Claudia Hammond meets an under-12s girls' football squad in Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset, to find out how they learn to work as a unit.

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002556l)

Children of God - Teaching Children

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

Theme: Children of God - Teaching Children

Presenter: Rachel Mann

Reading: Isaiah 54:13-17

Music

Teach Us Your Ways (feat. Leslie Jordan)

The Porter's Gate

Integrity Music

I Will Be a Child of Peace - Elaine Hagenberg

Laura Wright & The Daily Service Singers

BBC recording

I'll bid my heart be still

Philip Dukes (viola). Sophia Rahman (pian)

Naxos

The Lamb - John Tavener

Tenebrae

Signum

Lamb of God

Matt Redman & David Funk

Integrity Music

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b0076dhy)

Scott of the Antarctic

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?

Novelist Beryl Bainbridge proposes the explorer Robert Falcon Scott, less for his glorious failures in Antarctica, and more for his hidden romantic side. "His eyes were known to turn from blue to purple when he was amorous," she says. Providing the cooler expert advice is Bob Headland, archivist of the Scott Polar Institute, and the programme is chaired by Humphrey Carpenter.

Producer Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

THU 10:30 The Tingle Factor (b04plpwz)

Beryl Bainbridge

Beryl Bainbridge shares those musical moments which stir strong emotions with Robin Ray.

From classic BBC radio comedies to Shirley Temple, the novelist also looks back over her own life and career.

Producer: Caroline Adams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

THU 11:00 Whodunnits (m0017m28)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Stand By For West (m00046rb)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Dilemma (b05sstcb)

Series 4

Episode 5

Sue Perkins puts the big moral and ethical questions to a mixed panel to discern their own personal codes of ethics.

With comedians Nathan Caton and Celia Pacquola, historian Dan Snow, and writer and broadcaster Natalie Haynes.

Up for discussion are unusual meals, lying to children, and the best way to deal with noisy, but happy, neighbours.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

THU 14:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007js1l)

Series 1

A Cavalier Attitude

Model village-makers, Robin and Wendy are shown "Black Bess" as their randy friends Sue and Glen persuade them to attend a battle re-enactment.

Written by and starring Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall.

Robin Simon Greenall

Wendy Kay Stonham

Maureen Debra Stephenson

Derek Phil Cornwell

Sue Jan Ravens

Glenn Michael Simkins

Darnley Ewan Bailey

Carol Jo Enright

Pikeman Sean McKenna

Producer: Mario Stylianides

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

THU 15:00 Thomas Hardy - Far From the Madding Crowd (b01n0vh4)

2. Cuts and Points

Bathsheba discovers that sending William Boldwood a valentine card was a terrible mistake. But Boldwood is not Gabriel's only rival for Bathsheba's heart.

Thomas Hardy's classic tale dramatised by Graham White.

Bathsheba Alex Tregear

Gabriel Oak Shaun Dooley

Boldwood Toby Jones

Troy Patrick Kennedy

Liddy Lizzy Watts

Fanny Hannah John-Kamen

Maltster Robert Blythe

Jan Joe Sims

Joseph Sam Alexander

Henery Patrick Brennan

Billy Don Gilet

Cain Harry Livingstone

Maryann Amaka Okafor

Musicians: Colin Guthrie, Chris Davies, Lauren Swift

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (b0076dhy)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Unspeakable (m0024xlj)

Series 1

3. Unlikely ways to get fit and keep warm

Amy Gledhill invents a new way to keep warm this winter, Andrew Maxwell has a new word for an unlikely way to get fit, and Rob Rinder evokes a surprising moment of secret happiness.

Ever struggled to find the right word for a feeling or sensation?

Unspeakable sees comedian Phil Wang and lexicographer Susie Dent invite celebrity guests to invent new linguistic creations, to solve those all too relatable moments when we're lost for words.

Hosts: Phil Wang and Susie Dent

Guests: Amy Gledhill, Andrew Maxwell and Rob Rinder

Created by Joe Varley

Writer: Matt Crosby

Recorded by Jerry Peal

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producers: Joe Varley and Akash Lockmun

A Brown Bred production for BBC Radio 4

THU 22:30 Vent (b00svcbq)

Series 1

Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go

Ben doesn't get out much, but he has a loving and attentive family, an active imagination and a comfortable bed, so he can't complain.

Because he's in a coma, Mary and Mum wonder whether some of his favourite music will wake him up, while his own thoughts are occupied with visions of Sue Lawley, Robbie Williams - and an unconventional seduction technique.

Starring Neil Pearson.

Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.

Ben Smith Neil Pearson

Mary Fiona Allen

Mum Josie Lawrence

Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash

With:

Mark Perry

Dave Lamb

Jo Martin

Tim Whittall

Hils Barker

Kim Wall

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0025f2n)

Rachel Fairburn 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Rachel Fairburn.

Photo credit: Andy Heathcote

THU 23:00 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller (b008yrwy)

Episode 1

Number One for young people - Martin Bain-Jones and Craig Children present their frightfully clever pop culture show.

Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong write and star in their first full-length BBC radio comedy series.

With:

Charlie Condon

Melissa Lloyd

Luke Goss

Written by Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong

Producer: Jon Rolph

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

THU 23:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0075t8y)

Series 1

Episode 3

Being a 'breatharian' sparks disaster for host Mel.

Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and

performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Keith Wickham

Jim North

Script editor: Graeme Garden

Producers: Claire Jones and Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

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FRI 04:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007js1l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Thomas Hardy - Far From the Madding Crowd (b01n0vh4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (m0017m4p)

Lady in a Fog

5. The Little Doctor

Philip Odell's investigations finally begin to reveal the connections between the murders and the blackmail.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Lester Powell's vintage thriller about the cases of a hard-nosed

Irish-American private eye.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMara Sheila Manahan

The Lady in Mink Mary Wimbush

Martin Sorrowby John Bennett

Inspector Rigby Edward Jewsbury

Sergeant Levton Jeffrey Segal

Police Doctor Hugh Manning

Postman Frank Partington

Foreman Will Leighton

Dr Alexander Frey Trevor Martin

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

FRI 06:30 Stand By For West (m00046kl)

Battle for Inspector West

3. Shadow on a Millionaire

Michael Grant is taken for a ride, and Inspector West finds a

door slammed in his face.

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Julietta Eva Stuart

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Carosian Francis de Wolff

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

FRI 07:00 Trapped (b0076h8h)

Series 1

Clem Walder's Way Out

With three wives, Clem can't keep up his treble life any longer.

How can he escape them all?

Black comedy by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.

Clem Alex Lowe

Keith Kevin Eldon

Paula Laura Shavin

Ben Tom Price

Sarah Alison Pettitt

Jo Rachel Atkins

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

FRI 07:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt0n)

In the Wards

Unleashed on the patients, the rookie medics are unprepared for

the formidable Sister Virtue.

The misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow.

Starring Richard Briers.

Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's

'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Simon Sparrow Richard Briers

Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner

Tony Benskin Ray Cooney

Taffy Evans Edward Cast

Sister Virtue Joan Sanderson

Mrs Clark Irene Handl

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

FRI 08:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000y0rb)

Series 1

Cheesy Strings

His Room Next Door videos are getting tens of millions of views online, a mention in the House of Commons and plaudits from highbrow cultural commentators so, by rights, Michael should be drowning in big money offers.

But, in reality, he's sat at his desk writing copy for a kitchen worktop company worrying about the restructuring consultant they've brought in. Getting the axe would be catastrophic for Michael and his family.

This strange position is heightened when A-list British actor Emily Mallaby contacts Michael to invite him to a political dinner party at home. She is starting a new movement to shake up Westminster and wants the famous Room Next Door Man, who lampoons cabinet members so mercilessly, to spearhead the campaign.

At the same time, Michael's wife Roberta is channelling her energy into hustling for Michael as a distraction from having to make a work friend redundant. She secures him an audition for a potentially lucrative commercial. OK, the role is to play a cheesy string, but a gig's a gig and shows that Michael should take Roberta's ambitions to be his manager seriously. Unfortunately, he fails to acknowledge her skills and they have a massive falling out, just as he needs his wife's advice on the work situation. Michael tries to enlist his eldest son, Sam's help to extract that advice, but he's useless. Perhaps Daddy is expecting too much of a nine-year old?

Both the audition and the political dinner party test Michael's patience and integrity but fortunately Peter Curran is on hand to reassure and unnerve him in equal measure. Can Michael emerge with his principles intact and what will happen when Roberta's ex-colleague Alexandra turns up at her doorstep while Michael is gallivanting with the A-Listers?

Cast: Michael Spicer with Ellie Taylor, Joanna Neary, Beattie Edmondson, Kiell Smith-Bynoe, Peter Curran and Kipp Spicer.

Writer: Michael Spicer

Producer: Matt Tiller

A Starstruck and Tiltvision production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in July 2021.

FRI 08:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000skc4)

5. An Unmarked Grave

Scotland's National Poet Jackie Kay examines the rumours and controversies around the death of Bessie Smith. She was driving to a gig with her partner when his car crashed. Her second husband tries to claim he was still in her life and gets money from royalties. Years after Bessie's first funeral - Janis Joplin helps to pay for a headstone.

Orphaned by the age of nine, Bessie Smith sang on the street to support her siblings and was swept into travelling shows as a young woman. Facing extreme racial prejudice, she frequently brawled under the influence of bathtub gin and had tumultuous love affairs with men and women. She also sold hundreds of thousands of records and became a genuine superstar.

"The first time I saw Bessie Smith, it really was like finding a friend..."

Mixing biography, fiction, music and memoir, the Makar remembers the electric thrill of identification when, as a young black girl growing up in Glasgow, she was first gifted the music of the Empress.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring

Read by Jackie Kay with Adjoa Andoh

Produced by Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

FRI 08:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767k6)

10. Winners and Losers

It's the day of the election, and there's a showdown with Andrea and Philip's wife, Kate.

Conclusion of Stan Barstow's gritty double love story set in

Yorkshire in the 1960's, dramatised by his partner Diana

Griffiths.

Tom.....David Calder

Norma.....Sharon Duce

Andrea.....Deborah McAndrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

Nick.....Ben Crompton

Bess.....Daryl Ffishwick

Kate.....Jo-Anne Knowles

Shirley.....Ruth Herbert

Inspector Bradley.....Geoff Hinsliff

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00255gr)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

FRI 09:30 Team Spirit (b009twr3)

5. Dirty Dancing

Claudia Hammond looks at the psychology of team dynamics.

By talking to academics and visiting teams across the UK she finds out what makes them tick.

This time Claudia Hammond meets the backstage 65-strong

team of the West End musical Dirty Dancing.

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0025579)

Children of God - Gifts from God

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

Theme:

Children of God - Gifts from God

Presenter: Steve Williams

Reading: Psalms 127:1-5

Music:

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness (Regent Square) - All

Souls Orchestra

All good gifts (from 'Godspell') - The New Broadway Cast

Recording

Gift to be simple - The King's Singers

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b078y1q4)

Series 22

Feed the Birds

'Feed The Birds' was written by composers Richard and Robert Sherman for the 1964 film Mary Poppins.

Richard recalls how the song was a Walt Disney favourite and long after the film was over, Walt would call him down into his office in the late afternoon, gaze out of the window and say 'Play it.'

Karen Dotrice, who played Jane Banks in the original film, describes the experience of hearing the song sung by Julie Andrews.

Lawyer Eli McCann describes how re-watching Mary Poppins a few years ago, one snowy afternoon in Salt Lake City, was a turning point in his life, and teacher Marie Barteld remembers her love of 'Feed The Birds' as a child, and how she took the words of the song literally - much to her mother's consternation. Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact. Producer: Sarah Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

FRI 10:30 Inside the Brain of a Five-Year-Old (b00rm072)

Claudia Hammond investigates the latest research into the working of the five year old brain, and asks whether the latest developments in neuroscience might have an application in the classroom.

Could a deeper understanding of brain development help educationalists get better results - and if so how can teachers separate the brain fact from so much of the brain fiction which seems to be out there?

Producer: Alexandra Feachem

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

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FRI 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0013hy8)

Series 27

Episode 2

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

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

The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as shoes, beer, diets and metal.

With:

Pippa Evans

Geoff Norcott

Fern Brady

Simon Evans

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2022.

FRI 14:30 All the Young Dudes (b007qx33)

Series 1

Lazy Sunday

Joe and Maria's pub is losing trade to the Irish Theme Bar down the road, which involves taking some drastic measures.

The lives of Patrick and wife Helen as they settle back into the town where he was born.

Comedy drama written by and starring Jim Sweeney.

Patrick Jim Sweeney

Helen Cathryn Harrison

Billy Steve Steen

Joe Stephen Frost

Moirra Sadie Shimmin

Maria Flaminia Cinque

Charlie Izzy De Rosario

Announcer: Whispering Bob Harris

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

FRI 15:00 Thomas Hardy - Far From the Madding Crowd (b01n606d)

3. A Successful Rival

One man proves constant in his love for Bathsheba, while she

gives up on all hopes of happiness.

Thomas Hardy's classic tale dramatised by Graham White.

Bathsheba Alex Tregear

Gabriel Oak Shaun Dooley

Boldwood Toby Jones

Troy Patrick Kennedy

Liddy Lizzy Watts

Fanny Hannah John-Kamen

Maltster Robert Blythe

Jan Joe Sims

Joseph Sam Alexander

Henry Patrick Brennan

Billy Don Gilet

Cain Harry Livingstone

Maryann Amaka Okafor

Musicians: Colin Guthrie, Chris Davies, Lauren Swift

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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FRI 22:00 Parish Matters (m002533x)

Series 1

2. 'He's not presumed dead yet, Hank'

A brand-new sitcom sketch hybrid made in Belfast and starring voices from all over Ireland. Each week we join the eccentric inhabitants of the Parish in their weekly council meeting to air their problems and grievances.

The Parish is suffering from low morale and the council meets to decide what can be done to cheer everyone up. Can they slow the Parish 'brain drain' and stop losing their best and brightest to greener pastures abroad? How might they increase the birth rate in order to secure a brighter and more baby-filled tomorrow?

There's a surprise proposal for a new education campus and award ceremony to celebrate the parishioners and their achievements. But can the best (and only) cop in town solve the mystery disappearance of the beloved, whiskery Parish mascot Brendan?

PARISH MATTERS is a half hour window into an everlasting argument and an energetic and original comedy show written by Michael McCullagh and Phil Taggart and starring the writers alongside Michael Fry, Ciara Knight, Hannah Mamalis, Mary Flanagan, Michael Stranney and Peter McGann. Produced by Keith Martin and Exec Produced by Sam Michell. A FABEL radio Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01fhswh)

Series 2

Money

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne gives full value on the cost of living and luxury.

Fast-paced stand-up comedy and sketch show

With:

Laurence Howarth

Anna Bengo

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0025f3r)

Rachel Fairburn 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to Rachel Fairburn.

Photo credit: Andy Heathcote

FRI 23:00 Small Scenes (b0739rfy)

Series 3

Episode 3

More overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life.

Meet the man who can't get enough towels, a saxophonist who is tortured by his inability to play the solo from Baker Street

and a late night visit from a charity burglar.

Award-winning sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Jessica Ransom

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike

Wozniak, with additional material from the cast.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

FRI 23:30 Bird Island (b043wk17)

Series 2

Episode 3

Graham teaches Ben to abseil and the bathroom lock in the Unit base is broken.

Ben Reece Shearsmith

Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt

Mother Alison Steadman

Jane Katy Wix

Atmospheric comedy about a cheery scientist based in Sub-Antarctica by Katy Wix.

It's Ben's trip of a lifetime, but in a vast icy landscape with dodgy internet. Feeling lonely, he shares his thoughts via an audio 'log' on his dictaphone.

Graham is a fellow nerdy scientist so their exchanges are mumbled. Ben's even more awkward around new arrival Jane, though he's not entirely sure why.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

FRI 23:45 Jigsaw (b04g8rwd)

Series 2

Episode 3

Clark Kent gets a telling off from his Editor - and how to deal with that annoying driver in front.

The rapid-fire and surreal sketch show series.

Starring award-winning stand-up comedians Dan Antopolski, Tom Craine and Nat Luurtsema.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.