

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b04jdl)

Series 19
La Boheme
"La Boheme is a work of genius, for me it's the perfect opera. There's not a bar or a word or anything you'd want to alter. It just gets to you"
- Opera Director John Copley CBE.
Soul Music ventures back into the Parisian winter of Puccini's beloved 'La Boheme' where legendary Opera Director John Copley CBE reflects on his 40 years of bringing this tale of friendship, love and loss to the stage of London's Royal Opera House.
Alongside his memories of sharing pasta with a young Pavarotti we hear the stories from those whose lives have been touched by - and often reflect - the essence of this most popular of operas.
From the romantic gesture of a probationary constable serenading his soon to be bus conductress wife in 1950's Torquay to the moment that a devoted husband passed away - La Boheme has touched the lives of opera lovers around the world.
Featuring interviews with:
* Author Mavis Cheek
* Opera devotees, Ray Tabb and Nancy Rossi
Producer: Nicola Humphries
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.
SAT 00:30 Who The Wild Things Are (b00c5j0j)
What is Maurice Sendak's classic children's book "Where the Wild Things Are" all about?
Philip Glassborow talks with Sendak's British editor, Judy Taylor, to his long-time friend, the distinguished writer and playwright Tony Kushner and to the American children's literature expert Leonard Marcus, who takes him back to the haunts of Sendak's American childhood in Brooklyn.
He is astonished to discover that in all the extensive press, radio and TV coverage of Sendak, nobody has ever thought to consult any children.
Every great children's book, has a world beyond its creator and here the Year 2 children of an Oxfordshire primary school have their say. Angry mothers and fathers with big hairy feet both feature in their interpretations of who the Wild Things really are.
With a reading by Henry Goodman and extensive use of Jewish Klezmer music, this programme will shed new light on who the Wild Things really are and act as a fitting legacy to the late, great master.
Producer Beaty Rubens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.
SAT 01:00 Agatha Christie (b00jzwdq)
In a Glass Darkly
A man believes he has seen a murderous attack on a young woman reflected in a mirror.
He then meets and falls in love with her.
With war calling him away, he tries to warn her of what he has seen.
Stars Neil Dudgeon
Agatha Christie's whodunit dramatised by Mike Walker
Jeff Neil Dudgeon
Sylvia Rebecca Egan
Neil Rhys Meredith
Terry Bob Sherman
Angus Richard Firth
Music composed and performed by Ben Wallfisch
Director: Ned Chaillet
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.
SAT 01:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025dbf)
1. Spring In The Air
'Meisterspringer' Paul Mettold is blackmailed by British agents into arranging the escape from prison of Russian spy James Carter.
But the breakout does not go according to plan...
Starring Christopher Good and Melinda Walker..
Berkely Mather's six-part spy thriller serial.
Charles Wainwright Christopher Good
Ilena Mettold Melinda Walker
Paul Mettold Cyril Shaps
Carter Graham Blockey
The Gaffer Ronald Baddeley
Benson Arnold Diamond
Martin Peter Acre
Prison Officer William Hope
Judge John Forbes Robertson
Other parts played by the cast.
Producer: Graham Gauld
Director: Caroline Raphael
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.
**** Berkely Mather was the penname of John Davies [1909-1996].
His career in radio drama spanned from 1955 to 1985. A prodigious writer of screenplays, his TV credits include 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers'. In the cinema, he is known for his work on three James Bond movies, 'Dr No', 'From Russia with Love' and 'Goldfinger'.
SAT 02:00 Up the Garden Path (b00803k9)
Series 2
Arrivals and Departures

Izzy has escaped from the clutches of the adulterous Michael and spent the past year on a teachers' exchange scheme in San Francisco.
While over there, she shared an apartment with the adoring, but unappealing Dick.
As they fly home, Izzy feels her life is more than usually up in the air.
Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.
Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.
A radio sequel adapted in eight parts from Sue Limb's 1984 novel.
The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.
Izzy Imelda Staunton
Dick Mike Grady
Maria Marty Cruickshank
Michael Nicholas Le Prevost
Louise Phyllida Nash
Aunt Vinny Rosemary Martin
Charles David Robb
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.
SAT 02:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt20)
Our First Operation
Sir Lancelot Spratt causes alarm for medic Simon Sparrow in the operating theatre.
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 Ann Murray
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.
SAT 03:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000y6t6)
Series 1
To Put It Another Way
Roberta's networking as Michael's part-time, unpaid manager is finally paying off and she is beginning to get her husband some serious industry traction.
She lines up an audition for the prestigious topical panel show, To Put It Another Way. Unfortunately, this lands Michael in a bear pit of bullying stand up comedians who are used to the gladiatorial nature of these shows. Encountering a bitter, aggressive stand-up is enough to put Michael off being a comedian for good.
As the restructuring process at work comes to a climax (being re-interviewed for the job he already has) Michael is at a very low ebb.
Feeling like a comedy failure after acting as a punch bag at the panel show run through, he is now certain he is for the chop.
In spite of the battering he received in front of an audience at the TV run through, he receives encouragement from stand-up comic Natalie Duke, who gives Michael an idea that might change everything. Could he really could give up the day job?
Roberta is pushing Michael hard to take the plunge and use the platform his Room Next Door following has created to forge a comedy career, with her as his full-time manager, of course.
But it seems that she is far more keen to ditch her secure day job than Michael is, especially when his boss at the kitchen worktop company delivers his plan to reorganise the company.
Will Michael take the plunge? Will Roberta take the plunge? Will you take the plunge and give it a listen?
Written and performed by Michael Spicer.
With:
Ellie Taylor
Joanna Neary
Susan Wokoma
Kiell Smith-Bynoe
Greig Johnson,
Tara Flynn
Peter Curran
Producer: Matt Tiller
A Starstruck and Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.
SAT 03:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f7xx)
5. Intruder
A local member of the IRA learns more about the mysterious guests at Clonmillis Hall.
In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.
However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...
Irish police detective Stafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety.
However, with a contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.
But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis Hall itself?
BW Black's imagined historical adventure is an enthralling

mystery.
Abridged by Neville Teller.
Read by Sorcha Cusack.
Producer: Michael Shannon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
SAT 03:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwhd)
5. Solace
Despite increasing hardships, Princess the mongrel takes solace in poetry and the bet between the gods is finally decided.
Over drinks in Stoke Newington, Hermes and Aphrodite get into a debate about whether animals could live happily if they had the same cognitive and speech abilities as humans.
They decide to wager a year of servitude on the outcome of granting the gifts of human reasoning and language to a group of dogs in a nearby kennel.
Given their newfound abilities, the dogs are able to escape, where they set up their own new protosociety. The novel then explores the functioning of their new society through the impact of human values, such as individuality and personal freedom, on the conventionally hierarchical social order of dog packs.
Novel by Canadian writer André Alexis, first published in 2015. Conclusion dramatised by Mike Harris.
Zeus Paterson Joseph
Aphrodite Emma Pierson
Hermes Arty Froushan
Majnoun David Ajoa
Atticus Paul Kemp
Princess Kate Chambers
Bonny and Rosie Lotte Rice
Mick John Hollingworth
Nira Prisca Bakare
Kim Christopher Buckley
Women Felicity Duncan
The Fates and all other parts played by members of the cast.
Adapted in five parts by Mike Harris.
Produced and directed by Clive Brill
A Brill Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.
SAT 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0013r1n)
Series 27
Episode 3
David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies.
They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as beds, marsupials, blood and Jackie Chan.
With:
Alan Davies
Lucy Porter
Lou Sanders
Justin Edwards
Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2022.
SAT 04:30 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)
Series 1
Girls Talk
Patrick and Helen get dragged along to a stag and hen night - for a couple neither of them know.
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
Moira Sadie Shimmin
Joe Stephen Frost
Maria Flaminia Cincque
Charlie Izzy de Rosario
Siobhan Josie Lawrence
Valeriy Yuri Klimov
Fake Russian Waiter Chris Pavlo
Announcer: Whispering Bob Harris
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.
SAT 05:00 Harry and the Angels by Bernard Kops (b00sjt0b)
A very personal story about death, love and friendship.
Award-winning writer Bernard Kops guides us through London's East End in an impressionistic, idiosyncratic journey of lost love, kite flying, angels and tube station tragedy.
Following on from BBC drama 'Whitechapel Dreams', Bernard returns with a deeply personal and highly moving story.
He himself plays Leonard, visiting his old friend, Harry, for the final time.
He's also the narrator of the piece, inside and outside the action; following the main events in the life and death of East End Harry.
Starting with his early, idyllic love affair with young Phoebe, sadly curtailed, through to his success as an auctioneer - and a crucial act of bitterness against Leonard to his dying day in a Mare Street hospice.
Harry Stephen Greif
Leonard Bernard Kops
Mr Todd / Copper Harry Myers
Phoebe Louise Brealey
Young Harry / Actor Alan Morrissey
Nun / Mother / Woman Christine Kavanagh

Archdeacon Simmons Preston Lockwood
 Michael Gorman John Hartley
 Ladislaus Malinowski Gavin Muir
 Miss Gorringer Jillie Meers
 Colonel Luscombe Geoffrey Bayldon
 Elvira Blake Tracy Wiles
 Bridget Sarah Plowright
 Mr Bollard David Collings
 Miss Mottley Sandra James Young
 Egerton Alan Rowe
 Mrs McCrea Zulema Dene
 Air Terminal Hostess Louisa Seddon
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.
TUE 06:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025mlb)
 3. Can Spring Be Far Behind?
 James Carter's escape has been hindered by the intervention of Russians, and he's hurt.
 But at last he is taken aboard a boat for France by the British agent Charles Wainwright and Ilena, daughter of the Meisterspringer.
 When Carter regains consciousness, he's not grateful....
 Espionage and intrigue as a recently convicted spy is ordered to be sprung from jail, just a year into a 25 year sentence.
 But what is the motivation and who is behind the plan?
 Starring Christopher Good and Melinda Walker.
 Berkely Mather's spy thriller serial.
 Charles Wainwright Christopher Good
 Ilena Melinda Walker
 Carter Graham Blockey
 Arthur Moulton Michael Kilgariff
 L'Abbesse Betty Baskcomb
 Charlton Brian Smith
 Doctor Robin Summers
 Producer: Graham Gauld
 Director: Caroline Raphael
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.
TUE 07:00 Rent (b063rvmf)
 Series 4
 Episode 2
 Paul and Ruby are busy house hunting. Meanwhile Maria and Richard are in the money - what will they do with it all?
 Stars Patrick Barlow and Barbara Flynn.
 Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.
 Maria Barbara Flynn
 Richard Patrick Barlow
 Ruby Vivienne Rochester
 Paul Dave Lamb
 With Sarah Parkinson
 Producer: Liz Anste.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b0089j6x)
 Series 6
 The Choking Horror
 Hair-raising events for Neddie Seagoon when London's monuments are sabotaged.
 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
 Starring:
 Peter Sellers
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan
 First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
 With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Peter Eton
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1956.
TUE 08:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qx1b)
 Series 2
 It's Just Work
 Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam play a couple who have been married 'forever'.
 Children of the 1960s, they're still free spirits, drawn together by their passion for music and each other. Their recognisable warm and witty conversations dance around everything from health scares, jealousy and confessions, to TV incompatibility and sordid bread.
 In this episode, Joanna gets distracted by a work project, which happens to be with a man who just happens to be much younger and rather more exciting than Roger.
 When Roger complains about being pushed out of her life, he's told, in no uncertain terms, 'it's just work'.
 But is it?
 Written for Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam by award-winning comedy writer and journalist Jan Etherington.
 Jan has been married for 34 years to Gavin Petrie, with whom she has created many hit Radio 4 Extra and TV series (Second Thoughts, plus Next of Kin, Faith in the Future, The Change).
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2021.
TUE 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000fgd5)
 7. Shooting
 A shooting occurs on the estate, with deadly consequences...

In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.
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 Read by Sorcha Cusack.
 Producer: Michael Shannon
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
TUE 08:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m001324w)
 Series 5
 2. Emotionally Yours
 Maggie is now a social media superstar.
 So John is worried about her security, especially with a 'lurker' on the loose in the village.
 But his attempts to update their home security don't go to plan...
 Starring Bill Nighy and Anna Calder-Marshall.
 AL Kennedy's continuing romantic comedy drama.
 John Black Bill Nighy
 Maggie Turner Anna Calder-Marshall
 Jimmy Nails Michael Begley
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2022.
TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zvvt)
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
TUE 09:30 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qfz)
 2. Julia Margaret Cameron: Portrait of Thomas Carlyle, 1867
 Colin Ford tells the stories behind five groundbreaking photographs and how they changed the world.
 Julia Margaret Cameron created the Portrait of Thomas Carlyle in 1867.
 The significance of this haunting portrait is in the life-size reproduction of the head.
 Her work changed portraiture for ever, asking not just who, but what am I?
 Producer: Hilary Dunn
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m0025mld)
 Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs - Restore us
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs - Restore us
 Presenter: Lyndall Bywater
 Reading: Psalm 80:1-7
 Music:
 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Cross of Jesus) - Wells Cathedral Choir
 His eye is on the sparrow - Tanya Blount and Lauryn Hill
 The Blessing - Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09r4k4n)
 Steph McGovern and Jayde Adams
 Broadcaster Steph McGovern and comedian Jayde Adams join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Jon Ronson, Ann Cleeves and Carrie Fisher.
 So You've Been Publicly Shamed by Jon Ronson
 Publisher: Picador
 The Seagull by Ann Cleeves
 Publisher: Pan
 Postcards from the Edge by Carrie Fisher
 Publisher: Scribner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018.
TUE 10:30 Mao's Little Red Book Goes West (b06z5g7j)
 To mark the 50th anniversary of the Cultural Revolution in 2016, David Aaronovitch explored the extraordinary story of how Chairman Mao's Little Red Book captured the imagination of the West.
 A collection of Mao's quotations, packaged with a red vinyl cover, the book is an iconic piece of design and one of the world's most widely distributed texts.
 In Britain, it was a massive hit.
 David hears from comedian and former Maoist Alexei Sayle who sold the book in Liverpool.
 Activist and former Labour councillor Linda Bellos admits that, while she carried the Little Red Book as a teenager, she didn't really read it and was more interested in being trendy.
 The Little Red Book was hugely fashionable in late 1960s and 70s Europe. The French filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard popularised it with his 1967 film La Chinoise, in which five pretty students plot revolutionary actions from their Paris flat before taking part in a bungled assassination attempt.
 Bestselling author of Wild Swans, Jung Chang, argues that Little Red Book wavers in the West were completely ignorant when it came to the realities of life during the Cultural Revolution. She explains that in China the book was a weapon in a literal sense, used to beat those who were deemed to be "class enemies".
 Meanwhile, in America, the book found an unlikely audience

among the Black Panther Party. Elaine Browne, a former Panther who led the party in the early 70s, explains that the Panthers saw the Little Red Book as a blueprint for enacting the revolution they were hoping to bring about in the United States.
 Producer: Max O'Brien
 A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2016.
TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jmmr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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TUE 14:00 Booked (b0075lcp)
 Series 2
 Episode 1
 Piglet bumps into the Greek Chorus. Inspector Clouseau takes Blanche Dubois to a dance, and Hunter S Thompson writes a public school prospectus.
 Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game.
 Outrageous parody, biting wit and bizarre couplings from:
 * Miles Kington
 * Mark Thomas
 * Dillie Keane
 * Roger McGough
 Producer: Marc Jobst
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.
TUE 14:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00n5vsq)
 Series 3
 Episode 6
 Merv has always worn jeans, so why does Pam want to take him shopping?
 The conclusion of the sitcom set in the Cyber Pass' internet café.
 Written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.
 Merv Mervyn Stutter
 Pam Lill Roughtley
 Nev Gyuri Sarossy
 Chantal Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Dibden John Challis
 Dilkes Chris Ettridge
 Songs by Mervyn Stutter.
 Performed by Swamp Things.
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
TUE 15:00 Foreign Girls by Elaine Feinstein (m0025mlh)
 2. Uncomfortable News
 Lena discovers why Katya so wants to see her.
 It's not an altogether comfortable discovery...
 Starring Jenny Agutter and Jennie Stoller.
 Elaine Feinstein's drama following the lives of Lena and Katya, two Jewish women in England.
 Lena Jennie Stoller
 Katya Jenny Agutter
 Dr Kuperman Leonard Fenton
 Sadie Kuperman Doreen Mantle
 Stefan David Thorpe
 Janos Kesselman Sandor Eles
 Grete Kesselman Jill Graham
 Graham David Barrass
 Joanie Elaine Claxton
 First Don John Baddeley
 Second Don Malcolm Ward
 Old Woman Lala Lloyd
 Director: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.
TUE 15:45 Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (m000285f)
 2. Her Table Spread
 At Miss Cuffe's castle dinner is served to her guests. But tonight there is a warship in the estuary.
 Read by Angela Thorne.
 One of three short stories written by Elizabeth Bowen.
 Producer: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1986
TUE 16:00 A Good Read (b09r4k4n)
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TUE 22:00 Best Medicine (m0025cng)
 Series 2
 2. Sweating In Nature, Animals, Transplantation, Horticulture
 Joining Kiri this week at the Hay Festival is comedian Zoe Lyons who tells Kiri how running helps with the stress associated with her alopecia - and how she survived getting rammed by a badger. Dr Matt Morgan explains how kangaroo vaginas held the key to developing IVF and whales' hearts inspired new heart treatments for humans, Dr Fotios Sampaziotis unveils innovative new treatments that could repair livers before a transplant is needed, and ethnobotanist James Wong unearths the benefits of horticulture and how it can benefit health and bring hope.

Best Medicine is your weekly dose of laughter, hope and incredible medicine. Award-winning comedian Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined by a funny and fascinating panel of comedians, doctors, scientists, and historians to celebrate medicine's inspiring past, present and future.

Each week, Kiri challenges a panel of medical experts and a comedian to make a case for what they think is 'the best medicine', and each guest champions anything from world-changing science or an obscure invention, to an everyday treatment, an uplifting worldview, an unsung hero or a futuristic cure.

Whether it's origami surgical robots, life-changing pineapple UTI vaccines, Victorian scandal mags, denial, sleep, tiny beating organoid hearts, lifesaving stem cell transplants, gold poo donors or even crying - it's always something worth celebrating.

Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Featuring: Zoe Lyons, Dr Matt Morgan, Dr Fotios Sampaziotis and James Wong

Written by Laura Claxton, Edward Easton, Charlie George, Kiri Pritchard-McLean, Nicky Roberts and Ben Rowse

Producers: Tashi Radha and Ben Worsfield

Theme tune composed by Andrew Jones

A Large Time production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 The Consultants (b008j2v3)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 The Consultants hold their office Christmas party complete with music from a Beach Boys tribute act, 'The Good Vibrators'.
 Cerebral sketch show written by and starring:
 Neil Edmond
 Justin Edwards
 James Rawlings
 Producer: Will Saunders
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00262td)
 Katie Norris 2/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Katie Norris.
TUE 23:00 Clare in the Community (b0650619)
 Series 10
 Party On
 The Sparrowhawk team hold a leaving do, and take the opportunity to reminisce.
 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 for 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
 Megan Nina Conti
 Ray Richard Lumsden
 Helen Pippa Haywood
 Libby Sarah Kendall
 Joan Sarah Thom
 Producer: Alexandra Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
TUE 23:30 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03yqjgv)
 Pregnancy and In-Laws
 Jason Cook guides you through more murky waters and unseen eddies that bedevil the waters of life.
 This time, it's the trials and tribulations of discovering your partner is pregnant, plus the perils and preoccupations of meeting your in-laws for the first time.
 Jason draws on his own experiences to illustrate what, and what not, to do - so that your life can be happier and more successful. Well, possibly...
 With:
 Zoe Harrison
 Neil Grainger
 Producer: Sam Michell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

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 Miss Marple - At Bertram's Hotel
 Episode 3
 The morning paper brings some very alarming news for Miss Marple - and an investigation by the police...
 Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield.
 Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Miss Marple June Whitfield
 Inspector Davy Frederick Jaeger
 Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham
 Inspector Campbell David Timson
 Miss Gorringe Jillie Meers
 Mr Humphries Geoffrey Whitehead
 Henry Garard Green
 Rose Jane Whittenshaw
 Michael Gorman John Hartley
 Sir Ronald Graves Patrick Allen
 Mrs Wheeling Tessa Worsley
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.
WED 06:30 The Meisterspinger by Berkely Mather (m0025l40)
 4. To Spring or Not To Spring
 Wainwright, Ilena and Mettold have succeeded in getting convicted Russian spy Carter over the English Channel.
 They have taken shelter in a house of ill-repute in France known as the Shelver.
 But, once again, their charge is attempting to escape....
 Espionage and intrigue as a recently convicted spy is ordered to be sprung from jail, just a year into a 25 year sentence.
 But what is the motivation and who is behind the plan?
 Starring Christopher Good and Graham Blockey.
 Berkely Mather's spy thriller serial.
 Charles Wainwright Christopher Good
 Carter Graham Blockey
 Ilena Melinda Walker
 Mettold Cyril Shaps
 Captain Kjaer Henry Stamper
 First Mate Jonathan Owen
 Producer: Graham Gault
 Director: Caroline Raphael
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.
WED 07:00 Winston (b007wfy8)
 Winston in Europe
 Questions and Answers
 Old rogue Winston has something he wants to ask Nancy, while Father is making plans of his own...
 Peter Tinniswood'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 April 1992.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0186wj0)
 Series 3
 The Blackboard Jungle
 The Lad is a young master in a school full of juvenile delinquents.
 This is a parody of the controversial 1955 movie of the same name.
 Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With:
 Bill Kerr
 Sidney James
 Kenneth Williams
 Andree Melly
 Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
 Music recorded by the BBC Augmented Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
 Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
 Recovered episode - first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1955.
WED 08:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pxm45)
 Series 3
 The Madman in the Attic
 With Tom's Dad advocating some rather drastic "rationalising", Tom realises that it might be time to have a clear-out himself.
 Sitcom where Tom Wrigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with his Mum, Dad and Gran - - giving us a glimpse into his background and influences shaping his temperament, opinions and hang-ups.
 Tom Tom Wrigglesworth
 Dad Paul Copley
 Mum Kate Anthony
 Granny Elizabeth Bennett
 Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.
 Producer: Richard Morris
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2015.
WED 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000fgrv)
 8. Action
 Suspecting that the girls' true identities have been discovered, Strafford and Celia take action.
 In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.
 However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...
 Irish police detective Strafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety.
 However, with a contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.
 But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis Hall itself?
 BW Black's imagined historical adventure is an enthralling mystery.
 Abridged in ten parts by Neville Teller.
 Read by Sorchá Cusack.
 Producer: Michael Shannon
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
WED 08:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m001328v)
 Series 5
 3. Don't Think Twice It's Alright
 John and Maggie go to view a flat in a gated community. Here, they find themselves at odds with the owners and going head to head with the garden foliage.
 Starring Bill Nighy and Anna Calder-Marshall.
 AL Kennedy's romantic comedy drama.
 John Black Bill Nighy
 Maggie Turner Anna Calder-Marshall
 Mr Seymour Neil McCaul
 Mrs Seymour Christine Kavanagh
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2022.
WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zvr7)
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
WED 09:30 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qgn)
 3. Four Legs Muybridge
 Colin Ford tells the stories behind five groundbreaking photographs and how they changed the world.
 No animal painting and no vet's understanding was ever the same again after Eadward Muybridge's Four Legs Muybridge. His sequence of photographs, taken in California in 1872, proved that a horse had all four feet off the ground when galloping.
 Producer: Hilary Dunn
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0025l42)
 Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs - Blessings
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs - Blessings
 Presenter: Greg Finn
 Reading: Genesis 28: 10-15
 Music:
 Counting my blessings - Seph Schlueter
 Bless God - Brooke Ligertwood
 The blessing of Abraham - Donald Lawrence and the Tri-City Singers
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0025144)
 The Stay at Home Soldiers
 Military historian Colonel John Hughes-Wilson presents the story of the men and women who served in the Home Guard during the Second World War and beyond.
 Featuring unique archive recordings, interviews and surviving male and female Home Guards
 With re-enactments from the Chatham Home Guard.
 This is the story of "The Real Dad's Army".
 Contributors:
 Victoria Seymour
 Ivor White
 Ted Mason
 Philip Bradstreet
 Owain Thomas
 Mike Burkenshaw
 Actor: Ysgol Glantaf
 Producer: Geoff Ballinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.
WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jnn6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025140)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Winston (b007wfy8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0186wj0)
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WED 13:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m001328v)
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WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b036tw1)
 Series 27
 2013 Semi-final 2
 Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz. Now at the semi-final stage with three contestants who've proved the breadth of their musical knowledge in the heats returning to compete for a place in the final.
 This trio battling it out at the BBC's Radio Theatre, London are:
 * Wilson Bain from Glasgow
 * Bob del Quiaro from South London.
 * Geoff Trinick from Cardiff.
 Producer: Paul Bajoria
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.
WED 14:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrrq)
 Series 1
 A Good Cause
 Rosie's company is tasked to put together a charity gala concert in aid of the Afghans.
 But there's confusion over whether it's for the people or the dogs?
 Prunella Scales stars 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
 Ginnie Joanna Munro
 Lady Helen Celia Imrie
 Producer: Maria Esposito
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.
WED 15:00 Foreign Girls by Elaine Feinstein (m0025146)
 3. Loss
 Janos's funeral brings Lena and Katya's families together in a way they've never been before.
 Starring Jenny Agutter and Jennie Stoller.
 Conclusion of Elaine Feinstein's drama following the lives of Lena and Katya, two Jewish women in England.
 Lena Jennie Stoller
 Katya Jenny Agutter
 Dr Kuperman Leonard Fenton
 Sadie Kuperman Doreen Mantle
 Stefan David Thorpe
 Grete Jill Graham
 Graham David Barras
 Miklos Vennady Philip Sully
 Minister/Guard Dominic Letts
 Policeman Tom Bevan
 Kaddish read by Tony Rudolf.
 Director: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.
WED 15:45 Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (m000289q)
 3. Firelight in the Flat
 There's a lot to be said for an open fire. But this evening Constance needed a different kind of cheer.
 Read by Angela Thorne.

One of three short stories written by Elizabeth Bowen.
 Producer: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1986
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WED 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001yqj0)
 Series 2
 'Is it someone going down a waterslide?'
 Chris McCausland asks Jessica Knappett and Andy Parsons to take on Ahir Shah and Desiree Burch. Ahir Shah confuses his teammate when using just sound to describe a preassigned prompt. 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 work out which famous faces are being described by Chris' audio assistance software.
 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 (b01s4szd)
 Series 5
 Manchester
 Comedian and activist Mark Thomas creates another People's Manifesto.
 This will be based on the policies of his audience at the Dance House Theatre in Manchester.
 Agenda:
 1) Low-cost housing
 2) Happier train carriages
 3) Novel road safety techniques.
 Researcher: Susan McNicholas
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.
WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01p7i07)
 Series 2
 Cultural Heroes
 Iolo Morgannwg, Lady Llanover and Michael Heseltine.
 Comedian Elis James compares key figures in Welsh history to determine the ultimate heroes of Wales.
 With:
 Ben Partridge
 Nadia Kamil
 Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge.
 Producer: Sharif Shahwan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in December 2012.
WED 23:30 Ken Cheng: Chinese Comedian (m0000sy2)
 Series 1
 4: Relationships
 Stand-up series exploring British Chinese culture, from BBC New Comedy Award finalist Ken Cheng.
 In this episode, Ken examines attitudes towards relationships.
 Reader: Sarah Sharpe
 Producer: Lyndsay Fenner
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.
WED 23:45 Self-Storage (b0082dxc)
 Series 1
 Leaving
 Could the time have come at long last for Dave to leave behind his peculiar abode?
 Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.
 Sitcom written by Tom Collinson and Barnaby Power.
 Dave Reece Shearsmith
 Geoff Mark Heap
 Ron Tom Goodman-Hill
 Judy Rosie Cavaliero
 With Susan Earl.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

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THU 04:30 Smelling of Roses (b007jrrq)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:45 Short Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (m000289q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jnn6)
 Miss Marple - At Bertram's Hotel
 Episode 4
 Just as one mystery is cleared up, Miss Marple becomes involved in another...
 Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield.
 Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Miss Marple June Whitfield
 Inspector Davy Frederick Jaeger
 Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham
 Inspector Campbell David Timson
 Bess Sedgwick Sian Phillips
 Miss Gorringe Jillie Meers
 Michael Gorman John Hartley
 Sir Ronald Graves Patrick Allen
 Miss McCrea Zulema Dene
 Hoffman Freddie Jones
 Elvira Blake Tracy Wiles
 Sergeant Waddell Ross Livingstone
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.
THU 06:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025191)
 5. Promise of Spring
 Carter and Wainwright decide that they've both been double-crossed by Mettold. But where does Ilena stand?
 Espionage and intrigue as a recently convicted spy is ordered to be sprung from jail, just a year into a 25-year sentence. But what is the motivation and who is behind the plan?
 Charles Wainwright Christopher Good
 Ilena Melinda Walker
 Carter Graham Blockey
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 'The Meisterspringer' a six-part radio serial written by Berkely Mather, the penname of John Davies [1909-1996]. His career in radio drama spanned from 1955 to 1985, with 'The Meisterspringer' being his final production. A prodigious writer of screenplays, his television credits include 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers'. In the cinema, he is known for his work on three James Bond movies, 'Dr No', 'From Russia with Love' and 'Goldfinger'.
 Producer: Graham Gauld
 Director: Caroline Raphael
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.
THU 07:00 Coming Alive (b00g5jth)
 Series 2
 Where The Action Is
 Terry comes a cropper when he tries to stop a mob of vigilantes.
 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
 Mrs Baxter Richenda Carey
 Andy Tom George
 Annie Alison Pettitt
 Jerry Purvis David Thorpe
 Chaperoning Child Irene Prentice
 Scaggs Clinton Mullins Dodson
 Producer: Marilyn Imrie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000
THU 07:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jqc5)
 13. Hidden Treasure
 Pike and Hodges call in a clairvoyant to help them locate the rumoured booty hidden somewhere on the pier in Frambourne-on-Sea.
 Starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.
 A seaside saga of pier perpetuation.
 Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
 Arthur Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Frank Pike Ian Lavender
 Bert Hodges Bill Pertwee

Miss Perkins Vivienne Martin
Madame Zara Betty Marsden
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 October 1984.
THU 08:00 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v7q9)
Life
Following on from her hugely successful, award-winning series – 'Minds The Gap' and 'Utopia', Bridget Christie turns her attention to Mortality.
Like many of us forced to work from home during Covid lockdown, Bridget recorded this series herself in her house, and in her local park, on a pre-sanitised recording device sent to her in the post. Batteries weren't included. She had to buy them all herself.
In a collection of informative, personal and absurd recordings, she confronts the difficult questions most of us spend our lives avoiding - all whilst being interrupted by cats, bad WiFi, life admin and her own dead self from beyond the grave.
"Does life have meaning?", "How do you live in the moment?", "Why is life like a washing machine cycle?" and "What's that dog barking at?"
If you are mortal, then this is the show for you.
Written and performed by Bridget Christie.
With guest appearances from her dad, sister Eileen and friend Ash.
Producer: Carl Cooper
A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.
THU 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000fgn6)
9. Enemies
As enemies surround the princesses, Mary uncovers a shocking secret.
In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.
However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...
Irish police detective Stafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety. However, with a contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.
But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis Hall itself?
An imagined historical adventure and enthralling mystery.
B.W. Black is the pen name of acclaimed Irish author John Banville. He is the author of several novels, including *The Sea*, which won the 2005 Man Booker Prize. In 2013 he was awarded the Irish PEN Award for Outstanding Achievement in Irish Literature. He has published a number of crime novels, most featuring Quirke (an Irish pathologist based in Dublin) which were adapted into a TV series starring Gabriel Byrne.
Abridged by Neville Teller
Read by Sorcha Cusack
Produced by Michael Shannon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
THU 08:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m00132tv)
Series 5
4. End Of The Line
Maggie has spotted a mystery blonde on their home security system.
Could John be having an affair?
A fortune teller reveals all to Maggie at the village fete.
Starring Bill Nighy and Anna Calder-Marshall.
The return of AL Kennedy's romantic comedy drama in five parts.
John Black Bill Nighy
Maggie Turner Anna Calder-Marshall
Post Office Carol Jasmine Hyde
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2022.
THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001z73)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
THU 09:30 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qhb)
4. Eddie Adams - Execution of a Vietcong Suspect, 1968
Colin Ford tells the stories behind five groundbreaking photographs and how they changed the world.
Eddie Adams - Execution of a Vietcong Suspect, 1968.
Credited with ending the Vietnam war, this photograph was reproduced in newspapers around the world within hours of it being taken.
Producer: Hilary Dunn
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002519n)
Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs
Presenter: Isabelle Hamley
Reading:
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00ryg42)
Robin Hood
Human rights activist Clive Stafford Smith champions Robin Hood.

Clive Stafford Smith is a lawyer working for human rights both in Britain and abroad - he campaigns for the rights of prisoners on death row in the US and in Guantanamo Bay.
His nomination for a life worth celebrating is at first surprising - it's the entirely fictitious Robin Hood. But, he argues in conversation with medievalist Professor Stephen Knight, the myth has a lot to teach us about the way we treat each other.
Presenter: Matthew Parris
Producer: Christine Hall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010.
THU 10:30 Captured By Pirates (b00rdwm5)
Kate Silverton uncovers the story of the English schoolgirls who were captured by pirates off the China coast, and later ended up in a Japanese concentration camp with Eric Liddell.
In 1935, the SS Tungchow was taken over by a dozen Chinese pirates as it emerged from the Yangtse River. They were expecting a cargo of gold bullion but instead found three lady teachers and seventy British missionaries' children, on their way to Chefoo boarding school on the North China coast.
Six years later, in 1941, these same children became enemy aliens when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour. They were imprisoned in the Weishien Internment Camp, Shantung Province, along with 500 other children, half of them without parents. The morale of the girls and their teachers was greatly improved by two Brownie packs and a Girl Guide Company. Their sports were organised by Eric Liddell, (Chariots of Fire) until he died.
This is an extraordinary tale, and it's told by those who were there:
Margaret Holder, née Vinden.
Beryl Goodland, née Welch.
Kathleen Foster, née Strange.
Mary Previte, née Taylor.
Evelyn Heubener, née Davey.
Programme consultant Janie Hampton.
Producer: Beth O'Dea
First broadcast on BBC Radio in March 2010.
THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jnnq)
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THU 13:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m00132tv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b00kfwbs)
Series 2
Episode 1
Martin Young chairs the quiz looking at lives of those who made it into the history books.
Plus those who only enjoyed 15 minutes of fame...
Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis When and Fred Housego.
With guests:
Polly Toynbee
Miles Kington
Producer: Aled Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
THU 14:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000y64v)
Syd
Arthur Smith's hit Edinburgh Festival show.
Arthur's father Syd was an ordinary man in extraordinary times.
Just 17 when he signed up, he fought at El Alamein, was captured and then imprisoned in Colditz and, after the war, joined the Metropolitan Police. He spent the rest of his working life patrolling the streets of London and had possibly the worst arrest rate in the force - having been a prisoner of war he had no desire to subject anyone else to suffer a loss of liberty.
In this funny and tender evocation of post-war Britain, Arthur brings us Syd's diary entries and conjures up the spirit of his father, a man of great integrity and humour.
Recorded in front of a live, socially distanced audience, with assistance from his brother Nick and music from Kirsty Newton.
Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
A Yada-Yada Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.
THU 15:00 Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe (b007jqy3)
1. Arrival
Against the advice of his family, Robinson Crusoe is set on a life of adventure.
Daniel Defoe's epic tale.
Starring Roy Marsden and Tom Bevan.
Dramatised in two parts by Steve Chambers
Older Robinson Roy Marsden
Younger Robinson Tom Bevan
Wells Gerard McDermott
Crusoe's Father John Rowe
Crusoe's Mother Jenny Lee
Captain Christopher Wright
Jack Iwan Thomas
Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe (b007jqy3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 22:00 Unspeakeable (m0025d7n)
Series 1
5. Gingers for Justice
Roisin Conaty introduces a phrase for hiding moments of irrational irritation, Alasdair Beckett-King presents a word that challenges 'playful' teasing, and Slim offers a new term aimed at uplifting older individuals in a society that often overlooks them.
Ever struggled to find the right word for a feeling or sensation? Unspeakeable 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: Roisin Conaty, Alasdair Beckett-King and Slim
Created by Jon 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 (b00szjy0)
Series 1
Wouldn't You Like to Get Away
Mary and Mum have a break when Ben's unconscious body gets driven to a medical conference in Birmingham.
But they can't quite bring themselves to leave the hospital. Meanwhile, Ben's mind also takes a trip. Unfortunately, it's a trip back to the hotel in Paris, where he had the most miserable night of his life.
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 Neil Pearson
Jean/Mum Josie Lawrence
Mary Fiona Allen
Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash
With:
Dave Lamb
Mark Perry
Jo Martin
Hils Barker
Giles New
Lucy Montgomery
Scarlett Milburn-Smith
Elizabeth Bell
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
THU 23:00 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller (b00911f4)
Episode 3
In an optimistic attempt at cultural review, Craig Children and Martin Bain-Jones throw a Come As You Aren't party.
Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong star as the pompous critics.
With:
Charlie Condou
Melissa Lloyd
Tony Gardner
Written by Ben Miller, Alexander Armstrong, David Mitchell and Robert Webb.
Producer: Jon Rolph
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
THU 23:30 Party (b01mqj72)
Series 3
The Curry
Return of the budding visionaries still trying to make political waves.
The group reconvene after their Summer break and their ambition steps up a gear.
Tom Basden's satirical comedy about a political party run by young idealists.
Simon Tom Basden

Duncan Tim Key
Jared Jonny Sweet
Mel Anna Crilly
Phoebe Katy Wix
Producer Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

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FRI 01:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m002519l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Coming Alive (b00gsjth)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jqc5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v7q9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000fgn6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m00132tv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 Who Goes There? (b00kfwbs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000y64v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe (b007jqy3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jnp6)
Miss Marple - At Bertram's Hotel
Episode 5
The police ask amateur sleuth Miss Marple to take part in a little experiment.
Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring June Whitfield.
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
Inspector Davy Frederick Jaeger
Sir Ronald Graves Patrick Allen
Canon Pennyfather Maurice Denham
Bess Sedgwick Stan Phillips
Miss Gorringer Jillie Meers
Elvira Blake Tracy Wiles
Bridget Sarah Plowright
Ladislav Malinowski Gavin Muir
Sergeant Waddell Ross Livingstone
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.
FRI 06:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025m8s)
6. He Who Springs Last
Wainwright's mission approaches its climax. But who is behind the whole operation and stands to gain the most?
Espionage and intrigue as a recently convicted spy is ordered to be sprung from jail, just a year into a 25-year sentence. But what is the motivation and who is behind the plan?
Charles Wainwright Christopher Good
Ilena Melinda Walker
Mettold Cyril Shaps
Carter Graham Blockey
The Gaffer Ronald Baddiley
Captain Kjaer Henry Stamper
Inspector Snell Roger Snowdon
'The Meisterspringer' a six-part radio serial written by Berkely Mather, the penname of John Davies [1909-1996]. His career in radio drama spanned from 1955 to 1985, with 'The Meisterspringer' being his final production. A prodigious writer of screenplays, his television credits include 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers'. In the cinema, he is known for his work on three James Bond movies, 'Dr No', 'From Russia with Love' and 'Goldfinger'.
Producer: Graham Gauld
Director: Caroline Raphael
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.
FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b0080p54)
Series 2
Hot Water
With more love entanglements, Izzy is finding life back in England rather confusing.
Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men.
Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.
An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.
Izzy Imelda Staunton
Dick Mike Grady
Michael Nicholas Le Prevost
Aunt Vinny Rosemary Martin
Charles David Robb
Gwyn Dafydd Hywel
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.
FRI 07:30 Doctor in the House (b007k437)
Sex and St Swithins
Medic Simon Sparrow breaks hospital rules by flirting with a pretty new nurse.
The misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow.
Starring Richard Briers.
With special guest star, Irene Handl.
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 Barbara Mitchell
Nurse Michaels Carol Marsh
Ginger Tanya Robinson
Mrs Clarke Irene Handl
Producer: David Hatch
Recorded at the BBC Paris studio in London.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.
FRI 08:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m00132xq)
Series 1
Coffee
Comedy legends Punt and Dennis with their sitcom, set in the claustrophobic carriages of a cross-country rail service.
It's day one of a new franchise and train manager Sam has high hopes for their maiden voyage, even if the new bosses insist her role is to 'enhance the onboard travel experience'. But the marketing team's offer of free coffee for ALL customers soon threatens to derail the smooth running of the service.
Meanwhile passengers struggle to escape the clutches of the automatic toilets....
Our heroes are the long-suffering train crew who manage to scrape through every shift like a dysfunctional family.
Sam Rosie Cavaliero
Gilbert Kenneth Collard
Dev Ali Shahalom
Tasha Amy Gledhill
Pensioner 1 Hugh Dennis
Pensioner 2 Gemma Arrowsmith
Student Justice Ritchie
Lawyer Steve Punt
Written by Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis
Produced by James Robinson
A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2022.
FRI 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000fgjo)
10. Under Attack
Strafford decides to take the girls and flee.
In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.
However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...
Irish police detective Strafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety. However, with a contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.
But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis Hall itself?
An imagined historical adventure and enthralling mystery.
B.W. Black is the pen name of acclaimed Irish author John Banville. He is the author of several novels, including The Sea, which won the 2005 Man Booker Prize. In 2013 he was awarded the Irish PEN Award for Outstanding Achievement in Irish Literature. He has published a number of crime novels, most featuring Quirke (an Irish pathologist based in Dublin) which were adapted into a TV series starring Gabriel Byrne.
Abridged by Neville Teller
Read by Sorcha Cusack
Produced by Michael Shannon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
FRI 08:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m00132xw)
Series 5
5. If Not For You
John is still mounting nightly patrols to try and catch the village lurker and it's a nasty surprise when their identity is finally revealed.
Starring Bill Nighy and Anna Calder-Marshall.
The return of AL Kennedy's romantic comedy drama in five parts.
John Black Bill Nighy
Maggie Turner Anna Calder-Marshall
Jimmy Nails Michael Begley
Villagers Jasmine Hyde, Christine Kavanagh, Neil McCaul
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2022.
FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zvkk)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
FRI 09:30 Snapshots in the Dark (b0075qj2)
5. Lennart Nilsson - The Inner Child
Colin Ford tells the stories behind five groundbreaking photographs and how they changed the world.
Lennart Nilsson - the Inner Child. The first ever photograph of

a live foetus taken inside its mother's womb and used on the cover of Life magazine.
Producer: Hilary Dunn
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1999.
FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0025m8v)
Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs - Righteous saviour
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Advent Candles: Hope from the Patriarchs - Righteous saviour
Presenter: Rev Kirsty Thorpe
Reading: Jeremiah 33 14-16
Music:
Longing for light, we wait in darkness (Longing for light) - St Martin's Voices
A tender shoot - Goldschmidt - Choir of King's College, Cambridge
Build your Kingdom here - The Rend Collective
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m0006tk5)
Series 28
Streets of London by Ralph McTell
Ralph McTell and others discuss a song that was written for a heroin addict, became an anthem against homelessness, and transcended the folk genre to become an enduring classic.
Ralph McTell says he's thought constantly about the "blip in my graph" that is Streets of London. People say to him "50 years. One hit. You think you'd have given up by now". But, Ralph says, that's not why he writes songs. And, of course, he's written many. Many that he considers far better than Streets of London. But this remains his best known, best loved, and most played track. It was first recorded 50 years ago, in 1969, for his album Spiral Staircase although it wasn't released as a single until 1974.
Taking part in Soul Music, alongside Ralph, with their stories and memories connected to Streets of London, are:
Jerry Playle, a music producer. His first ever public performance as a teenage guitarist was of Streets of London. The guitar part went well, but when he opened his mouth to sing, he realised - to his horror - that he couldn't...
Gwen Ever, a DJ. He became homeless in the 1980s. It's the unlikely punk version of Streets of London by the Anti Nowhere League that reminds him of this time.
Maria Bentley-Dingwall, the daughter of Iris Bentley. Iris was the sister of Derek Bentley who was hanged for a murder he did not commit. Iris spent her life campaigning for his conviction to be quashed. Ralph McTell grew up knowing this story, became a friend of the family, wrote a song about the case, and sang Streets of London at Iris Bentley's funeral.
Producer: Karen Gregor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2019.
FRI 10:30 Grand Guignol (b00td9qw)
Sheila McClennon investigates the 19th-century Paris theatre that put blood, gore and horror centre stage.
At the end of the 19th-century, in the seediest quarter of Paris, a new theatre opened its doors offering a recipe of blood and terror - and soon the Grand Guignol was to become as big as an attraction in the city as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe.
The success of an evening's performance - made up of a succession of short comedy and horror plays - was measured by how many members of the audience fainted, as they witnessed gougings, garrottings and gory murders on a nightly basis. After more than sixty years the theatre finally closed its doors, but only after helping influence the development of horror in the cinema, as well as introducing the phrase Grand Guignol into common parlance as a byword for shocking, blood-soaked terror.
Sheila McClennon visits Paris to revisit the scene of this most shocking of theatre movements, and also comes to London to find out how the likes of Joseph Conrad and Noel Coward got involved in its English incarnation, which fought a staunch but unsuccessful battle with the censors at the beginning of the 1920s.
Producer: Geoff Bird
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jnp6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 11:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025m8s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 12:00 Up the Garden Path (b0080p54)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007k437)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 13:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m00132xq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 13:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000fgjo)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m00132xw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0013zj6)
Series 27
Episode 4
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 mistakes, bicycles, dogs and death.

With:

Richard Osman
Henning Wehn
Holly Walsh
Ria Lina

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

FRI 14:30 All the Young Dudes (b007rkc3)

Series 1

People's Parties

Billy gets bullied into having some people round to his place. It seems like a bad idea, until someone suggests a game of cards....

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

Moira Sadie Shimmin

Joe Stephen Frost

Maria Flaminia Cinque

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

FRI 15:00 Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe (b007jqyc)

2. Friday

Crusoe's acceptance of his solitude is shattered by a single footprint in the sand.

Conclusion of Daniel Defoe's epic tale.

Starring Roy Marsden and Tom Bevan.

Dramatised by Steve Chambers.

Older Robinson Roy Marsden

Younger Robinson Tom Bevan

Wells Gerard McDermott

Crusoe's Father John Rowe

Crusoe's Mother Jenny Lee

Captain Christopher Wright

Jack Iwan Thomas

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (m0006tk5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Grand Guignol (b00td9qw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jnp6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather

(m0025m8s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Up the Garden Path (b0080p54)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Doctor in the House (b007k437)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m00132xq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000fgj0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 Subterranean Homesick Blues (m00132xw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0013zj6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 All the Young Dudes (b007rkc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe (b007jqyc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Parish Matters (m0025kr1)

Series 1

4. 'A financial, legal, humanitarian and ecological disaster'

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 attempts to 'go-green' have backfired spectacularly, and the council hold an emergency meeting on what to do about the runaway disaster that is their 'Environmental Awareness Festival'. Who's to blame for the pollution of the rivers by the festival portapotties? Can the dubious renewable energy proposals really work and the best (and only) cop in town wrestles with the shock death-slash-possible murder of a hometown music hero on the opening night of the festival – on his night off!

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 Flanigan, Michael Stranney and Peter McGann. Produced by Keith Martin and Exec Produced by Sam Michell. A LABEL radio Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01ghh2)

Series 2

Animals

Award-winning Jason Byrne muses on all beasts, including humans.

Fast-paced stand-up comedy and sketch show.

With:

Laurence Howarth

Daisy Haggard

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00262tb)

Katie Norris 3/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Katie Norris.

FRI 23:00 Clayton Grange (b01mw5jb)

Series 1

Episode 1

Anthony Head leads a team of brilliantly stupid scientists.

This is Clayton Grange, top secret Scientific Institute with a government brief to solve the global fuel crisis, cheer people up and make war just a bit more gentle. Meet the scientists who are a bit rubbish at life. And not much better at science.

Comedy by Neil Warhurst with extra material by Paul Barnhill.

Saunders Anthony Head

Geoff Neil Warhurst

Roger Paul Barnhill

Jameson Stephanie Racine

Helen/Bunty Don Gilet

Alan Dobson Paul Stonehouse

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

FRI 23:30 Sean Lock - 15 Storeys High (b09hmjts)

Series 1

The Entry Phone

Crouched on his lonely perch like a smug hermit, Sean Lock hides in Flat 76, Elderberry House, Maydew Estate, trying to keep the world at bay.

The world, for some reason, does not want to play his game.

Starring Sean Lock

Five-part comedy series written by Sean Lock and Martin

Trenaman.

With:

Felix Dexter

Jenny Eclair

Tim Mitchell

Tracy-Ann Oberman

Peter Serafinowicz

Script Editor: Robert Fraser-Steele

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.