

## SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2025

## SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b04p845x)

Series 19

Plaisir d'Amour/Can't Help Falling in Love With You  
Marianne Faithfull recalls the classical French Love song which went on to inspire a 1960s hit record by Elvis Presley.

'Plaisir d'Amour' somehow found its way through 18th century orchestration (Hector Berlioz) and 1960s folk revival, to an unexpected re-invention as Elvis's 'I Can't Help Falling in Love with You'.

Written in 1784 by Jean-Paul-Égide Martini, the song muses on the pleasures and pains of love and was inspired by a poem in Jean-Pierre Claris de Florian's novel 'Célestine'.

For 17 year old Marianne Faithfull, it was a song of innocence, recorded in a tiny booth in London's old Decca studios whilst happily pregnant with her first child.

Meanwhile, author Julia Donaldson and husband Malcolm busked it on the streets of Paris. This was in the summer of 1969 and police hid in alleyways, still fearful of students following the 1968 riots.

Inspired by Elvis, West Point Military Academy Freshman Andrew Scott learnt to pick the tune on guitar – helping him win the heart of his wife.

For Henry and Christine Wallace, it summed everything up "It was what I was looking for, someone to share my life and the words 'take my whole life too was in tune with what I wanted'.

Producer: Nicola Humphries

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

## SAT 00:30 Ravi Shankar: Sitar Hero (b00mrprt)

Nitin Sawhney explores the life of one of the greatest musicians the world has ever seen.

In the West, Ravi's outstanding career has sometimes been overshadowed by his brief association with the Beatles but he has been performing and composing at the highest level for over 70 years.

The man who first brought Indian classical music to an international audience was once compared to Mozart by the great violinist Yehudi Menuhin. But it wasn't an easy journey to success - it took an arduous process of study and practice. Nitin meets his hero to discuss how he did it.

With contributions from:

Ravi Shankar's daughter Anoushka, one of India's biggest music stars Zakir Hussain, George Harrison's wife Olivia, The Who's Pete Townshend and music historian Ken Hunt.

Producer: James Hale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

## SAT 01:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mrc)

3. What Did It Matter?

California 1939: can private detective Philip Marlowe survive trying to protect Sternwood's reckless daughters?

'What did it matter where you lay once you were dead? You just slept the big sleep, not caring about the nastiness of how you died or where you fell.'

Conclusion of Raymond Chandler's hardboiled crime-fiction classic.

Starring Ed Bishop.

Dramatised by Bill Morrison.

Re-versioned from the 90 minute drama first heard in 1977.

Philip Marlowe .... Ed Bishop

General Sternwood .... Robert Beatty

Carmen Sternwood .... Liza Ross

Vivian Regan .... Diana Olsson

Agnes .... Nicolette McKenzie

Harry Jones .... Don Fellows

Canino .... Peter Marinker

Mona .... Irene Sutcliffe

Capt Cronjager .... Henry Knowles

Art Huck .... Malcolm Gerard

Musical research Adrian Williams.

Director: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

## SAT 01:30 Whodunnits (b00y25xk)

Father Brown Stories

The Blue Cross

Death in a small hotel.

Who stole the silver fish service? How many waiters are there?

And how did all this lead to a glimmer of repentance?

Starring Andrew Sachs and Olivier Pierre.

Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth.

Dramatised by John Scotney.

Father Brown ..... Andrew Sachs

Flambeau ..... Olivier Pierre

Colonel ..... Matt Brenner

Duke ..... Christopher Scott

Hector ..... Kerry Shale

Lever ..... David Graeme

Giovanni ..... Arnold Diamond

Jean-Pierre ..... Robin Summers

Doctor ..... David Sinclair

Audley ..... Alan Thompson

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

## SAT 02:00 Up the Garden Path (b0085k01)

Series 2

The More the Merrier

Charles learns of Izzy's torrid past, when her friends join them

for a holiday.

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

Charles ..... David Robb

Dick ..... Mike Grady

Bill ..... Neil McCaul

Maria ..... Marty Cruickshank

Gwyn ..... Dafydd Hywel

Michael ..... Nicholas Le Prevost

Louise ..... Phyllida Nash

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

## SAT 02:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680)

Women and Wine

Medic Simon Sparrow's efforts to get a date for the hospital ball turn to chaos.

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

Lady Spratt .... Joan Young

Matron/Vera .... Norma Ronald

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1968.

## SAT 03:00 Prepper (m0002b8v)

Series 1

Hell Is Other People

Survival courses are road tested!

Trump. ISIS. The Courgette Crisis. Signs of civilisation's

fragility are all around. No wonder the Doomsday Clock just

nudged closer to midnight.

In this fearscape, more and more ordinary people are wondering how they'd cope if everything we take for granted (law and order, access to healthcare, iceberg lettuces in Sainsburys) was taken away.

Preppers - a large and rapidly growing global community - have taken this thought one step further. They're actively skilling-up, laying down supplies and readying themselves for the end of the world, in whatever form it comes. Indeed, a prepping shop just

opened in Newquay. And if people in Cornwall are prepping, it's time to worry.

Imagine if Woman's Hour made a podcast about preparing for the end times. Prepper follows neurotic, debt-ridden Rachel and hard-as-nails 'Churchill in Spanx' Sylvia, working class Mancunians who prep and podcast, sharing knowledge with their community, and showing off just how Armageddon-ready they are.

Told through their podcasts from Sylvia's garage and featuring 'apoco-tips', 'end of days drills' and interviews with preppers from around the world, Prepper comically explores how two mismatched women live with the possibility of the end of days, and how they bond over their determination to survive. And fend off zombies.

Comedy written by Caroline Moran and James J. Moran

Sylvia ..... Sue Johnston

Rachel ..... Pearl Mackie

Calhoun ..... Simon Holland Roberts

Producer: Steve Doherty

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

February 2019.

## SAT 03:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j9k3)

5. Future Planning

As Sheila and Mona study for the exams, Moran finds his

authority challenged.

Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of

glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish

countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends,

even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the

past.

However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must

confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by

this complicated and contradictory man.

An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under

the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home.

Written and abridged by John McGahern.

Read by Lloyd Hutchinson.

Producer: Celia de Wolff

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in May 2020.

## SAT 03:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qnjd)

10. Cathedral Tower

Jasper's plans come to a head as the climax to the story is played

out at the top of the cathedral tower.

Dickens's last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical

drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say

they are.

Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards

exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of

the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first

successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his

creative well is drying up and that this story would never be

brought to a close.

Written by Charles Dickens and dramatised by Mike Walker.

Narrated by Dickens's daughter Kate, witness to her father's

final weeks, and whose fascination with this story leads her to

look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's

character.

Kate Dickens ..... Pippa Nixon

John Jasper ..... Joel McCormack

Rosa Bud ..... Isabella Inchbald

Neville Landless ..... Maanu Thiara

Helena Landless ..... Halema Hussain

Reverend Crisparkle ..... Damian Lynch

Deputy Winks ..... Aaron Gelkoff

Station Master ..... Wilf Scolding

Director: Jeremy Mortimer

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2020.

## SAT 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075rh9)

Series 1

Episode 2

The merits of moving to America - and being famous.

Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky

debating game.

With:

Steve Punt

John O'Farrell

Derek Draper

Rhona Cameron

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

## SAT 04:30 1834 (b011db7v)

The Time Machine

Jason decides the invention of the toasted sandwich maker will

sort out his new 19th-century life.

21st-century teacher, Jason Slater, is coming to terms with

waking up in 19th-century Macclesfield.

He's now Tarquin, the third son of Lord Belport with his

faithful valet, Ned.

Jim Poyser's riotous comedy of transportation and delight.

Jason Slater ..... Michael Begley

Ned ..... Joe Caffrey

Hoskins ..... Kenneth Alan Taylor

Lord Belport ..... Mark Chatterton

Stubbs ..... Glenn Cunningham

Millicent ..... Julia Rounthwaite

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

## SAT 05:00 Ice Blonde by Nancy Crane (m0026mrh)

A woman's place in crime fiction is between hard covers, and

Eunice Parker's big break comes when The Writer chooses her

as the Private Eye to track down his tough-guy Detective.

Stepping into the wise-cracking, hard-slapping role of Eunice,

Juliet Aubrey sets out in search of the iconic PI played by

David Soul but there are a dozen twists and a dangerous

temptress before her task is complete.

Written by Nancy Crane.

The Detective .... David Soul

Eunice Parker .... Juliet Aubrey

Vera di Nova .... Alexa Hamilton

The Wife .... Nancy Crane

Captain Boote/Tiny .... Glenn Conroy

Sonny .... Bob Sherman

Eddie Nomura/ Chou Yi/Bongo Teacher .... Adam Sims

Piano and Bongos played by Neil Brand.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002.

## SAT 06:00 After Moscow by Arnold Yarrow (m0026txp)

Chekhov's 'Three Sisters' set their hearts on Moscow and all it

represented for love, opportunity and fulfilment.

But what now?

Arnold Yarrow's drama takes up their story in 1917.

Starring Isabel Dean, Dinah Sheridan, Thelma Whiteley and

Timothy West.

Middle age and the Russian Revolution catch up with Masha,

Olga and Irina.

A younger generation is ready to carry away their dreams; their

old life has vanished and even romance seems very far away...  
Masha .... Isabel Dean  
Olga .... Dinah Sheridan  
Irina .... Thelma Whiteley  
Vershinin .... Timothy West  
Natasha .... Judy Parfitt  
Sofia (Sofochka) .... Patience Tomlinson  
Boris (Bobik) .... Jeffrey Perry  
Protopopov .... John Carson  
Davidov .... Brian Carroll  
Young Man .... Gordon Reid  
Director: Christopher Venning  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.

## SAT 07:30 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson (Omibus) (m000r3ck)

The adventures and perils of an otter born on the banks of the

River Torridge, North Devon.

Henry Williamson's classic tale of otter life, first published in

1927.

Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Sally Marmion.

Read by Nicholas Farrell.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.

**SAT 08:45 More Tales From a Long Room by Peter**

**Tinniswood (m0026txt)**

1. Witney Scrotum

The cricket-loving Brigadier celebrates the English way of life in his own village of Witney Scrotum.

The first of five more of Peter Tinniswood's cricket tales.

Read by Robin Bailey, as the acerbic Brigadier.

Abridged for radio by the author.

Producer: Tony Cliff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1982.

**SAT 09:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pw2m)**

5. All In A Good Cause

Felicity Willow decides to raise money for single mothers by staging a rhyming pantomime at her local church hall.

Rehearsals go from bad to worse.

Starring Moira Lister and Terence Alexander.

With the twins away at school, Felicity has time to start

meddling...

Written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman.

Felicity Willow ..... Moira Lister

Paul Willow ..... Terence Alexander

Nanny ..... Doris Hare

Mrs Cadwalader .... Judith Furse

Mary Flynn ..... Denise Coffey

Vicar ..... Richard Goodlen

Mr Smith ..... Harold Bennett

Bill McGuffie (piano)

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1971.

**SAT 09:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook**

**(b007k0st)**

Bravo Chantal!

The veteran reveals how hunting for financial backing can lead a film producer into many interesting and unusual by-ways of the entertainment industry.

J Kingston Platt is the doyen of British showbusiness.

He's ready to share reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years.

Performed and written by Peter Jones.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1986.

**SAT 10:00 Growing Pains (m00094mn)**

2. I Capture The Castle

Grace Dent locks herself in her teenage bedroom and rifles through the BBC Radio archives to celebrate the awkward, emotional, and unfortunately inevitable adolescent experience. She reminisces about the heartbreak and arguments that were an everyday part of her own teenage years growing up in Carlisle in the 1970s.

In the second of three episodes, Grace dips into the BBC Archives and come up with one of her favourite depictions of adolescence:

\* I CAPTURE THE CASTLE'

The first part of Jane Rodgers' adaptation of Dodie Smith's classic novel, starring Holliday Grainger.

In the ruins of medieval castle, deep in rural 1930's Suffolk, funny, intelligent 17 year old Cassandra Mortmain attempts to capture her family's life in a journal.

First heard on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

Producer: Jessica Treen

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra. First broadcast in October 2017.

**SAT 11:00 After Moscow by Arnold Yarrow (m0026txp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 12:30 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson**

**(Omnibus) (m000r3ck)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 13:45 More Tales From a Long Room by Peter**

**Tinniswood (m0026txt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 14:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pw2m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook**

**(b007k0st)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 Growing Pains (m00094mn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 The Wheatstone Pond by Robert Westall**

**(b00768rk)**

Once an Edwardian boating haven, the Wheatstone Pond has acquired a dark and chilling atmosphere – with a vile odour hanging around its waters.

After a tragic suicide, the pond is drained and some rather unusual artefacts begin to emerge...

Robert Westall's deadly occult mystery.

Dramatised by Martyr Read.

Jeff Morgan .... John Duttine

Hermione .... Teresa Gallagher

James .... John Webb

DI Crittenden .... Ian Brooker

Mr Makepiece/Mr Maidment .... Christopher Scott

Mossy .... Peter Meakin

Rose .... Lorna Laidlaw

The Children .... Jack Halsey / Richard Ganjavi

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Rosemary Watts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

**SAT 17:00 After Moscow by Arnold Yarrow (m0026txp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 18:30 Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson**

**(Omnibus) (m000r3ck)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 19:45 More Tales From a Long Room by Peter**

**Tinniswood (m0026txt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 20:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pw2m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook**

**(b007k0st)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 Growing Pains (m00094mn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m000766z)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Andrew Maxwell hosts a truly global stand-up show, in which comedians perform from wherever on the planet they happen to be, to an audience in the BBC Radio Theatre, London.

With:

Fabrizio Copano

Berit Compañen

Orlando Baxter

Fabrizio Copano is a household name in Chile but we caught up with him on a jaunt to LA where he was performing his English language show.

Berit Compañen is the resident MC of Rotterdam's first

purpose built stand-up club and tells us the all-important difference between Holland and The Netherlands.

Orlando Baxter called us from Worcester, MA before going on tour with his show Finding Mariah which he also performed at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

**SAT 22:30 Rob Newman (b0bk1llx)**

Rob Newman's Total Eclipse of Descartes

If a Tree Falls in a Forest...

Rob does battle with Jean-Paul Sartre and the existentialists. One of Britain's finest comedians Rob Newman sets his sights on the world of philosophy, unpicking 3000 years of good and bad ideas to discover how we got into this mess.

In a world gone mad, can philosophy provide the answer?

Written and performed by Rob Newman.

Edited by John Whitehall

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

September 2018.

**SAT 23:00 My Teenage Diary (b07cvltx)**

Series 7

Robert Peston

Journalist and broadcaster Robert Peston reads from his 1974

diaries, and chats to Rufus Hound about his formative years.

We find out about his childhood in bohemian North London,

his love for prog rock and loon pants, and the reason for the

way he speaks.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

Executive Producer: Aled Evans

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May

2016.

**SAT 23:30 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007jrrn)**

Snuff Radio

Sean and Hamish compete in a European Radio Drama

competition.

Surreal comedy starring award-winning double act Sean Foley

and Hamish McColl, the Right Size.

With:

Rose English

Count Arthur Strong

Chris Lerner

Mark Stevens

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

## SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025

**SUN 00:00 The Wheatstone Pond by Robert Westall**

**(b00768rk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 After Moscow by Arnold Yarrow (m0026txp)**

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**(Omnibus) (m000r3ck)**

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**Tinniswood (m0026txt)**

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**SUN 04:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook**

**(b007k0st)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:00 Growing Pains (m00094mn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0026srq)**

Children's Authors

Francesca Simon

Children's writer Francesca Simon is castaway by Kirsty Young Educated at Yale and Oxford, Francesca initially thought she'd pursue an academic life - but within weeks of her son's birth, found that ideas for children's stories started flowing. She's now written 20 books featuring her creation Horrid Henry and they sell in their millions.

She sees Horrid Henry as sitting within the long tradition of anarchic characters in children's literature. She says:

"Everyone responds to Henry because I think everyone feels - however conventional they seem on the outside - that they are rebellious and unconventional, and Henry really taps into that."

DISC ONE: The Beach Boys - Surfin' USA

DISC TWO: Jacques Brel - Amsterdam

DISC THREE: Emma Kirkby - Abbess Hildegard of Bingen's

Columba Aspexit from a Feather on the Breath of God

DISC FOUR: Joan Baez - The Trees they Grow So High

DISC FIVE: The Judds - Why Not Me

DISC SIX: Crazy For You cast - Slap That Bass

DISC SEVEN: Darren Abrahams and James Laing with the

Young Vic Chorus & Ensemble conducted by David Charles

Abell - Tobias and the Angel

DISC EIGHT: Mandy Patinkin - Finishing the Hat

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Mandy Patinkin - Finishing the

Hat

BOOK CHOICE: The Eustace Diamonds - Anthony Trollope

LUXURY CHOICE: Cappuccino maker

Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010t6c0)**

Series 2

Butterflies

When massing for their winter torpor in Mexico, the pine trees laden with Monarch Butterflies are one of the most mystical and magical places to be.

David Attenborough is one of many naturalists, writers and broadcasters to marvel at this species migration feat and the spectacle of their over wintering - one of the natural wonders of the world.

David guides us through the butterfly's migration to Canada from Mexico - and back again - gently unpacking their natural history and wonder.

He also immerses us in other butterfly congregations during filming trips over the years - but in a clever twist brings us back to his garden with an intriguing thought about the evolution of butterfly behaviour.

Written and presented by David Attenborough.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

**SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m0026srs)**

Inventions in Sound

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects

Inventions of Sounds.

Deaf poet Raymond Antrobus has been shortlisted for the TS

Eliot prize 2024, the winner of which will be announced this

week.

[Sound of sky splitting]

[Sound of heart accelerating]

[Sound of shadows behind a door]

Raymond explores the art of translating sound for the eye,

looking at the poetic possibilities of closed captions.

What can these captions - designed to illuminate the sound world of a film or TV show - reveal about how we conceive of

sound itself?

Raymond speaks to fellow D/deaf poets and artists to explore

their experiences navigating the spaces between the words. Are

closed captions just a simple act of transcription - [Doorbell

rings] - or a more subjective act of translation? How might we

reimagine them?

[Sound of something invented]

Featuring the sound artist Christine Sun Kim, poet Meg Day,

filmmaker and founding member of FWD Doc Lindsey Dryden

and the captioner Calum Davidson from Red Bee Media. With

poetic captions inspired by the work of Christine Sun Kim.

This documentary has been produced in three forms - as a radio

broadcast, as a transcript with annotations from Raymond and

as a subtitled video.

Produced by Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

2021.

**SUN 07:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (Omnibus)**

**(m0026srrv)**

Episode 1

Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of

glory in the War of Independence.

Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting -

with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant

struggle to come to terms with the past.

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broadcast in May 2020.

**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0026sry)**

Peter Capaldi

Doctor Who and The Thick of It star Peter Capaldi picks 'That's Life' by Frank Sinatra and 'Waterloo Sunset' by The Kinks.

**SUN 08:50 Charles Dickens - The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Omnibus) (m0026ss0)**

Episode 2

Kate Dickens concludes the story of her father's final and unfinished novel, a fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of Cloisterham.

It's Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt - disappears. Presumed murdered.

Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's Uncle Jasper?

Rosa has an upsetting meeting with John Jasper, while a mysterious white-haired gentleman appears in Cloisterham and forms an alliance with young Deputy Winks.

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Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his creative well is drying up and that this story would never be brought to a close.

Dickens's daughter Kate was witness to her father's final weeks. Her fascination with this story leads her to look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character.

Written by Charles Dickens and first published in 1870. Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Mike Walker.

Kate Dickens .... Pippa Nixon  
John Jasper .... Joel McCormack

Rosa Bud .... Isabella Inghald  
Reverend Crisparkle .... Damian Lynch

Neville Landless .... Maanuv Thiara  
Helena Landless .... Halema Hussain

Deputy Winks .... Aaron Gelkoff  
Hiram Gregwious .... Peter Davison

Stony Durdles .... Ian Conningham  
Edwin Drood .... Iwan Davies

Princess Puffer .... Rachel Atkins  
Cabby/Station Master/Joe .... Wilf Scolding

Director: Jeremy Mortimer

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

**SUN 10:00 Beyond Our Ken (b0bmbbrp)**

From 29/10/1958

Kenneth Horne joins a literary group and 'Homerama' probes the state of British food.

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 October 1958.

**SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b0110209)**

From 12/11/1953

The debut of 'The Glums' family with Pa, Ron, Eth and somewhere far off-mic, Ma.

Long-running classic comedy written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

June Whitfield

Alma Cogan

Wallas Eaton

Herbert Mostyn - a bit-part persona adopted, when necessary, by both Frank and Denis.

Music from The Keynotes and the Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

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**SUN 16:00 Fear on 4 (b007jlv)**

Series 1

The Monkey's Paw

A man makes wishes on a very unusual gift that's been cast with a sinister spell.

Another nerve-tingler from Fear on 4.

The Man in Black sets the scene...

Stars Edward de Souza and Allan McKelvey.

Written by WW Jacobs and first published in 1902.

Dramatised by Patrick Galvin.

Richard .... Allan McKelvey

Frank .... Oliver Maguire

Martha .... Trudy Kelly

Tommy .... Mark Mulholland

O'Leary .... Kevin Flood

The Man in Black .... Edward de Souza

Director: Jeremy Howe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

**SUN 16:30 Simon Bovey - Cold Blood (b007s5v2)**

2. Cold Heart

At Ellsworth Research Centre, deep in the Antarctic, scientist

Russell Bowers is recovering after his incredible trek.

Meanwhile, Commander Taft and meteorologist Anaya are heading to Mitchell Bluff to discover what they can about the attack on Bowers and his team.

Continuing Simon Bovey's sci-fi thriller made in 2005 but set in 2015.

Bowers .... Tim McMullan

Commander Taft .... Tom Mannion

Max Bellingfield .... Stuart McLoughlin

Anaya .... Ndidi Del Fatti

Deborah .... Helen Longworth

Director: Marc Beeby

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in January 2005.

**SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0026srq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010t6c0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m0026srs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**SUN 18:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (Omnibus) (m0026srr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0026sry)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

**SUN 19:50 Charles Dickens - The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Omnibus) (m0026ss0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**SUN 21:00 Beyond Our Ken (b0bmbbrp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b0110209)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SUN 22:00 Listen Against (b016x3gn)**

Series 4

Episode 2

A week of radio that never happened.

Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes rewind and mangle real

programmes

Written and created by Jon Holmes.

Listen Against is the comedy that takes the back off your radio and television, fiddles round with the programmes inside and then puts them all back the wrong way round.

With:

Kevin Eldon

Justin Edwards

Sarah Hadland

James Bachman

Kim Wall

David Mara

Written by Jon Holmes, Gareth Gwynn, John Hunter, James

Kettle, Joel Morris and Jason Hazeley, Matt Chorlton, John

Luke Roberts and Rachel Wheeley.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**SUN 22:30 Electric Ink (b01jy9c)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Struggling print journalist Maddox takes a moral stance with

disastrous results.

Starring John Sessions and Alex Jennings.

Old hacks meet new media in this satire set in the changing

world of the struggling newspaper industry.

Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson.

Maddox .... John Sessions

Oliver .... Alex Jennings

Freddy .... Stephen Wight

Carol .... Polly Frame

Masha .... Debbie Chazen

With:

Joanna Monro

Sean Baker

Adeel Akhtar

Henry Devas

Sam Dale.

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0026zj0)**

Ahir Shah 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks to Ahir Shah.

**SUN 23:00 Lewis Macleod Is Not Himself (b04jk3qr)**

Episode 3

The impression and sketch show that looks behind the scenes at the life and work of star impressionist Lewis Macleod.

Lewis has performed on 4 Extra's Newsjack, plus Postman Pat, The Phantom Menace and Dead Ringers.

With:

Kate O'Sullivan

Duncan Wisbey

Julian Dutton

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

**SUN 23:30 Safety Catch (b00fkyrd)**

Series 1

Loose Lips Sink Ships

Simon discovers Judith's new boyfriend is not the man everyone thought he was.

Starring Darren Boyd as Simon McGrath.

Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality.

Simon is essentially a nice man who also happens to be an arms dealer.

With:

Joanna Page

Lewis MacLeod

Sarah Smart

Brigit Forsyth

Nicholas Boulton

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

**MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025****MON 00:00 Fear on 4 (b007jlv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 Simon Bovey - Cold Blood (b007s5v2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0026srq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

**MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m0026srs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (Omnibus) (m0026srr)**

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**MON 03:50 Charles Dickens - The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Omnibus) (m0026ss0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Beyond Our Ken (b0bmbbrp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b0110209)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Cadfael (b007k23t)**

Dead Man's Ransom

1. Hostage

As civil war takes its toll on Shrewsbury, the detective monk takes action.

Ellis Peters' medieval thriller featuring Benedictine monk

Brother Cadfael.

Starring Philip Madoc.

Dramatised in five-parts by Bert Coules.

It's 1141. Beyond the walls of Shrewsbury's Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, civil war rages.

The Deputy Sheriff of Shropshire returns from the Battle of Lincoln with disastrous news that King Stephen has been captured. The Sheriff himself has been kidnapped by the

Welsh, and England's very future is uncertain.

Cadfael .... Philip Madoc

Sister Magdalen .... Susannah York

Hugh Beringar .... Jonathan Tafler

Elis .... Jason Hughes

Radulfus .... Trevor Peacock

Herbard .... Shaun Prendergast

Aline .... Lorien Haynes

Lad .... David Holt

Narrator .... Michael Kitchen

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Neil Cargill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

**MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b00y2x2c)**

Father Brown Stories

The Blue Cross

A villain turned detective? A new religion proclaimed from a balcony. And Inspector Bagshaw is baffled... Only Father Brown discovers the murderer.

Starring Andrew Sachs and Olivier Pierre.

Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth.

Dramatised by John Scotney.

Father Brown ..... Andrew Sachs

Flambeau ..... Olivier Pierre

Bagshaw ..... Bill Wallis

Kalon ..... Bruce Boa

Pauline Stacey ..... Narissa Knights

Joan Stacey ..... Lisa Flanagan

Sister ..... Melinda Walker

Wilson ..... Garrick Hagon

News Vendor ..... Robin Summers

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

**MON 07:00 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv8g)**

Mum, Will You Shut Up Please Now You're Dead?

Nick's sister Jane is so upset over his return to the family fold after 10 years, that she suffers a severe nose bleed.

His mother is so upset that she falls down dead on the spot.

To cap it all, Tony's best friend Dave is now leader of the Morris Dancing Survivalist Militia.

It's high time our hero paid a visit to his teenage sweetheart, the Bronte obsessed Emily, who has waited patiently for his return.

Nick Revell's epic comedy saga continues.

Tony ..... Nick Revell

Jane ..... Alison Steadman

Emily ..... Claire Skinner

Obadiah ..... David Swift

Alice ..... Maggie Steed

Dave ..... Peter Serafinowicz

Mrs Womersley ..... Joanna Brooks

Joanna ..... Natalie Walter

Jeff ..... Peter Gunn

The Narrator ..... Alistair McGowan

Music composed by Paul Mottram.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

**MON 07:30 Variety Bandbox (m0026sm1)**

Offering laughs and musical merriment, Variety Bandbox

started life at the end of the Second World War.

It was broadcast on BBC General Forces and later transferred to the BBC Light Programme running until 1952.

The series helped to launch a number of stars.

In this episode Frankie Howerd lets us in on his celebrations of

Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. And sings a favourite 'old

Tibetan' folk song.

Derek Roy lets us in on the latest cinema trends.

Semprini plays a piano medley and Vanessa Lee sings a medley of

'All The Things You Are' and 'Lover'.

Presented by Philip Slessor.

With

Frankie Howerd

Derek Roy

(Alberto) Semprini

Vanessa Lee

Billy Ternent & His Orchestra

Producer: Bryan Sears

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme on 4th June 1953.

**MON 08:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03m40zv)**

Series 3

Episode 1

Relationships have come and gone but life continues in

Wadenbrook and Ken and Keith have a birthday to celebrate.

Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the

residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.

Written by Katherine Jakeways.

As is well-known: Yorkshiremen wear flat caps and Essex girls

wear short skirts; Liverpudlians are scallies and Cockneys are

wideboys.

Northamptonians gaze wistfully at these stereotypes and wish

for an identity of any kind and a label less ridiculous than

Northamptonians. Northamptonshire, let us be clear, is neither

north, nor south nor in the Midlands. It floats somewhere

between the three eyeing up the distinctiveness of each

enviously.

Katherine Jakeways gives Northamptonshire an identity. And

she waits, eagerly, for her home-county to thank her. And

possibly make her some kind of Mayor.

Narrator ..... Sheila Hancock

Rod ..... Tim Key

Frank ..... Rufus Wright

Mary ..... Penelope Wilton

Jonathan ..... Kevin Eldon

Esther ..... Katherine Jakeways

Keith ..... John Biggins

Norman ..... Geoffrey Palmer

Jan ..... Felicity Montagu

Producer: Steven Camy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

**MON 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000jfzm)**

6. Seeking Excitement

Teenager Michael begins staying out late at night and attending

dances, much to his father's outrage.

Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of

glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish

countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends,

even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the

past.

However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must

confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by

this complicated and contradictory man.

An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under

the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home.

Written and abridged by John McGahern.

Read by Lloyd Hutchinson.

Producer: Celia de Wolff

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in May 2020.

**MON 08:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000my6y)**

1. Past Problems

Four years ago, Anna and John's marriage was floundering.

To make matters worse, John began a disastrous affair with

their couples counsellor, which he later regretted.

Now, to escape the past, they've started over in rural Southern

France - a place they once visited on holiday, but don't know

very well at all.

It's an act of folly, maybe, but necessary for their survival - or

so it seemed at the time.

But their dream of a new life in France is shattered when their

16-year-old son disappears and they find that they, and each of

their house guests, are suspects in what the gendarmes have

decided is a possible murder enquiry.

Written in ten parts by Shelagh Stephenson

Anna ..... Rosie Cavaliero

John ..... Ewan Bailey

Jess ..... Macy Nyman

Dorothy ..... Linda Bassett

Duncan ..... Rufus Wright

Joe ..... Tom Glenister

Lou ..... Rebecca Saire

Rob ..... John McAndrew

Melanie ..... Jane Slavin

Charlie ..... Thomas Allam

Christopher ..... Alfie Wickham

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

A Big Fish Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast

in September 2020.

**MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026sm3)**

The latest news from Westminster with Sean Curran

**MON 09:30 My Mile of the River (b00hhfcj)**

1. Sounds of the River Wye

Chris Tally Evans evokes the sights and sounds of the River

Wye as it flows yards from his garden in Rhayader in Wales.

He investigates a fungus that is a vegetarian alternative to

chicken and takes a stroll through ancient woodland.

He also hunts for a yaffle and listens to the dusk chorus.

Producer Steve Groves

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m0026sm6)**

2025 - A Year of Jubilee

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: 2025 - A Year of Jubilee

Presenter: The Revd Dr Emma Whittick

Reading: Leviticus 25:8-12

**MON 10:00 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00cyywj)**

Jenny Secombe

Harry Secombe's daughter Jenny chats to Sally Magnusson

about growing up with her versatile, funny father - who could

sing and act as well as make us laugh.

Series where the sons and daughters of famous comedians talk

about life with their dads.

Producer: Mike Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in August 2006.

**MON 10:30 Once in a Blue Moon: The Songs of Lal**

**Waterson (b00vrvqh)**

Lal Waterson's voice was stark but captivating.

It's been said that the songs she wrote were close to German

cabaret or chanson. They were lyrically ambitious and

melodically powerful.

Since her death in 1998, her reputation has grown and now she

is placed alongside the great singer-songwriters like Nick

Drake and Richard Thompson.

She was a member of the famous Waterson family and

numbered among other relatives the folk singer Martin Carthy

and his daughter Eliza.

Robin Denselow explores Lal's life and legacy - and assesses

her impact on song-writers today.

Producer: Emma Kingsley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

**MON 11:00 Cadfael (b007k23t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b00y2x2c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 12:00 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007jv8g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Variety Bandbox (m0026sm1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 13:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03m40zv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000jfzm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000my6y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00r5fk4)**

Series 56

Episode 10

Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where

panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without

hesitation, deviation or repetition.

With:

Paul Merton

Liza Tarbuck

Graham Norton

Sue Perkins

Subjects include: What I See In The Mirror, My Ruthless

Streak, Why Radio is Better Than Television, Out of Order,

The Parks of London, My Skincare Routine, The Angel of the

North and Broadcasting House.

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

**MON 14:30 Too Much Information (b00nk4wt)**

Episode 4

Waft Tourist Information resurrects an old Waft tradition - The

Day of the Pie.

The ugliest boy of the village is supposed to eat a pork pie on

the village green.

Neil Warhurst's comedy drama set in the idiosyncratic world of

a tourist information office.

Warren ..... Jeff Rawle

Douglas ..... Malcolm Tierney

Heather ..... Liza Sadovy

Lucy ..... Joannah Tincey

Bryan ..... Paul Barnhill

Tourist Information Machine ..... Philip Fox

Tyler (Piggy) ..... Rhys Jennings.

Producer: Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

**MON 15:00 Bull Epic by Don McCamphill (m0026sm8)**

11-year-old Colin's mother leaves him to stay with his rough

and ready relatives on their farm in rural Ballymena in Northern

Ireland.

Little does he know what trials the week ahead holds in store

for him...

Written by Don McCamphill.

Colin .... Andrew Harrison

James .... Des McAleer

Carson .... Conleth Hill

Granda .... Ian McElhinney

Niall .... Frank O'Sullivan

Joe .... Alan McKee

Donna .... Sharon Curran

Ferdie .... Laurence Kinlan

Director: Lawrence Jackson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

**MON 15:45 Short Works (m000ss40)**

The Sultan's Box of Sparrows

Poet, writer and former human rights lawyer Mona Arshi

presents a dark fairy tale.

After a Sultan has his wife walled up in the garden for being

unable to bear him a son he is forced to travel hundreds of

miles on a quest to redeem himself.

A Miniaturist instructs him to wash his face in five rivers in

order to restore good fortune but he is destined to learn some

hard lessons along the way.

Written and read by Mona Arshi.

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

**MON 16:00 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00cyywj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:30 Once in a Blue Moon: The Songs of Lal**

**Waterson (b00vrvqh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Cadfael (b007k23t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

Series 82

Episode 5

The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to the City Hall in Sheffield. On the panel are Milton Jones, Lucy Porter, Miles Jupp and Tony Hawks, with Jack Dee in the umpire's chair. Colin Sell accompanies on the piano.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random production for BBC Radio 4

**MON 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m001nn8y)**

Series 2

London to Blackpool

Alexei Sayle takes another train journey and breaks the golden rule of travelling by train in the UK - by actually talking to his fellow passengers.

In this episode, he travels from London to Blackpool.

Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:

\* Michael, who is on his way to a major international dance competition at the Winter Gardens Ballroom in Blackpool, with his first ever invitation to be a judge.

\* Julie and Sarah who are out on a trip and determined to have fun, including turning the tables on Alexei and deciding they will interview him - with very surprising results.

\* The woman who runs the most famous fleet of trams in the country, which has been carrying holidaymakers along Blackpool's seafront since 1885.

Producers: Peter Lowe and Nick Symons

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2023.

**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m0026np8)**

Series 116

Checked Facts &amp; Unfettered Fictions

This week on The News Quiz, Andy Zaltzman is joined by

Geoff Norcott, Paul Sinha, Angela Barnes and Anushka

Asthana to unpack the week's new stories. The panel look into Donald Trump's international ambitions, Keir Starmer looking ahead to the not-too-distant, yet not-too-close future, and the relentless interjections to British politics from Elon Musk.

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Jade Gebbie, Christina Riggs Mike Shephard, and Angela Channell.

Producer: Rajiv Karia

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss.

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4

An Eco-Audio certified Production

**MON 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b0090y11)**

Series 2

Chuckles

Satan is conducting interviews for a new assistant.

In the running are Scumspawn and a devious dolphin.

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan ..... Andy Hamilton

The Professor ..... James Grout

Thomas ..... Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn ..... Robert Duncan

Other characters played by Philip Pope.

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

**TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2025****TUE 00:00 Dad Made Me Laugh (b00cyywj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 Once in a Blue Moon: The Songs of Lal****Waterson (b00vrvqh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson****(m000my6y)**

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**TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b00r5fk4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Bull Epic by Don McCamphill (m0026sm8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:45 Short Works (m000ss40)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Cadfael (b007k254)**

Dead Man's Ransom

2. Ambassador

The detective monk's plan for a hostage exchange falters when love raises its head.

Starring Philip Madoc.

Ellis Peters' medieval thriller featuring Benedictine monk

Brother Cadfael.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

It's 1141. Beyond the walls of Shrewsbury's Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, civil war rages.

The Deputy Sheriff of Shropshire returns from the Battle of Lincoln with disastrous news that King Stephen has been captured. The Sheriff himself has been kidnapped by the Welsh, and England's very future is uncertain.

Cadfael .... Philip Madoc

Hugh Beringar .... Jonathan Tafler

Elis .... Jason Hughes

Melicent .... Kate Odey

Prince Owain .... Sion Probert

Radulfus .... Trevor Peacock

Cristina .... Siobahn Flynn

Eliud .... Mark Lewis Jones

Edmund/Ithel .... Shaun Prendergast

Maurice .... Douglas Blackwell

Narrator .... Michael Kitchen

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Neil Cargill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

**TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b00y32hg)**

Father Brown Stories

The Blue Cross

A murder for Christmas, but the body goes missing. Andrew Sachs stars as GK Chesterton's insightful clerical sleuth.

Father Brown solves the mystery and a young girl proves she wishes to marry someone who will make his own way in the world.

Starring Andrew Sachs and Olivier Pierre.

Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth.

Dramatised by John Scotney.

Father Brown ..... Andrew Sachs

Flambeau ..... Olivier Pierre

Laura ..... Eileen Tully

John Turnbull ..... Anthony Hyde

Isadore ..... Michael Drew

Urchin ..... Melinda Walker

Mrs Wilkins ..... Margot Boyd

Police Officer ..... Peter Acre

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1985.

**TUE 07:00 Girlies (b08jqf6b)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Vinny's exciting news gets mixed reactions and Sonal is

shocked by who's invited Tula on a date.

Five 30-something Asian women get together for "girlie"

evenings

Comedy serial written by Sudha Bhuchar and Shaheen Khan.

Tula .... Zita Sattar

Vinny .... Bharti Patel

Jabeen .... Shaheen Khan

Sonal .... Sudha Bhuchar

Samina .... Sakuntala Ramanee

Ramesh .... Ameet Chaana

Dan .... Roger Liddle

Marianne .... Alice Arnold

Alia .... Sophie Levy

Sara .... Nyla Levy

Masi .... Charubala Chokshi

Karan .... Susan Sheridan

Salim .... Shiv Grewal

Ali .... Burt Caesar

Javed .... Omar Salimi

Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Kristine Landon-Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jtd4)**

Series 7

The Nasty Affair at the Burami Oasis

Admiral Seagoon is dispatched as bandits attack the British garrison.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens, during the period of the Suez Crisis.

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 October 1956.

**TUE 08:00 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000z0r7)**

Dr Phil visits the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Edinburgh.

An innovative mix of comedy performance and documentary in a new series presented by Dr Phil Hammond.

As a doctor and a comedian, Phil knows that humour and laughter are vital coping mechanisms in the NHS, as he travels the UK on a mission to listen to the beating heart of a national institution.

The programmes are an adventurous, hilarious, thought provoking mix of humour and happiness, tragedy and reflection as the personal thoughts, opinions, experiences and hopes of people who work for and use the NHS are revealed.

In each programme, Phil visits one NHS hospital somewhere in the UK and speaks to porters and patients, cleaners and cardiologists, visitors and volunteers, the managers and the medics.

Beginning at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Edinburgh, Dr Phil hears the stories of staff and patients.

Dr Phil performs a free stand-up comedy show for the staff based on his listening experiences at this new children's hospital.

How does humour help us cope?

Producer: David Morley

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

**TUE 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern****(m000jgb7)**

7. Affair

Michael abandons his education to begin an affair with an older woman, despite his fear of Moran.

Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the past.

However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man.

An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home.

Written and Abridged by John McGahern

Read by Lloyd Hutchinson

Produced by Celia de Wolff

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

**TUE 08:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson****(m000mzmq)**

2. Things Turn Sour

Things start to turn sour when it's plain that the house guests just aren't getting along.

Four years ago, Anna and John's marriage was floundering. To make matters worse, John began a disastrous affair with their couples counsellor, which he later regretted.

Now, to escape the past, they've started over in rural Southern France - a place they once visited on holiday, but don't know very well at all.

It's an act of folly, maybe, but necessary for their survival - or so it seemed at the time. But their dream of a new life in France is shattered when their 16 year old son disappears and they find that they, and each of their house guests, are suspects in what the gendarmes have decided is a possible murder enquiry.

Written by Shelagh Stephenson

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John ..... Ewan Bailey

Jess ..... Macy Nyman

Dorothy ..... Linda Bassett

Duncan ..... Rufus Wright

Joe ..... Tom Glenister

Lou ..... Rebecca Saïre

Rob ..... John McAndrew

Melanie ..... Jane Slavin

Charlie ..... Thomas Allam

Berengere ..... Kate Duchêne

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

A Big Fish Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.

**TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026stz)**

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

**TUE 09:30 My Mile of the River (b00hmpzh)**

2. Wheelbarrow Championships

Chris Tally Evans evokes the sights and sounds of the River Wye as it flows yards from his garden in Rhayader in Mid Wales.

It is summer on the River Wye, and Chris reports on the two-person wheelbarrow championship as it races through a ford, listens to the Wye Valley Axemen and witnesses the coronation of the Carnival Queen.

Produced by Steve Groves

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m0026sv2)**

2025 - a Year of Jubilee - Good News

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

Theme: 2025 - a Year of Jubilee - Good News

Presenter: Fr. Frankie Mulgrew

Reading: Luke 4:16-21

Music:

Spirit of the Living God - Lucy Grimble

Ubi Caritas - Eriks Ešenvalds, the Choir of Trinity College

Cambridge

Where the Poor Find Gold - Yvonne Lyon

**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09w0g0j)**

Bernardine Evaristo and Jolyon Rubinstein

Writer Bernardine Evaristo and comedian Jolyon Rubinstein

join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Leone

Ross, William Boyd and Cyril Hare.

Come Let Us Sing Anyway by Leone Ross

Publisher: People Tree

Any Human Heart by William Boyd

Publisher : Penguin

An English Murder by Cyril Hare

Publisher : Faber

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

**TUE 10:30 Field Notes: The Irishman Who Invented the Nocturne (b07bbk4g)**

Alistair McGowan travels to Dublin to explore the sensational life of his musical hero - the 19th century Irish pianist and composer John Field.

Born in Dublin in 1782, Field was a child prodigy who left Ireland at an early age to become apprentice to the great Italian composer and piano maker Clementi.

Clementi took Field on a tour of Europe and Russia, demonstrating his considerable talents and showcasing Clementi's pianos.

Field was to live in Russia for the rest of his life and Russia welcomed Field with open arms - he became the darling of high society, as well as one of the most celebrated and influential pianists of his day.

His playing and his invention of a new kind of piano piece, the nocturne, were to influence Chopin, Liszt, Schumann and Mendelssohn.

Interviewees include pianists John O'Connor, Finuala Moynihan, Finghin Collins and architectural historian Finola O'Kane.

Produced by Emma Harding.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

**TUE 11:00 Cadfael (b007k254)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000mzmq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Act Your Age (b00pxn13)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest.

Hosted by Simon Mayo.

With Team Captains:

Jon Richardson

Lucy Porter

Adrian Walsh

Guest Comics:

Kevin Bridges

Jason Byrne

Johnnie Casson

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

**TUE 14:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cdsj8)**

Series 1

Boston

A routine flight to Boston is disrupted by a routine fire, a routine lawsuit and a routine corpse.

Starring Stephanie Cole, Benedict Cumberbatch and Roger Allam

John Finnemore's sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey .... Stephanie Cole

First Officer Douglas Richardson .... Roger Allam

Capt Martin Crieff .... Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappey .... John Finnemore

ATC Fitton .... Ewan MacIntosh

Hamilton Leeman .... Kerry Shale

Paramedic .... Matilda Ziegler

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2008.

**TUE 15:00 Field Notes: The Peregrinations of a Most Musical Irishman (b07bbyj4)**

Alistair McGowan stars in his own drama about the prodigiously gifted - and prodigiously partying - John Field, the Irish composer and pianist who invented the nocturne.

May 1832: John Field leaves his Moscow home to begin his first - and last - tour of Europe, taking with him the illegitimate teenage son he barely knows.

John Field/Male Nurse ..... Alistair McGowan

Leonov ..... Kieran Hodgson

Mlle Charpentier/ Countess Shumova ..... Charlotte Page

Oleg/ Italian doctor ..... Ewan Bailey

Percherette/ Vera ..... Scarlett Brookes

Count Shumov/ Highwayman 1 ..... Brian Protheroe

Chopin/ Polish Concert Promoter ..... Rafael Ferenc

Grace Field ..... Susan Jameson

Clementi/ Mister Rikov ..... Sean Baker

Highwayman 2/ French Theatre manager ..... Sargon Yelda

Madame Rikov/ Mary ..... Adie Allen

Concert Promoter ..... Nick Underwood

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

**TUE 15:45 Short Works (m000skd5)**

Handy Number

A single mother's new job delivering court summons takes a dangerous turn when she is threatened by an anonymous blackmailer.

An original short story specially commissioned by BBC Radio 4 from the Northern Irish writer Matthew McDevitt.

Matthew McDevitt lives in Derry with a very clever librarian and three Spaniels. He is a writer for BBC NI's television series 'Soft Border Patrol' and his first radio play 'Lock In' starring Conleth Hill was broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster in 2018.

Read by Tara Lynne O'Neill (Derry Girls)

Written by Matthew McDevitt

Producer ..... Michael Shannon

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2021.

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**TUE 22:00 Ahir Shah's Seven Blunders of the World (m0026ndm)**

Episode 2

Inspired by an email from his 74-year-old father, comedian

Ahir Shah introduces us to the The Seven Blunders of the

World.

In 1925, Mahatma Gandhi published an article in the journal Young India, outlining what he called the 'Seven Social Sins'. They were wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, religion without sacrifice, and politics without principle.

100 years on, the world is a very different place (this was written on a computer, for crying out loud!). Yet, Ahir reckons Gandhi's century-old list of the great societal blunders still feels relevant today. Could they teach us anything going forward?

Join Ahir (and sometimes his dad, who started this whole thing), as he explores three more of these blunders through his trademark combination of philosophical inquiry, political vigour, and sweet gags.

Created and Performed by Ahir Shah  
Additional material by Glenn Moore  
Starring Meera Syal and Vikram Shah  
Producers – Daisy Knight and Jules Lom  
An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4

**TUE 22:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b0bgg3b6)**

Series 2

One-Seventeen AM

"Good day, bad day, who can tell..."

Multi-award winning storyteller Sarah Kendal returns with more hilarious, gripping and moving stories.

This second volume of Sarah Kendall's Australian Trilogy, is one show in three parts. A collection of seemingly unconnected stories and memories, which, together, form a meditation on

luck, survival and hindsight.

Scrolling backwards and forwards in time to different moments in her life, over the three parts Sarah creates an intricate

montage, demonstrating the interconnectedness of life.

In this second part, Sarah is trying to be more positive. She tells us of a trip to the vets with the family's pet hamster, of a car accident she was in as a child, and of a day at a clinic with her

son. And we find out that hamsters originate from Syria.

Written by Sarah Kendall and Carl Cooper.

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

September 2018.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0026zm7)**

Ahir Shah 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks to Ahir Shah.

**TUE 23:00 Trevor's World of Sport (b007k43j)**

Series 1

Episode 6

A charity quiz night gives Trev the chance to boost office morale, or maybe destroy it.

Starring Neil Pearson.

Another brave attempt by sports agent Trevor Heslop to swim

safely through the shark tank of life.

Andy Hamilton's TV comedy swaps to radio.

Trevor .... Neil Pearson

Sammy .... Paul Reynolds

Ralph .... Michael Fenton Stevens

Theresa .... Rosalind Ayres

Heidrun .... Cosima Shaw

Barry .... Abdul Salis

Meryl .... Claire Skinner

Hamish .... Gordon Kennedy

Tony .... David Gillespie

Written and produced by Andy Hamilton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

**TUE 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtrr)**

Series 2

The Unexplained

Every other mystery left answered in a final blockbusting

edition.

Cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave

other shows scratching their heads.

Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring.

With:

Rebecca Front

Armando Iannucci

And the voice of Tom Baker.

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

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**WED 06:00 Cadfael (b007k26f)**

Dead Man's Ransom

3. A Princely Death

Ellis goes from being a hostage to a murder suspect. Detective

monk Brother Cadfael investigates.

Starring Philip Madoc.

Ellis Peters' medieval thriller featuring Benedictine monk

Brother Cadfael.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Cadfael .... Philip Madoc

Hugh Beringar .... Jonathan Taffler

Sister Magdalen .... Susannah York

Elis .... Jason Hughes

Melicent .... Kate Odey

Eliud .... Mark Lewis Jones

Radulfus .... Trevor Peacock

Herbard/Ithel .... Shaun Prendergast

Maurice/Rhys .... Douglas Blackwell

Anion .... Matthew Morgan

Narrator .... Michael Kitchen

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Neil Cargill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.

**WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b00y37bk)**

Father Brown Stories

## The Blue Cross

An eye for an eye and a tooth to satisfy Israel Gow.  
Father Brown surveys the remnants of a battered corpse and talks of money.  
Starring Andrew Sachs.  
Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth.  
Dramatised by John Scotney.  
Father Brown ..... Andrew Sachs  
McCandlish ..... Henry Stamper  
Johnstone ..... Graham Blockey  
Dacre ..... David Sinclair  
Mrs MacDonald ..... Ellen McIntosh  
Old Jamie ..... James Bryce  
Barman ..... Guy Holden  
Pipe music by Brian Supple.  
Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1985.

**WED 07:00 Radio Cars (m0026tdt)**

## Series 2

3. A Question of Taste  
Eddie's not impressed with Angela's interest in fine art.  
But maybe he could use it to pull a deal and get back some outstanding cab firm debts....  
Starring Gary Waldhorn and Harriet Walter.  
Jennifer Phillips's comedy set in the offices of a disreputable London cab company.  
Eddie .... Gary Waldhorn  
Angela .... Harriet Walter  
Slippy .... Norman Jones  
Frenchie .... Terence Edmond  
Gringo .... Paul Gregory  
Mohammed .... Stefan Kalipha  
Jojo .... David Thorpe  
Danny .... David Holt  
Suki .... Geraldine Fitzgerald  
Director: Richard Wortley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

**WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b001bnk)**

## Series 3

Hancock's Hair  
Paranoid over going bald, the Lad pays a visit to Maison James 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

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1956.

**WED 08:00 Women Talking About Cars (b084bpcp)**

## Series 1

Olivia Colman  
Victoria Coven Mitchell interviews Olivia Colman about cars. Olivia reveals the nickname of her beloved Morris Minor, and answers that crucial question for any award-winning actress: "What are you driving these days?"  
Series in which famous women look at their lives from the perspective of the cars they have known, the journeys they've been on and the things they keep in their boot for emergencies.  
With car descriptions read by Josette Simon.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

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

**WED 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000jf8h)**

## 8. Blessing

Maggie returns to Great Meadow, anxious to receive her father's blessing to marry labourer Mark O'Donoghue. Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the past.

However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man.

An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home.

Written and Abridged by John McGahern

Read by Lloyd Hutchinson

Produced by Celia de Wolff

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

**WED 08:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000mzr2)**

## 3. Rural Idyll

Anna's son Joe is missing and her paying guests are disrupting her Provençal idyll.

Four years ago, Anna and John's marriage was floundering. To make matters worse, John began a disastrous affair with their couples counsellor, which he later regretted.

Now, to escape the past, they've started over in rural Southern France - a place they once visited on holiday, but don't know

very well at all.

It's an act of folly, maybe, but necessary for their survival - or so it seemed at the time. But their dream of a new life in France is shattered when their 16 year old son disappears and they find that they, and each of their house guests, are suspects in what the gendarmes have decided is a possible murder enquiry.

Written by Shelagh Stephenson

Anna ..... Rosie Cavaliero

John ..... Ewan Bailey

Jess ..... Macy Nyman

Dorothy ..... Linda Bassett

Duncan ..... Rufus Wright

Joe ..... Tom Glenister

Lou ..... Rebecca Saire

Rob ..... John McAndrew

Melanie ..... Jane Slavin

Charlie ..... Thomas Allam

Christopher ..... Alfie Wickham

Berengere ..... Kate Duchêne

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

A Big Fish Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.

**WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026tdw)**

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

**WED 09:30 My Mile of the River (b00hs8xl)**

## 3. Tanneries, Mills and Poaching

Chris Tally Evans evokes the sights and sounds of the River Wye as it flows yards from his garden in Rhayader in Mid Wales.

Chris walks the banks of the Wye and discovers how important the river has been to the economy of the town of Rhayader - legally and not so legally. Stories of tanneries, mills, flannel works, electricity and poaching.

Produced by Steve Groves

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0026tdz)**

2025 - a Year of Jubilee - Hope and Peace

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

Theme: 2025 - a Year of Jubilee - Hope and Peace

Presenter: Sandra Godley

Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Music:

Make me a Channel of your Peace - Geraldine Latty

We shall Walk through the Valley in Peace - Atlanta Singers

It is well with my soul - Jonathan Veira

**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000jnsh)**

The Wellness Phenomenon

Today there's a booming wellness industry, including luxury spas and hotels as well as personal trainers and supplements, claimed to be worth over \$4 trillion a year.

Online at least, self-care seems to revolve around buying stuff - luxury oils, face creams, scented candles, face rollers, bath bombs, silk pillows, cleansing soaps and stress-relieving teas. Or we can cherish ourselves by paying someone else for a service, from a yoga session to a delivery of artisan chocolates.

With the help of the archives Claudia Hammond explores where the idea of wellness came from.

She discovers its roots in the WHO's definition of health and in the counter culture of California in the 1960s, when the residents of Marin County took to hot tubs and peacock feathers.

Claudia looks at the thorny relationship between wellness and medicine and those who look after or study our health.

There's a Wellness Newsletter that has been produced in Berkeley since 1984 that weighs up the scientific evidence for and against new treatments, and many doctors offer complementary therapies alongside conventional medicine.

Yet there is no published research to support the benefits associated with some wellness products.

Producer: Paula McGrath

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

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**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b088f2vz)**

## Series 10

## Episode 2

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his new curator Jo Brand welcome:

\* Feel-good writer and comedian, Lucy Porter;

\* Etymologist, self-proclaimed pedant and "Inky Fool" Mark Forsyth

\* Lipsmackin' thirstquenchin' acetastin' motivatin' goodbuzzin' cooltalkin' highwalkin' fastlivin' evergivin' coolfizzin' advertising creative legend, Dave Trott.

The Museum's Guest Committee stretch their minds over the subject of Lycra, revive an old word for a printer's day off; and explore the surprisingly recent cultural heritage of the Ploughman's Lunch.

Researched by Anne Miller of QI and Mike Turner.

Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin.

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017.

**WED 14:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012h800)**

## Series 1

## Androids in Love

A top Shakespearean actor guests on the show as an android. It's 1961. BBC producer Hugo Kellerman is struggling to make a radio soap set in the unimaginable world of 2006.

Starring Peter Bowles, Joseph Kloska and Leslie Phillips.

Futuristic sitcom by Christopher William Hill.

Nigel ... Peter Bowles

Hugo ... Joseph Kloska

Sylvia ... Cheryl Campbell

Douglas ... Jon Glover

Godfrey ... John Fortune

Colin Paul ... Richard Biggin

Sir Monty ... Leslie Phillips

Advert voice ... Miranda Keeling

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

**WED 15:00 Staring into the Fridge by Annie McCartney (b00tpprp)**

With two 20-something children and a dubious boyfriend eating her out of house and home, Maggie is beginning to lose the will to live.

She feels she has no one to talk to or listen. But all that is about to change when she hears a voice speaking to her from the corner of the kitchen. It seems that the only one who understands her predicament is her Fridge.

But unlike poor beleaguered Maggie, this fridge has got 'attitude' and is determined to help her get her life back on track!

Annie McCartney writes and stars as Maggie in her kitchen comedy, with James Nesbitt starring as her...fridge.

Fridge ..... James Nesbitt

Maggie ..... Annie McCartney

Flora ..... Marcella Riordan

Ben ..... Mark Lambert

Xanthe ..... Katy Gleadhill

Tom ..... Jonathan Harden

Repair man ..... Richard Orr

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**WED 15:45 Ansell by EM Forster (b072sbp4)**

"Books! I don't hold with books in the country. What you want is recreation and h'air and h'exercise." Two childhood friends go onto lead very different lives.

Written by EM Forster

Read by Peter Kenny

Produced by Harriet Lang

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1994.

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**WED 22:00 ReincarNathan (m001fd1c)**

## Series 3

## Bower Bird

Nathan Blakely was a popstar. But he was useless, died, and was reincarnated. The comedy about Nathan's adventures in the afterlife continues, starring Daniel Rigby, Ashley McGuire and guest-starring Sindhu Vee.

In episode two, Nathan is brought back to life as a Bower Bird on the Vogelkop Peninsula. In order to woo the Hen (Sindhu Vee), Nathan must build the most beautiful bower. But it turns out he's utterly uncreative. Can Nathan learn to speak his truth?

And will he ever learn to do the right thing and make it back to human again?

Cast:

Ashley McGuire - Carol

Daniel Rigby – Nathan  
Tom Craine – Mr Rafferty  
Amy-Beth Hayes – Miss Plumpton  
Henry Paker – Pablo  
Freya Parker – The Quoll  
Sindhu Vee – The Hen  
Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Paker  
**WED 22:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b0435hrn)**  
Series 2  
The Crank  
Isy Suttie recounts the tale of the Crank, a Matlock oddball who Isy's mother roped into helping Isy study the Welsh language. Along the way, Isy picks up a bit of morse code.  
Another love story, told partly through song.  
Sometimes Isy has merely observed the lives of others; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse.  
Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from her own, often disastrous, love life.  
With her award-winning multi-character and vocal skills, and accompanied by her guitar, Isy creates a hilarious and deeply moving world, sharing with us her lessons in life and love.  
Producer: Lyndsay Fenner  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.  
**WED 23:00 Susan Calman Is Convicted (b01qjb1y)**  
Series 1  
Equal Marriage  
Susan Calman explores issues on which she has strong opinions - starting with the hot political topic of Equal Marriage from a personal perspective.  
When Susan was younger, she thought marriage was silly. A patriarchal institution which she would never buy into. That was until she grew up, fell in love and wanted more than anything to get married - except she couldn't.  
Susan relates her own personal experiences on this matter; including the minutiae of the legislation governing her recent civil partnership ceremony, as well as examining the well-trodden arguments against the issue.  
Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013 - before new legislation was passed.  
**WED 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000jqcr)**  
Series 2  
Black Teeth Lane  
Warm-hearted autobiography of a rebellious woman growing up in London's Welsh community.  
Paperback Hell is the series determined to destroy the good name of literature.  
Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.  
Starring:  
Michael Fenton Stevens  
Rebecca Front  
Mel Hudson  
Alex Lowe  
Dan Tetsell  
Producer: Lucy Armitage  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.  
**WED 23:45 Jelly Mountain (b00fh6vz)**  
Episode 2  
Ivor Cutler's unique views on how to promote a child's growth  
Songs and stories written by and starring Ivor Cutler.  
With:  
Craig Murray-Orr  
Dylan Edwards  
Beverley Crew  
Alison O'Kill  
Producer: Neil Cargill  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 02:00 Radio Cars (m0026tdt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t1bnk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 03:00 Women Talking About Cars (b084bpc0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 03:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j8sh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 03:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000mzr2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]  
**THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b088f2vz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 04:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012h800)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]  
**THU 05:00 Staring into the Fridge by Annie McCartney (b00tpprp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]  
**THU 05:45 Ansell by EM Forster (b072sbp4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Cadfael (b007k27q)**  
Dead Man's Ransom  
4. Allies  
A second murder suspect disappears, and monk-cum-sleuth Brother Cadfael journeys to Wales.  
Starring Philip Madoc.  
Ellis Peters' medieval thriller featuring Benedictine monk Brother Cadfael.  
Dramatised by Bert Coules.  
Cadfael .... Philip Madoc  
Hugh Beringar .... Jonathan Tafler  
Sister Magdalen .... Susannah York  
Elis .... Jason Hughes  
Melicent .... Kate Odey  
Prince Owain .... Sion Probert  
Radulfus .... Trevor Peacock  
Eliud .... Mark Lewis Jones  
Ithel/Edmund/Herbard .... Shaun Prendergast  
Cristina .... Siobhain Flynn  
Griffri .... Douglas Blackwell  
Anion .... Matthew Morgan  
Narrator .... Michael Kitchen  
Music by Peter Salem.  
Producer: Neil Cargill.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1995.  
**THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b00y9tqf)**  
Father Brown Stories  
The Blue Cross  
Retribution that comes from above is not always divine.  
Nevertheless Father Brown reaches the evil in the heart of the good...  
Starring Andrew Sachs.  
Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth.  
Dramatised by John Scotney.  
Father Brown ..... Andrew Sachs  
Wilfred Boedric ..... Bryan Matheson  
Dr Westley ..... Phillip Manikum  
Norman Boedric ..... Paul Nicholson  
Simeon Barnes ..... Tony Phillips  
Mrs Thurston ..... Deborah Paige  
PC Barton ..... Robin Summers  
Inspector Stow ..... David Sinclair  
Josian Risby ..... John Webb  
Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1985.  
**THU 07:00 Heated Rollers (b007qy82)**  
Episode 3  
Granny in space - and Mrs Slocombe the locum.  
The first-ever all-women sketch show made for BBC Radio 2.  
Starring:  
Lynda Bellingham  
Gwyneth Strong  
Joanna Monro  
With music supplied by the Lorraine Bowen Experience.  
Producer: Maria Esposito  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1999.  
**THU 07:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p8p11)**  
Series 1  
The Excursion  
Station Master Horace Hepplewhite decides Parsley Sidings needs to boost passenger numbers with some train excursions.  
Starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender.  
Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station.  
Horace Hepplewhite .... Arthur Lowe  
Bert Hepplewhite .... Ian Lavender  
Percy Valentine .... Kenneth Connor  
Gloria Simpkins .... Liz Fraser  
American Tourist .... John Graham  
Chalky White/Passenger .... Ronnie Stevens  
Re-created announcements by Keith Skues.  
Producer: Edward Taylor  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1972.  
**THU 08:00 55 and Over (b01p09pb)**  
3. Offspring?  
With new partners on the scene the possibility of progeny suddenly seems more likely. But not everyone is so keen on later-in-life breeding.  
Starring Juliet Stevenson and Philip Jackson.  
Peter Souter's comedy about love, sex and other foolhardy mistakes made by the modern 50-pluser.  
Jane .... Juliet Stevenson  
Ray .... Philip Jackson  
Tony .... Patrick Brennan  
Heather .... Liza Sadovy  
Honey .... Stephanie Racine  
Sam .... Adam Nagaitis  
Dr Miller .... Robert Blythe  
Portia .... Sarah Thom  
Director: Helen Perry.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.  
**THU 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000jgh0)**  
9. Village Church  
Sheila has her heart set on getting married at the village church, but Moran has other ideas.  
Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish

countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the past.  
However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man.  
An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home.  
Written and Abridged by John McGahern  
Read by Lloyd Hutchinson  
Produced by Celia de Wolff  
A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.  
**THU 08:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000myv1)**  
4. Fearing the Worst  
With John back in England and her son Joe still missing, Anna begins to fear the worst.  
Four years ago, Anna and John's marriage was floundering. To make matters worse, John began a disastrous affair with their couples counsellor, which he later regretted.  
Now, to escape the past, they've started over in rural Southern France - a place they once visited on holiday, but don't know very well at all.  
It's an act of folly, maybe, but necessary for their survival - or so it seemed at the time. But their dream of a new life in France is shattered when their 16 year old son disappears and they find that they, and each of their house guests, are suspects in what the gendarmes have decided is a possible murder enquiry.  
Written by Shelagh Stephenson  
Anna ..... Rosie Cavaliero  
John ..... Ewan Bailey  
Jess ..... Macy Nyman  
Dorothy ..... Linda Bassett  
Duncan ..... Rufus Wright  
Joe ..... Tom Glenister  
Lou ..... Rebecca Saire  
Rob ..... John McAndrew  
Melanie ..... Jane Slavin  
Charlie ..... Thomas Allam  
Berengere ..... Kate Duchêne  
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan  
A Big Fish Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.  
**THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026ss4)**  
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.  
**THU 09:30 My Mile of the River (b00hy5yr)**  
4. Otters at Dawn  
Chris Tally Evans evokes the sights and sounds of the River Wye as it flows yards from his garden in Rhayader, Wales.  
On a freezing autumn morning, Chris watches at dawn for otters. And on a freezing morning, he invokes the sights and sounds of his patch as the town wakes up.  
Producer Steve Groves  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.  
**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m0026ss7)**  
2025 - a Year of Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: 2025 - a Year of Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope  
Presenter: Rev Richard Littledale  
Reading: Genesis 12:1-5  
**THU 10:00 Great Lives (b0150p96)**  
Gerald Durrell  
Former England footballer Graeme le Saux champions the life of writer, broadcaster and conservationist Gerald Durrell.  
Graeme and presenter Matthew Parris are joined in the studio by Durrell's widow, Lee.  
Gerald Malcolm Durrell (1925 - 1995) was a pioneering conservationist who took on the established "zoo community" by emphasising the need to preserve endangered species, rather than just repeatedly dip in to the natural world for more animals to amuse and entertain.  
His work culminated in the creation of his own zoo on Jersey. It was there that a teenage islander called Graeme le Saux helped out in the gorilla enclosure, before moving on to play at left back for Chelsea and England.  
Producer: John Byrne  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.  
**THU 10:30 The Tale of Jimmy Scott (p03xkr3j)**  
Mary Anne Hobbs presents the story of jazz singer Jimmy Scott, one of the 20th century's most overlooked vocalists.  
Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1925, James Victor Scott's life was filled with loss, pain, struggle and setbacks from the start. It would all reflect in his music, yet he remained upbeat and positive until his death in 2014.  
Mary Anne learns about the man who came to prominence as Little Jimmy Scott, sang with the Lionel Hampton Band in the late 1940s and released his biggest hit - Everybody's Somebody's Fool - but was un-credited on the record. It set up a long list of un-credited performances, bad contracts and difficult dealings with the label who signed him. So why was a singer with such talent left largely unknown outside of the industry?  
As a teenager, Jimmy was diagnosed with Kallmann syndrome, a genetic condition which affects the production of hormones, meaning he wouldn't go through puberty and would be left with his trademark high pitched singing voice. But the syndrome led to questions around his androgynous appearance and gender

defying vocals.

In 1963 it seemed as though Jimmy's luck would turn a corner when he collaborated with Ray Charles to make the critically acclaimed *Falling In Love Is Wonderful* – cited by many as one of the greatest jazz love albums of all time. However, the album was withdrawn due to contractual problems. Jimmy moved back to Cleveland and began finding work as a shipping clerk, hospital clerk, and busboy throughout the 1970s and 80s. It would take until 1991 for Jimmy to resurface and experience the attention and respect that was missing in his early career. Mary Anne Hobbs speaks to Jimmy's wife Jeanie Scott, biographer David Ritz and record producer Tommy LiPuma. Producer: David James

A Sparklab production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

**THU 11:00 Cadfael (b007k27q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b0099tqf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 12:00 Heated Rollers (b007qv82)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p8pl1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 13:00 55 and Over (b01p09pb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000jgh0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000myv1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m001nghy)**

Series 13

University of Exeter

Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from the University of Exeter take on their professors.

A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects including economics, natural sciences and history.

Questions range from Dirac points and fat tails to what Napoleon was really doing in Fishguard. Also, there's your chance to hear the most-played piece of music ever.

Producer: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2023.

**THU 14:30 No Commitments (b0388ffj)**

Series 12

Upstaging

As Emily's wedding approaches, it's time once again for Roger and Victoria to meet her fiancé's parents.

Charlotte and Victoria's daughters take centre stage in the sisters' one-upmanship.

Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.

Anna .... Rosemary Leach

Victoria .... Angela Thome

Charlotte .... Celia Imrie

Roger .... Jonathan Coy

Emily .... Lisa Coleman

Kathryn .... Bridget McConnell

Brian .... James Vaughan

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Written and produced by Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 2006.

**THU 15:00 The Absentee by Maria Edgeworth (b079z6rw)**

1. A Good Marriage

Lady Clonbrony, determined to be accepted by fashionable London society, has sunk her family into debt to the moneylender, Mordecai.

She wants her son to make a good marriage.

But his affections are not to be bought.

Maria Edgeworth's novel - first published in 1812.

Starring Stephen Rea and Anna Healy.

Dramatised in two parts by Nick McCarthy.

Lord Colambre... Stephen Rea

Grace Nugent... Anna Healy

Lord Clonbrony... TP McKenna

Lady Clonbrony... Francine Mulrooney

Whipp ... Ben Onwukwe

Paddy/Larry... Billy Boyle

Sir Terence O'Fay ... James Berwick

Moredecai ... Terence Edmond

Sir James Brooke ... David Bannerman

With:

Fraser Kerr

Danielle Allan

Emma Gregory

Jenny Howe

Elizabeth Kelly

Auriol Smith

Ian Lindsay

Andrew Wincott

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.

**THU 16:00 Great Lives (b0150p96)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:30 The Tale of Jimmy Scott (p03xkr3j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**THU 17:00 Cadfael (b007k27q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 17:30 Whodunnits (b0099tqf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 18:00 Heated Rollers (b007qv82)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 18:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p8pl1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 19:00 55 and Over (b01p09pb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000jgh0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 19:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000myv1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 20:00 The 3rd Degree (m001nghy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**THU 20:30 No Commitments (b0388ffj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**THU 21:00 The Absentee by Maria Edgeworth (b079z6rw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**THU 22:00 Aurie Styla: Tech Talk (Omnibus) (m0026nh9)**

1: Loading, Please Wait...

Stand-up comedian Aurie Styla, a 90s nerd, takes an autobiographical journey through the history of tech.

We begin in the early 90s, with the tinny sound of the Nintendo Game Boy and his first 13-inch television which only worked if asked very nicely, and he re-wired to show all the channels available - in total, four - proceeding through to mobile phones and the school playground black market for cooler ring tones.

Since the days of his first console, the Sega Master System - featuring the often frustrating Alex Kidd In Miracle World - Aurie has seen technology transform in a manner that would have been hard to believe in the 90s. This show charts his personal relationship with machines, looking at the past

(computer games that you had to load from cassette tapes), the present (houses that are lit and warmed via apps on your phone, cars that drive themselves without you) and the future (AIs that tell you how to dress and what to eat for dinner, and superior intelligences that command your every move whether you want to object or not).

Technology has moved on rapidly, from being a fun sideshow to the bedrock of our understanding of human life. Aurie guides us through this landscape with infectious wit, taking time to remember the awkward interface of MSN Messenger while also negotiating the modern culture of having to check with a virtual assistant before you turn your lights off. A warm, human show about the way the world has become less and less warm and human, celebrating the march of tech while being appropriately terrified of it.

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4

**THU 22:30 Big Town All Stars (b007jvpf)**

Series 1

If You Sack Me, I'll Leave

Kenny, Johnny and Bozo want to tell Lorelei that she can't always sing lead, but they just aren't assertive enough.

Worse than that, they're not even assertive enough to buy a book on how to become assertive.

Starring Stephen Tompkinson.

With:

Clive Rowe

Meera Syal

Nicola Walker

Adrian Scarborough

Musical Director: David Firman

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0026zsk)**

Ahir Shah 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks to Ahir Shah.

**THU 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04xp4wx)**

Series 6

Rebecca Front

Marcus Brigstocke persuades Rebecca Front, a self-confessed scaredy cat, to take her first ride on a motorbike.

And she reads her first book about science. But how much of it did she understand?

Series persuading guests to try new experiences: things they really ought to have done by now. Some are loved, some are loathed, in this show all about embracing the new.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

**THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b00n4zgv)**

Series 1

The Lord Lieutenant's Lady

Beauty is caught between a warring couple, which is a good distraction from her disastrous crush on worship leader Wayne.

Starring Jocelyn Jee Esien.

Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.

Beauty Olunga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk.

See Britain through her eyes - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its over-fondness for cauliflower cheese.

Beauty ..... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Nancy Snow ..... Rosemary Leach

Miss Macleod ..... Anne Reid

Worship Leader Wayne ..... Javone Prince

Sally ..... Felicity Montagu

Karen ..... Nicola Sanderson

Mrs Gupte ..... Indira Joshi

Anil ..... Paul Sharma

Mrs Daly/Choir Member ..... Nicola Sanderson

Music by The West End Gospel Choir.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

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**FRI 00:00 Great Lives (b0150p96)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Cadfael (b007k27q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

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**FRI 06:00 Cadfael (b007k28z)**

Dead Man's Ransom

5. A Helping Hand

With a strong case against Elis, will Brother Cadfael solve the sheriff's murder?

Starring Philip Madoc.

Conclusion of Ellis Peters' medieval thriller featuring the

Benedictine monk and amateur sleuth.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Cadfael .... Philip Madoc

Hugh Beringar .... Jonathan Tafler

Sister Magdalen .... Susannah York

Elis .... Jason Hughes

Melicent .... Kate Odey

Prince Owain .... Sion Probert

Eliud .... Mark Lewis Jones

Ithel/Herbard .... Shaun Prendergast

Cristina .... Siobahn Flynn

Villager .... David Holt

Narrator .... Michael Kitchen

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1991.

**FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b00yb1z9)**

Father Brown Stories

The Blue Cross

Father Brown and Flambeau cross a Norfolk lake to meet an Italian with a dark history, and exchange dreams with an old adversary.

Starring Andrew Sachs and Olivier Pierre.

Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth.

Dramatised by John Scotney.

Father Brown ..... Andrew Sachs

Flambeau ..... Olivier Pierre

Mr Paul ..... Garard Green

Mrs Anthony ..... June Barrie

Saradine ..... Roger Hammond

Italian ..... Robin Summers

Norfolk Tough ..... Peter Acre

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1985.

**FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b00898sz)**

Series 2

Love's Labours

As her holiday in Wales comes to an end, Izzy argues with her fiancé Charles.

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

Charles ..... David Robb

Dick ..... Mike Grady

Michael ..... Nicholas Le Prevost

Maria ..... Marty Cruickshank

Bill ..... Neil McCaul

Louise ..... Phyllida Nash

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1988.

**FRI 07:30 Doctor in the House (b007mwkh)**

Marriage-itis

Simon Sparrow must cope with both his hangover and a bad case of cold feet.

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

Matron/Vera .... Norma Ronald

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1968.

**FRI 08:00 Prepper (m0002g7v)**

Series 1

The Kit In Your Head

Trump. ISIS. The Courgette Crisis. Signs of civilisation's fragility are all around. No wonder the Domsday Clock just nudged closer to midnight. In this fearscape, more and more ordinary people are wondering how they'd cope if everything we take for granted (law and order, access to healthcare, iceberg lettuces in Sainsburys) was taken away.

Preppers - a large and rapidly growing global community - have taken this thought one step further. They're actively skilling-up, laying down supplies and readying themselves for the end of the world, in whatever form it comes. Indeed, a prepping shop just opened in Newquay. And if people in Cornwall are prepping, it's time to worry.

Imagine if Woman's Hour made a podcast about preparing for the end times. Prepper follows neurotic, debt-ridden Rachel and hard-as-nails' Churchill in Spanx' Sylvia, working class Mancunians who prep and podcast, sharing knowledge with their community, and showing off just how Armageddon-ready they are.

Told through their podcasts from Sylvia's garage and featuring 'apoco-tips', 'end of days drills' and interviews with preppers from around the world, Prepper comically explores how two mismatched women live with the possibility of the end of days, and how they bond over their determination to survive. And fend off zombies.

In this episode - situational awareness.

Comedy written by Caroline Moran and James J. Moran

Sylvia ..... Sue Johnston

Rachel ..... Pearl Mackie

Calhoun ..... Simon Holland Roberts

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.

**FRI 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern**

(m000jhpq)

10. Pilgrimage

Moran's daughters make the pilgrimage home, fearing that their father's death is fast approaching.

Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the past.

However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man.

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Read by Lloyd Hutchinson

Produced by Celia de Wolff

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

**FRI 08:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson**

(m000mytm)

5. Registered Missing

Joe is officially registered as a 'missing person', and Jess insists her father get back to France immediately.

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Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

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**FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026swb)**

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

**FRI 09:30 My Mile of the River (b00j2j2d)**

5. Winter Grips the River Wye

Chris Tally Evans evokes the sights and sounds of the River Wye as it flows yards from his garden in Rhayader in Mid Wales.

Chris enjoys the extremes of weather as winter grips the Wye.

Producer Steve Groves

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0026swf)**

2025 - A Year of Jubilee - Prayer

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

Theme: 2025 - A Year of Jubilee - Prayer

Presenter: The Revd Roy Jenkins

Reading: Matthew 6:5-8

Hymn 1: What a friend we have in Jesus - Cambrensis & St.

David's Praise (BBC Recording)

Hymn 2: Breathe on me, breath of God - Cantemus Chamber

Choir (BBC Recording)

Hymn 3: Hail to the Lord's anointed - Cruger Welsh Chamber

Singers (BBC Recording)

**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b09lyhmv)**

Series 25

Boys Don't Cry

Boys Don't Cry by The Cure is, on the surface, a tribute to teenage angst and a slice of pop perfection.

Lol Tolhurst, the band's drummer, wrote the song with his band mates in Robert Smith's parents' house extension.

Poorna Bell saw the song's lyrics echo her husband's struggle with expressing his emotions, and describes the devastating impact which that can have.

Runner Derek Redmond recalls the moment he lost his 'game face' at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, and Sara Pacella and Jeffrey Axt chart the changing fortunes of a giant Boys Don't Cry poster.

Producer: Sally Heaven.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

**FRI 10:30 Hunt/Lauda (b01rfy5f)**

Racing driver Vicki Butler-Henderson recalls one of sport's most intense rivalries.

How swashbuckling British playboy James Hunt took on Formula One World Champion Niki Lauda, a man who by the August of 1976 would be fighting for his life in a German hospital.

Motorsport legends Murray Walker, journalist Nigel Roebuck and Niki Lauda himself tell how Hunt, in his British McLaren, chased the Austrian's scarlet Ferrari in a 200mph season-long duel from Brazil to Japan. It wasn't long before the handsome, blonde, badly behaved Hunt became Britain's number one sporting hero, filling the front and back pages of international newspapers in the scorching summer of '76 with his outrageous car control and equally outrageous personal life.

Thrilling archive and first hand testimonies from three-time world champion Lauda and famed Austrian commentator and author Heinz Pruller tell how, in the August of that year, Ferrari's golden boy crashed heavily at the notorious Nurburgring circuit in Germany. His car burst into flames, and left Lauda, stricken with terrible burns, to receive the Last Rites.

What followed remains one of sport's most heroic chapters as Lauda went from death's door to returning to the track, battle scarred and bleeding, taking the fight with Hunt to the final race of the year and setting up a gladiatorial showdown amid monsoon conditions at the Japanese Grand Prix.

Producer: James Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

**FRI 11:00 Cadfael (b007k28z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b00yb1z9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 12:00 Up the Garden Path (b00898sz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007mwkh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Prepper (m0002g7v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern**

(m000jhpq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson**

(m000mytm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 14:00 The Motion Show (b0075rnr)**

Series 1

Episode 3

The merits of watching TV - and retiring at the age of 30.

Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky debating game.

With:

Simon Fanshawe

Peter Bradshaw

Brian Sewell

Steve Punt

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.

**FRI 14:30 1834 (b011klyr)**

Strong Continental Lager

21st-century teacher Jason decides 19th-century Macclesfield needs a decent pub with decent beer.

Jason Slater is now Tarquin, the third son of Lord Belport with his faithful valet, Ned.

Jim Poyser's riotous comedy of transportation and delight.

Jason Slater ..... Michael Begley

Ned ..... Joe Caffrey

Hoskins ..... Kenneth Alan Taylor

Lord Belport ..... Mark Chatterton

Stubbs ..... Glenn Cunningham

Millicent ..... Julia Rounthwaite

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

**FRI 15:00 The Absentee by Maria Edgeworth (b07b2phd)**

2. A Trap

Lord Colambre has travelled to Ireland for the first time to visit the Clonbrony estates.

But unknown to him, Lady Dashfort is determined to trap him into marriage with her daughter Isabel.

Conclusion of Maria Edgeworth's novel - first published in 1812.

Starring Stephen Rea and Anna Healy.

Dramatised by Nick McCarty.

Lord Colambre... Stephen Rea

Grace Nugent... Anna Healy

Paddy... Billy Boyle

Whipp ... Ben Onwukwe

Sir Terence O'Fay ... James Berwick

Lord Clonbrony... T P McKenna

Lady Clonbrony... Francine Mulrooney

O'Halloran... Shay Gorman

Garraghty...John O'Mahoney

With:

Fraser Kerr

Danielle Allan

Emma Gregory

Jenny Howe

Elizabeth Kelly

Auriol Smith

Ian Lindsay

Andrew Wincott

Terence Edmond

Producer: Claire Groves

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1991.

**FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b09lyhmv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 Hunt/Lauda (b01rfy5f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 Cadfael (b007k28z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Whodunnits (b00yb1z9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 Up the Garden Path (b00898sz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 Doctor in the House (b007mwkh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 19:00 Prepper (m0002g7v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern**

(m000jhpq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson**

(m000mytm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 The Motion Show (b0075rnr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 1834 (b011klyr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 The Absentee by Maria Edgeworth (b07b2phd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 What? Seriously??? (m0026swb)**

2. Beaks and Bloody Battles

In this episode, Dara and Isy are joined by the Aussie comedian Rhys Nicholson to learn about a humbling event in Australia's military history - with some diverting conversations about foxes, films, and flightless birds.

What? Seriously??? is a new podcast which combines comedy with quirky history, hosted by Dara and Isy who unravel an extraordinary real-life tale each week with the help of a celebrity guest.

The stories are definitely true, but also kind of unbelievable at the same time - the sort of stories that make you go 'What? Seriously???' when you hear them, but you resolve to tell them in the pub the first chance you get.

Across the series, Dara and Isy will be joined by I'm A Celeb winner Georgia Toffolo, the Aussie comedian Rhys Nicholson, the broadcaster Stuart Maconie, Master Chef star Louisa Ellis, Miles from The Traitors, the comedian Richard Herring, the astronaut Helen Sharman, and Slow Horses star Chris Chung. 'What? Seriously???' with Dara Ó Brain and Isy Suttie and special guest Rhys Nicholson

Format co-developed by Dan Page. Story compiled by Gareth Edwards and Dan Page.

Producer: Laura Grimshaw

Executive Producer: Jon Holmes

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

**FRI 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b00s9f90)**

Series 2

Kirkwall

Comedian Mark Steel returns to visit more UK towns to discover what makes them and their inhabitants distinctive.

He creates a bespoke stand-up show for each town and performs the show in front of a local audience. As well as shedding light on the less visited areas of Britain, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise the quirkiness of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live.

Mark travels to Kirkwall in Orkney and encounters Thorfinn The Skullsplitter; an extraordinarily violent ball game and why it's pointless being a hairdresser on the island.

Written by Mark Steel.

With additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Julia McKenzie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

**FRI 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08y115k)**

Series 6

Suitable for Framing: Diary Extracts

The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller shares more words of wit and wisdom:

\* Suitable For Framing - a story about the significance of art in David's childhood family home -

\* Additional extracts from David's book Theft By Finding, a compilation of diary entries from 1977-2002.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994), which included The SantaLand Diaries, was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice (1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known for his bitingly funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings.

David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He has been a contributor to BBC Radio 4 since 1996.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.

**FRI 23:30 The Wilsons Save the World (m000p79r)**

Series 3

Friendly Milk

Another day, another pint of oat milk, or as Cat explains 'milque'.

Mike isn't convince by the over familiar packaging of Cat's latest dairy alternative and decides to pay a visit to its head office in a nearby industrial park.

Max is trying to avoid small talk in the local shop with varying success.

Sitcom about trying to live ethically and do the right thing.

Written by Marcus Brigstocke and Sarah Morgan.

Mike ..... Marcus Brigstocke

Max ..... Kerry Godliman

Cat ..... Aine McNamara

Lola ..... Jasmine Sakyama

Shopkeeper ..... George Fouracres

Mrs Denton & Cosmos ..... Nimisha Odedra

Producer: Suzy Grant

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