

SATURDAY 01 MARCH 2025**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m000y0jk)**

We've Only Just Begun

The Carpenters - brother and sister duo Richard and Karen - were one of the most popular groups of the 1970s.

His outstanding compositions and her stunning vocals created several massive hits including We've Only Just Begun.

Originally written as a TV advert for a bank portraying happy young couples embarking on married life full of hope, they loved it and released it as their third single in 1970. Karen's wistful voice gave the song a melancholy that has long resonated with fans.

After her premature death from heart failure due to anorexia nervosa, the song took on an extra poignancy with lyrics like "so much of life ahead".

Fans tell their stories about the song and how it relates to their own life journeys.
For Professor Karen Tongson (named after the singer), We've Only Just Begun is about growing up in the Philippines where The Carpenters epitomised the American Dream. When she emigrated to the USA, the song became a metaphor for the immigrant experience.

Nomad and writer Jeff Read remembers his childhood in a poor part of Los Angeles brought up by a single mother who eventually died homeless on the street. The song brings back memories of childhood optimism and his longing for a stable family life.

Poet Abigail George recalls seeing a film about Karen Carpenter's life and identifying with the singer's struggles with an eating disorder as she herself had to cope with a difficult family life in South Africa.

Retired policeman John Weiss was reminded of the song when he attended the death of an elderly person at a care home. John looked at the deceased man's wedding photos and was struck by the brevity of life.

The singer Natasha Khan aka Bat For Lashes always loved The Carpenters and recorded her own version of We've Only Just Begun as part of an album where things don't end well for the young bride. Ironically, her version now features in a commercial for a British bank so the song has come full circle. Randy Schmidt is the author of Little Girl Blue (The Life of Karen Carpenter).

Versions of the song featured are by

Grant Lee Buffalo

Paul Williams

Natasha Khan

The Carpenters

The Carpenters with the Philharmonic Orchestra

Producer: Maggie Ayre

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

SAT 00:30 Britain's Black Revolutionary (b004t0j)

There are still few black leaders in British political life - but life-long trade unionist Bill Morris finds that as far back as the London of 1848 the son of a slave was leading one of this country's most powerful political movements.

Few of us have heard of William Cuffay, a physically deformed tailor who lived in Soho.

And yet he was notorious in his day, to the extent that the political class of the 1840s dubbed him "the pore old blackmore rogue" as he went on to lead a political movement so powerful that Britain covered behind its shuttered windows and the massed ranks of its armies.

Just as the thrones of Europe were yet again tumbling to revolution, the 1848 Chartist uprising in favour of democracy and equality in London threatened the status quo in Britain.

History records that an articulate democrat, William Cuffay, emerged as a key organiser of the mass demonstration that faced the Duke of Wellington's army in the demand for the vote. Revolution threatened the capital - but who was the diminutive tailor holding such sway?

Lord Morris follows a predecessor in the labour movement through his fascinating story - from son of a St Kitts slave to political leader, and ultimately into exile at Her Majesty's pleasure in Tasmania.

Producer: Philip Sellars

First broadcast on Radio 4 in July 2010.

SAT 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k21c)

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

The Five Orange Pips

At breakfast one morning Colonel Elias Openshaw receives a letter whose singular contents spell violent death.

One of a collection of short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about the immortal Baker Street detective - first published in 1891.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison

Dr John Watson Michael Williams

Elias Openshaw Brian Greene

John Openshaw Angus Wright

Mary Danielle Allan

Joseph Openshaw Michael Turner

Fordham Brett Usher

Violinist: Leonard Friedman

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.

SAT 01:45 The Real Dennis Truelove by Dave Sheasby

(b007j9x)

5. Condemned Man

As he hides out at a Cornish hotel, the police start closing in on fugitive bank employee Dennis Truelove.

Conclusion of Dave Sheasby's crime adventure.

Dennis Truelove Fine Time Fontayne

Christine Becky Hindkey

Sue Diana Berriman

Martin Gerard McDermott

Policeman Iwan Thomas

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

SAT 02:00 Harry Worth (b00r156h)

Thirty Minutes Worth

The Burglar

Cat burglar Fingers Fogerty pays Harry Worth an unwelcome visit.

This series was the amiable, woolly-minded bumbler's return to BBC radio, using the title of his first TV series 20 years before with the same writer.

Starring Harry Worth.

Sitcom written by Vince Powell

With:

Jacqueline Clarke

Roger John-Lee

Michael Robbins

Producer: Mike Craig

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.

SAT 02:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead

(b00gszmr)

From 29/03/1971

A bungling burglar, a struggling pianist and the Clegworthy family's Sunday.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.

With:

Terence Brady

Pauline Yates

Peggy Ann Wood.

Pianist: Gordon Langford

Written by Chris Allen, Tony Bilbow and Mike Fentiman,

David Climie, John Graham, Gerald Wiley and John Fawcett-

Wilson.

Producer John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.

SAT 03:00 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m000qnb7)

Series 1

Alan Davies

'Hygge' (pronounced hoo-ga) is a word meaning comfort, contentment and cherishing the simple pleasures in life.

Deep in the Danish countryside in her cosy wood cabin, the host Sandi Toksvig will explore the concept of hygge and the Danish way of life and welcomes celebrity guests who join her in front of the open fire to explore what brings them hygge.

Sandi is joined by comedian and friend Alan Davies.

He talks about walking in nature, literature, the childhood toy he still wants and escaping from the demands of smartphones.

Additional material Simon Alcock

Producer Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2020.

SAT 03:30 The Shepherd's Life by James Rebanks

(b05r6xs0)

5. Spring

Spring is the farmer's reward for the hard days of winter.

The cycle of the year begins again, as James Rebanks prepares for lambing.

The first son of a shepherd, who was himself the first son of a shepherd, James and his family have lived and worked in and around the Lake District for generations.

Through his eyes we see that the Lake District is not a playground or a scenic backdrop, it's a working landscape that needs sheep and its farmers to survive.

Abridged by Sian Preece.

Concluded by Bryan Dick.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.

SAT 03:45 Carmen (b03nth2b)

5. Destiny

Carmen realises that her fate is catching up with her and decides to face her destiny head on.

Prosper Mérimée's novella Carmen is best known for the Bizet opera it later inspired. Dan Allum takes the original story as his inspiration for this exciting and powerful new interpretation starring Candis Nergaard as Carmen. With original music and songs in Romany and English by Dan Allum. Musical arrangement by James Fortune.

Carmen Candis Nergaard

Don Jose William Ash

Garcia Neil Bell

Miriah Harriet Chandler Judd

Lucas Declan Wilson

Roderigo Stephen Hoyle

Officer/Captain Roger Morlidge

Producer/Director: Charlotte Riches

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

SAT 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0016gzr)

Series 28

Episode 3

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

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

The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as computers, magazines, the human body - and golf.

With:

Lou Sanders

Ria Lina

Milton Jones

Chris McCausland

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

SAT 04:30 Meet Mr Mulliner by PG Wodehouse (m00289tc)

The Smile That Wins

When a dyspeptic detective member of the Mulliner family receives a doctor's prescription to smile, the frightening knowings of his grin spreads terror among the titled.

Storyteller Mr Mulliner enlists regular tipplers of the Angler's Rest to tell his tales.

Starring Richard Griffiths.

From a collection of stories written by PG Wodehouse, first published in 1927.

Dramatised by Roger Davenport.

Mr Mulliner Richard Griffiths

Miss Postlethwaite / Millicent Matilda Ziegler

A Small Bitter / Adrian ... Carl Prekopp

A Port / Sir Jasper / Specialist Peter Acre

A Pint of Stout / Lord Brangbolton David Timson

The Light Ale / Sir Sutton Martin Hyder

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

SAT 05:00 Sound Barriers by Sarah Daniels (m0020mb0)

What's wrong with Mel's baby?

And why does she suddenly befriend her neighbours - a profoundly deaf man and a lonely widow?

Moving drama by Sarah Daniels.

Audrey Patricia Routledge

Jenny Caroline Quentin

Ian Steve Day

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

SAT 06:00 A Date In September by Alex Ferguson (m0028kwx)

Schoolteacher Brendan Bell decides to turn the clock back 50 years.

He's setting out on a quest to find the childhood gang of his evacuation days in the Lakes.

Starring Colin MacLachlan.

Written by Alex Ferguson

Brendan Colin MacLachlan

Marian Eileen George

Gary John Basham

Chambers Adrian Stokes

Patterson Norman Mills

Mrs Parker Anne Jameson

Sister Jean Southern

Drummond Art Davies

Vanessa Johnson Anne Orwin

Hannah Brady Val McLane

Fireman David Begg

Lawrence Simon Henderson

Nutty Catherine Stobbart

Spider Darren Watkin

Bregun Anthony Morley

Billie Lewthwaite Christopher Ashton

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Director: Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1990

SAT 07:30 Arctic Dreams by Barry Lopez (Omnibus) (m0028kwz)

Barry Lopez reflects on his encounters with the surprisingly varied and resilient inhabitants of the polar north - and on modern man's vexed relationship with this beguiling land.

A breath-taking natural, social and cultural history of the Arctic, revealing the essential mystery and beauty of a continent that has enchanted man's imagination and ambition since time immemorial.

Published in 1986, Lopez's visionary account of his journey across the polar caps is a celebration of the Arctic in all its guises.

A hostile landscape of ice, freezing oceans and dazzling skylines, home to millions of diverse animals and people, it is also the backdrop to massive migrations by land, sea and air and the setting of epic exploratory voyages.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Read by Kyle Soller.

Producer: Karen Holden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

SAT 08:45 The Best of English (m0005gyd)

2. Misfortunes of War

Arthur English shares more reminiscences about his life and career in showbusiness.

Recalling events during the Second World War, including D-Day - he chats to Michael Pointon before a studio audience.

Arthur is best remembered as Mr Harman in BBC TV's long-running sitcom 'Are You Being Served?' and as Sluggie in

Yorkshire TV's 'Follyfoot' shown on ITV.

Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1988.
SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jpsq)
 Penny Wise
 The arrival of a computer means the bumbling civil servants are facing the axe...
 A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.
 Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.
 Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler
 Lamb Richard Murdoch
 Mildred/Miss Wellworthy.... Norma Ronald
 Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddiley
 Mr Bright/Foreman/Wilkins/Forth Robinson/Mr Kite John Graham
 'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966

Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in August 1976.
SAT 09:25 Beyond Our Ken (b0bqmb3y)
 From 16/4/1959
 Kenneth Horne discovers 'True Film Star Confessions' and 'Hornerama' probes hospitals.
 A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took
 Starring:
 Kenneth Horne
 Kenneth Williams
 Hugh Paddick
 Betty Marsden
 Bill Pertwee

Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety 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 Snath and Rodney and Charles.
 The precursor to 'Round The Horne' – sadly only 15 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 2. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1959.
SAT 09:55 Writing Yorkshire (m000fx26)
 3. Leeds' Finest
 Ian McMillan comes to the end of his literary tour of Yorkshire in Leeds.
 Poet, Radio presenter, and Yorkshireman Ian McMillan has been on a literary tour around God's Own Country to visit the streets, towns, cities and moors that have inspired so much classic writing.
 From Ian's own home town of Barnsley and his own literary hero Barry Hines, to the Moors of Haworth that will forever belong to The Brontës, we're exploring a county bursting at the seams with writers and writing.

'BILLY LIAR' the final episode of the 1991 adaptation
 'A CHIP IN THE SUGAR' Alan Bennett reads his classic monologue
 Producer: Jessica Treen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in September 2018.
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SAT 16:00 The Lifted Veil by George Eliot (m0028kx1)

1. Powers
 Latimer can not only see into the future, he can also tell what people are thinking.
 But he fails to benefit from his clairvoyant powers.
 Starring Toby Stephens.
 George Eliot's 1859 novella.
 Dramatised in two parts by Jonathan Holloway.
 Latimer Toby Stephens
 Boy Latimer Edward Michie
 Father Tim Piggot-Smith
 Mother Vivien Heilbron
 Bertha Abigail Docherty
 Alfred Simon Scardifield
 Charles Meunier Ian Hughes
 Dr Black / Passer-by John Rowe
 Cook / Mrs Filmore Rachel Atkins
 Mr Letteherall / Passer-by 2 Hugh Dickson
 Young Housemaid Tracy Ann Oberman
 Perry / Street Vendor Christopher Wright
 Director: Jane Morgan
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1997.
SAT 17:00 A Date In September by Alex Ferguson (m0028kwx)

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SAT 20:25 Beyond Our Ken (b0bqmb3y)
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SAT 20:55 Writing Yorkshire (m000fx26)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:55 today]
SAT 22:00 The Shuttleworths (b01ncg5h)

Series 4
 Hello, Hello, Hello
 John enters the age of the mobile phone, but is he fully future-prepared?
 More comic capers with Sheffield's favourite singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth and his family.
 Written and performed by Graham Fellows
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
SAT 22:15 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (b03tt58f)
 Series 2
 Stag
 It's the night before the wedding of Tim Key's guitarist - Tom Basden.
 So Tim is presenting the show from an outside broadcast van in Cheam. He's determined to give 'Lord' a stag night he'll never forget. But Lord is not so sure.

Written and presented by Tim Key.
 With Tom Basden and Michael Bertenshaw
 Producer: James Robinson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.
SAT 22:30 Start/Stop (b039dbjr)
 Series 1
 1. Concert
 Three couples sail off into the sunset. And sink.
 Jack Docherty's sitcom about love, marriage and despair.
 With their marriages in various states of disrepair - a trip to a classical music concert poses difficulties for everyone.
 Starring:
 Couple 1:
 Barney Jack Docherty
 Cathy Kerry Godliman
 Couple 2:
 Evan John Thomson
 Fiona Fiona Allen
 Couple 3:
 David Charlie Higson
 Alice Katherine Parkinson
 Producer Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.
SAT 23:00 Lee and Herring's Fist of Fun (b0080qgm)
 Lancaster
 Sexually transmitted diseases. Simon Bates and chef tips.
 Stewart Lee and Richard Herring's mix of sharp sketches and situations, stand up topical gags and banter.
 Recorded at Lancaster University.
 With:
 Peter Baynham
 Rebecca Front
 Jo Unwin
 Lee and Herring went to write and star in their successful TV transfer to BBC Two in 1995.
 Cult BBC Radio 1 series first broadcast in October 1993.
SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00lqkzc)
 Series 1
 Alan Moore interviews Brian Eno
 Acclaimed writer, Alan Moore interviews influential musician, Brian Eno.
 This is the tag talk show series where the guest turns interviewer in the next show.
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0028lqb)
 Brit Award Winners
 Paul Weller

Musician Paul Weller is castaway by Kirsty Young.
 As the lead singer of The Jam, the founder of The Style Council and a hugely successful solo artist, Paul is one of the most revered music writers and performers of the past 30 years and is cited as an influence by countless other singers.
 In a rare interview, he describes the chronic shyness he had to overcome - and how fear still grips him before each performance.

Paul also reveals how, after he'd been dumped by his record label, he was unable to write songs - and found that even picking up a guitar felt alien to him.
 His father has been a constant support to him - as his mentor as well as his manager - and has always believed that his son had something special.
 DISC ONE: Small Faces - Tin Soldier
 DISC TWO: Dinah Washington - September in the Rain
 DISC THREE: Charles Mingus - Better Get Hit in Yo' Soul
 DISC FOUR: James Brown - Don't Be A Dropout
 DISC FIVE: Branford Marsalis with The English Chamber Orchestra - Claude Debussy's Arabesque No. 1
 DISC SIX: Declan O'Rourke - Galileo (Someone Like You)
 DISC SEVEN: Nick Drake - River Man
 DISC EIGHT: Roscoe Robinson - That's Enough
 Favourite track: Tin Soldier by The Small Faces
 Book: Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes
 Luxury: A settee to sit on
 Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011jx7v)
 Series 2
 Chameleon
 Many of the world's chameleons live on the huge continental island of Madagascar off the Eastern coast of Africa.
 Some are tiny, as small as a finger nail - others in comparison are giants.
 Sir David Attenborough gives us his warm personal insight into the natural history of chameleons through one very special individual - a chameleon he had as a pet, called Rommel.
 Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m0028lqd)
 The Cultural Frontline - Roger Robinson: Finding Paradise In Poetry
 The poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Cultural Frontline - Roger Robinson: Finding Paradise in Poetry.
 What does paradise mean to you?
 The British Trinidadian poet, writer, activist and musician Roger Robinson shares his collection A Portable Paradise.
 He tells Tina Daeley why his work was framed through the lens of slavery, the tragedy of London's Grenfell Tower fire disaster and the premature birth of his son and how he wants his poems to inspire people to practise more empathy.
 We meet the man giving a voice to the Rohingya people through poetry. The poet Mayyu Ali on how he's telling the story of his community amidst turmoil, tragedy and trauma.
 Plus has a book, a song or a poem ever changed the way you see the world?

The acclaimed novelist Ha Jin reflects on the work of an icon of Chinese literature, the romantic poet Li Bai.
 Producer: Mugabi Turya
 First broadcast on BBC World Service in February 2020.
 *** And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: What the Earth Seemed to Say by the American poet Marie Howe.

A collection published in Britain for the first time.
SUN 07:30 The Shepherd's Life by James Rebanks (Omnibus) (b05rk08v)
 Some people's lives are entirely their own creations. James Rebanks's isn't.
 The first son of a shepherd, who was the first son of a shepherd himself, he and his family have lived and worked in and around the Lake District for generations.
 It's a life lived according to the demands of the seasons.
 Sheep are sent to the fells in the Summer and making the hay.
 In Autumn flocks are replenished - followed by the gruelling toil of keeping the sheep alive.

Light-headedness comes with spring, as the lambs are born and the sheep get ready to return to the fells.
 Through James's eyes, we see that the Lake District is not a playground or a scenic backdrop, it's a working landscape that needs sheep and its farmers to survive.
 Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Sian Preece.
 Read by Bryan Dick.
 Producer: Kirsteen Cameron
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0028lqq)
 Alex James
 The Blur bassist chooses 'Good King Wenceslas' sung by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge and 'Rasputin' by Boney M.
SUN 08:50 Carmen (Omnibus) (b03p83r7)
 Carmen is imprisoned by Officer Don Jose after fighting in a bar but is determined not to stay incarcerated for long.
 Prosper Mérimée's novella Carmen is best known for the Bizet opera it later inspired.
 Dan Allum takes the original story as his inspiration for this exciting and powerful fresh interpretation.
 Starring Candis Nergaard as Carmen.

Omnibus of five parts.
With original music and songs in Romany and English by Dan Allum.
Musical arrangement by James Fortune.
Carmen Candis Nergaard
Don Jose William Ash
Garcia Neil Bell
Miriah Harriet Chandler Judd
Lucas Declan Wilson
Roderigo Stephen Hoyle
Officer/Captain Roger Morlidge
Producer: Charlotte Riches
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
SUN 10:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hglx)
Series 2
Episode 5
The King of Titters borrows a little black book and works with a forgetful actress.
Francis Howerd continues his comic look back through his eventful life and illustrious career!
Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.
With:
June Whitfield
Ray Fell
Music by the Bill McGuffie Quartet.
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast in BBC Radio 2 in July 1973.
SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b00cl50x)
From 07/01/1954
'The Glums' debate culinary insularity and Jim and Bentley ponder pathos.
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
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1954.
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SUN 16:00 Fear on 4 (b007jmc)
Series 1
The Face
A woman's terrifying dream turns in to reality.
The Man in Black sets the scene...
Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.
Stars Edward de Souza and Rosalind Ayres.
Written by EF Benson
Hester.....Rosalind Ayres
Celia.....Rosalind Thomas
Richard.....David Goodland
Dr Bank.....Norman Bird
Maid.....Victoria Carling
The Man in Black.....Edward de Souza
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell
Directed by Gerry Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.
SUN 16:30 Terry Pratchett (b007j180)
Wyrd Sisters
1. Surprise Bundle
Three witches meet on a blasted heath while murder is in the air...
Starring Sheila Hancock, Lynda Baron and Deborah Berlin.
Terry Pratchett's popular tale, first published in 1988.
Dramatised in four parts by Vince Foxall.
Granny Weatherwax Sheila Hancock
Nanny Ogg Lynda Baron
Magrat Garlick Deborah Berlin
Duke Felmet Ian Masters
Lady Felmet Kristin Milward
King Verence John Hartley
Mrs Vitoller Natasha Pyne
Hwel Brian Hibbard
Fool Andrew Branch
Vitoller Gavin Muir
Death was played by himself.
All other parts played by the cast.

Director: Claire Grove
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SUN 22:00 Elvenquest (b00w22h6)
Series 2
Episode 2
Amis' over-eating has forced him to put on weight.
This would be fine, were it not for the fact that he is the "Chosen One" and everyone knows Chosen Ones cannot be seen to be too pudgy. He is a role model after all.
So the Questers take him to see the sorcerer, Dietica, where he is put on a punishing new regime – along with the rest of our noble band of heroes.
But, as ever, danger lurks round every corner in Lower Earth and it is not long until Dietica reveals his true plans for the Questers. And it involves more than just staying away from carbs.
Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.
Sam Stephen Mangan
Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan
Dietica Sanjeev Bhaskar
Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon
Vidar Darren Boyd
Amis – The Chosen One Dave Lamb
Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman
Producer: Sam Michell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.
SUN 22:30 Pick Ups (b008t5jl)
Series 1
Episode 4
Andrew delivers a themed date for Lind. Dave's former school bully rears his ugly head.
Comedy set in in a run-down taxi office in Manchester.
Written by Ian Kershaw.
Lind ... Sally Lindsay
Mike / Kenny / Timmy ... John Thomson
Dave ... Philip Rowson
Rebel /Brad ... Ash Tandon
Teri Claire Bleasdale
Andrew Paul Warriner
Pat Andrew Grose
Tony ... Lee Warburton
Producer: Paul Hardy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0028vbb)
Josh Berry 1/3
From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Iain Lee talks to Josh Berry.
SUN 23:00 Mark Watson's Live Address to the Nation (b016lqkl)
Strength
Multi-award winning comedian, Mark Watson reignites his quest to improve the world.
As first broadcast LIVE in November 2011 - when he invited the audience join in (via tweets and messages) to work out how we can all make the world a better place.
He's nimbly assisted by:
Tim Key
Tom Basden.
Asking the big questions crucial to our understanding of ourselves and society - Mark kicks off with a look at "Strength".
Strength comes in many forms. We all need to be strong sometimes in life, whether we're dealing with an emotional fall-out or carrying a really heavy dog to the vet's. Some have inner strength, like people who survive divorce etc; some have outer strength, like guys who pull buses with their teeth in competitions.
But can strength be - ironically - a weakness? Strength can have its downsides. Our fondness for displays of strength has led to disastrous episodes like was breaking out and 'Gladiators' being brought back. Mr Strong, in the Mr Men books, got strong by eating a barn full of eggs, but must have suffered terrible side-effects. How can we be strong, but remain human?
Producer: Lianne Coop
First broadcast live on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
SUN 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b007rq8g)
Series 2
Episode 6
A department store drama means the pathology team must work on Christmas Day.

Starring Peter Davison.
Laurence Howarth's black comedy set in the world of the pathology lab.
Dr Webster Peter Davison
Dr Anderson Matilda Ziegler
Professor Donaldson: Geoffrey Whitehead
Gordon Tom Price
Chloe Marianne Levy
Simon Gus Brown
Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

MONDAY 03 MARCH 2025

MON 00:00 Fear on 4 (b007jmc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Terry Pratchett (b007j180)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0028lqb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b011jx7v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m0028lqd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 The Shepherd's Life by James Rebanks (Omnibus) (b05rk08v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0028lqq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]
MON 03:50 Carmen (Omnibus) (b03p83r7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Frankie Howerd (m000hglx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b00cl50x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k241)
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
The Man With the Twisted Lip
Trailing a missing man, the detective enters one of London's vilest opium dens.
One of a collection of short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about the immortal Baker Street detective - first published in 1891.
Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams
Dramatised by Bert Coules.
Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison
Dr John Watson Michael Williams
Hugh Boone Robin Herford
Kate Witney Emma Gregory
Isa Witney George Winter
Mrs St Clair Danielle Allan
Mary Watson Elizabeth Mansfield
PC Horden Angus Wright
Lascar David Bannerman
Other parts played by members of the cast.
Violinist: Leonard Friedman
Director: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.
MON 06:45 Whodunnits (b008ktjz)
DCI Alma Blair - Dead Pan
1. Interrupted
The third "Dead" comedy crime drama series by Val McDermid.
DCI Alma Blair (Julie Hesmondhalgh) and her partner in life and crime CSM Jo Black (Jane Hazlegrove) are at a romantic dinner for two in Charnock 37 a fine dining restaurant.
Is it only a matter of time before there is murder on the menu?
And where is Alma's Sergeant DS Jason Trotter?
DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh
DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth
CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove
Narrator Jonathan Keeble
Michelle Rosina Carbone
Richard Simone Truby
All other parts played by members of the cast
Written by Val McDermid.
Produced and directed by Justine Potter.
A Savvy production made for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.
MON 07:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c4bs5)
Series 3
Episode 4
Can a tribe of African pygmies be persuaded to endorse Tommy and Sheila's CD?
Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr continue their second stab at fame.
The problem is, they can't stand each other...
June Whitfield and Roy Hudd star in Mike Coleman's sitcom.
Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
Sheila Parr June Whitfield
Hetty Stark Pat Coombes
Murray Franklin Julian Eardley
Louis Elstein Edward Halsted
Libby Earnest Tracy-Ann Oberman
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
MON 07:30 The Likely Lads (m0028jhs)

Series 1

7. The Talk of the Town

All eyes are on Bob when he takes Thelma to a boozy engagement party.

What did they get up to?

Starring James Bolam and Rodney Bewes.

Created and written for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais.

Adapted for BBC Radio by James Bolam.

Terry Collier James Bolam

Bob Ferris Rodney Bewes

Jack Donald McKillop

Cloughy.... John Henderson

Audrey Sheila Fearn

Mum Kathleen Helme

Elsie Madeleine Mills

Thelma Susan Jameson

Duggie Michael Kilgarriff

Blakey Douglas Hankin

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Light Programme in September 1967

MON 08:00 Cleaning Up (b053c3p4)

2. True Love?

They say there's someone for everyone, has Shiv found true love?

Every night, as time is called and people are spat out onto the streets and squeezed into rides home to dream-tossed beds - others are hard at work.

Teams of cleaners are in office spaces scrubbing, vacuuming and cleaning up.

And right at the bottom of the food chain we find our gang - Spit n' Polish tackling the floors of a plush tower block in Manchester city centre.

Sitcom written by Ian Kershaw.

Julie Julie Hesmondhalgh

Nobby Paul Barber

Dave John Thompson

Shiv Lauren Socha

Nita Bhavna Limbachia

Our Bri Jack Deam

Produced at BBC Salford by Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

MON 08:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m0028jhx)

1. Edinburgh

Eilidh Brogan reflects on love and art as she looks back on her life with the Scottish artist, Colin Brogan.

The story begins with her childhood in Scotland.

Eilidh now leads a secluded life in Cassis in the South of

France, where she teaches art. Forty years previously, her young artist husband Colin Brogan died just as his career was taking off. Now, at the turn of the millennium, he is being hailed as a great Scottish artist.

With the re-discovery of Colin's work, she comes prurient interest into the Brogan's lives. From her run-down villa, Eilidh reflects on their life together.

Ronald Frame's novel was first published in 2002.

Abridged in ten parts by Alison Joseph.

Read by Eileen McCullum.

Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

MON 08:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007jvkm)

1. Winter

Winter has come to Evensford. As the first snowflakes of 1931 settle, Lydia Aspen has come to live with her two aunts.

Richardson, a young reporter on the local paper, watches as the shy heiress passes by in a Daimler. His editor tells him "go and get the story"...

HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel - first published in 1952.

Dramatised in ten parts by Vivienne Allen.

Older Richardson Tim Pigott-Smith

Richardson Jordan Frieda

Lydia Juliet Aubrey

Miss Bertie Margaret Tzack

Miss Juliana Angela Thorne

Bretherton Phillip Fox

Tom Jamie Bamber

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0028jj3)

Susan Hulme takes a first look at the government's major new legislation on crime and policing in England and Wales

MON 09:30 The Etiquette Guide (b06tr5tc)

1. The Ancients

The mark of a civilised country is to know what it is to be civil.

But what if you don't know?

Across the ages, social commentators have written guide books to tell the uninitiated how to do the right thing at the right time in the right way.

And it's not just snobs that have published guides - the great Renaissance theologian Erasmus took time out from arguing

with Luther to instruct children how to behave in company.

Nor is it yet another invention of Victorian England. 5,000 years ago, Ptah-Hotep set down on papyrus the rules of

behaviour that all wise men should convey to their sons.

In the 3rd Millennium BC, in the Maxims of Ptah-Hotep, he

addressed such crucial issues as rules for courteous debate,

proper etiquette for a guest and advised strongly against gossip.

Presented by Ann Widdecombe.

Producer: David Prest

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2016.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m0028jj7)

Nicene Creed - We believe in one God

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

Theme: Nicene Creed - We believe in one God

Presenter: Paul Kerensa

Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Music:

Thy hand o God has guided - Daily Service Singers

One God - Mahalia Jackson

Goodness of God - CeCe Winans

MON 10:00 Comic to Comic (b007zmn)

Series 2

Miles Jupp

From gag-writing to TV's Balamory - the self-styled posh stand-up tells the story of his career.

Series in which Bruce Morton talks to top stand-up comedians about life, the universe and comedy.

Producer: Carol Purcell

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in January 2006.

MON 10:30 Breaking Bard (b07k01bn)

1. Othello

Fiona Lindsay listens in to the table talk of the actors and director as they begin work to bring Shakespeare's Othello from text to performance.

Fiona has spent years at the RSC working with actors and directors as they look afresh at the play texts to which we return again and again. What interests her is how new connections and

insights are drawn from stories so well known that they have almost become national myths.

In the first in the series, Fiona takes her panel to The Brooksbank School in Elland, West Yorkshire, where students

are hard at work bringing the play to life.

Her panel includes Carol Rutter, Professor of Drama and Shakespeare Studies at the University of Warwick, director and dramaturg Tom Cornford, and actors Jonjo O'Neill, fresh from a

season at Shakespeare's Globe, and Karl Collins, a regular on Hollyoaks.

The panel is joined by a local audience as well as the students, and together they put the words from the page on their feet for

the first time. They try out practical exercises to unearth new questions in order to see what surprising new connections they

might be able to make about this tale of jealousy and masculinity.

Producer: Victoria Shephard.

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.

MON 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k241)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:45 Whodunnits (b08kttjz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

MON 12:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c4bs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 The Likely Lads (m0028jhs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Cleaning Up (b053c3p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m0028jhx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007jvkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b007r3dd)

Series 1

Episode 1

Clive Anderson hosts the panel show that pokes fun at events of the past.

Gyles Brandreth and Jimmy Carr battle it out against John

O'Farrell and David Quantick.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

MON 14:30 The Small World of Dominic Holland

(b007jlrg)

Growing Up

Comedian Dominic Holland points out the pitfalls of growing up, becoming an adult and having children.

Series of stand-up and sketches illustrating the Domesic minutiae of life

With:

Simon Greenall

Sally Grace

Dave Lamb

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

MON 15:00 With Passport and Parasol (m0028jjh)

1. An Unforgettable Vision

Alexandra David-Néel's will to achieve travelling in Tibet in 1923.

'What decided me to go to Lhasa in 1923, when I was in my mid fifties, was above all the absurd prohibition which closes

Tibet. I took an oath that in spite of all the obstacles I would reach Lhasa and show what the will of a woman could achieve.'

Dorothy Tutin stars as Alexandra David-Néel.

Narrated by Daniel Massey.

First of seven true stories of travel and adventure by intrepid

women, compiled, and written by Julia Keay.

Producer: John Powell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1988.

MON 15:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000b619)

Miss Kincaid's Autumn

A portrait of small town Scotland, where conversations about local affairs often feature the intriguing Kincaid family.

Collection of short stories written by the brilliant, funny and original, Alasdair Gray.

Read by Tamara Kennedy.

Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

MON 16:00 Comic to Comic (b007zmn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 Breaking Bard (b07k01bn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k241)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 17:45 Whodunnits (b08kttjz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

MON 18:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c4bs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:30 The Likely Lads (m0028jhs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 Cleaning Up (b053c3p4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m0028jhx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007jvkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 We've Been Here Before (b007r3dd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Small World of Dominic Holland

(b007jlrg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 With Passport and Parasol (m0028jjh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 21:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000b619)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m00289hv)

Series 94

6. Limoncello and Portobello

Sue Perkins challenges Josie Lawrence, Ivo Graham, Sara Pascoe and Daliso Chaponda to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation. Subjects include Dollywood,

When The Dust Has Settled, and My Get Pumped Playlist.

Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Rajiv Karia

An EcoAudio certified production.

A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4.

MON 22:30 The Right Time (b007x046)

Series 1

Episode 2

A sketch show about modern life, written and performed by

Baby Boomers who have lived a bit of it.

With:

Eleanor Bron

Andrew Sachs

Paula Wilcox

Neil Innes

Roger Blake

Live music by Ronnie and The Rex.

Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, Simon Brett, Mike Coleman,

Peter Spence, John Pidgeon, Bob Sinfield, Bob Yule and Martin

Thomas.

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0028vbg)

Josh Berry 2/3

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

Josh Berry.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m00289xj)

Series 116

8. Mr. Stammer Goes To Washington

Andy Zaltzman is joined by Scott Bennett, Sara Barron, Alex Massie and Lucy Porter for The News Quiz recorded from

Scarborough. In the last of the current series, the panel unpack the Prime Ministers Washington visit, aid cuts and defence

pastes, silent albums and AI generated essays.

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Simon Alcock, David Duncan,

Laura Major, Christina Riggs and Peter Tellouche.

Producer: Rajiv Karia

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4

An Eco-Audio certified Production

MON 23:30 Absolute Power (b0192y9d)

Series 4

Episode 3

When Martin persuades Charles to accompany him to Devon,

Clive is left in charge of the government's Healthy Eating

campaign.

Will the company survive with Clive in charge and, more importantly, will Charles survive without the cut and thrust of

London?

Stephen Fry and John Bird star in Mark Tavener's biting satire.

Charles Prentiss and Martin McCabe are spin masters in the

John Stephen Critchlow
Mrs Beeton Rachel Atkins
Lizzie Siddal Becky Hindley
Forster Gerard McDermott
Director: Cherry Cookson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.
TUE 15:00 With Passport and Parasol (m0028163)
2. Notions of Liberty
In 1862 Anna Leonowens journeyed to meet the King of Siam.
'English Era 1862; 26th February: Grand Palace Bangkok.
Madam - we are in good pleasure and satisfaction that you are willing to undertake the education of our royal children. And we hope in doing your education on us and our children - whom English call inhabitants of benighted land - you will do your best endeavour for knowledge of English language, science and literature, and not for conversion to Christianity.'
Stars Sian Phillips as Anna Leonowens and Gerard Green as the King of Siam. Narrated by John Franklyn-Robbins.
Second of seven true stories of travel and adventure by intrepid women, compiled, and written by Julia Keay.
Producer: John Powell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.
TUE 15:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000bg54)
Wellbeing
A homeless writer from Glasgow relies on the patronage of foreign admirers as he observes a post-apocalyptic landscape. Collection of stories written by Alasdair Gray
Read by Paul Young.
Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.
TUE 16:00 A Good Read (b0b92sxx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:30 Breaking Bard (b07krycq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
TUE 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k25c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 17:45 Whodunnits (b0817qv8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
TUE 18:00 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04stq5d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (m002815t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 19:00 Man at the Helm (b07zzr8t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m002815w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 19:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007jvkr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
TUE 20:00 Booked (b00751lz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Bookcases (m0005772)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
TUE 21:00 With Passport and Parasol (m0028163)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
TUE 21:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000bg54)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
TUE 22:00 Heresy (m00289q2)
Series 13
Episode 2
Victoria Coren Mitchell is joined by Sarah Kendall, David Mitchell and Chris McCausland to discuss lifestyle programmes, dancing and AI.

Written and presented by Victoria Coren Mitchell with additional material from Dan Gaster and Charlie Skelton
Produced by Victoria Coren Mitchell and Daisy Knight
Series created by David Baddiel

Sound Design - David Thomas
Broadcast Assistant - Jenny Recaldin

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 The Consultants (b007jwvr)
Series 4
Episode 6
Inoculation against old age leads to unusual results.
Cerebral sketch show written by and starring:
Neil Edmond
Justin Edwards
James Rawlings
Producer: Will Saunders
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.
TUE 23:00 Date With Fate (b008zq34)
Along for the Ride
When Colin impersonates a film producer, it sparks dangerous consequences.
Harold Wing Pinero is your host.
Another comic close encounter with fate.
Written by Gary Parker and Phil Whelans.
Colin Bond Michael Troughton
Harold Wing Pinero Charles Gray
Monica Ludlow Jenny Howe
Flores Mandy Knight
Ralph Stephen Critchlow
Hostess/Lauren Debbie Stephenson
All other parts Toby Longworth
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.
TUE 23:15 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea

(b007ynlv)
Series 1
The Murder Mystery
Hamish and Dougal set about solving the mystery of Mrs Naughtie's surprise disappearance - and several unsavoury rumours about her past...
Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.
Hamish Barry Cryer
Dougal Graeme Garden
Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman
The Laird Jeremy Hardy
Producer: Jon Naismith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.
TUE 23:30 The Curried Goat Show (b007mdgf)
Episode 7
It's Pig Night - and shopping news.
Sketch-bonanza written by and starring:
Dan Gaster
Will Ing
Ben Silburn
With special guest: Polly James
Music from The Big Buzzard Boogie Band.
Producer: Maria Esposito
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1998.

WEDNESDAY 05 MARCH 2025

WED 00:00 A Good Read (b0b92sxx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k26n)
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
The Speckled Band
After her twin sister dies screaming in terror, a woman seeks the detective's help.
One of a collection of short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about the immortal Baker Street detective - first published in 1892.
Starring Clive Merrison and Michael William
Dramatised by Vincent McInerney.
Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison
Dr John Watson Michael Williams
Helen Stoner Susan Woodriddle
Julia Jane Whittenshaw
Dr Grimesby Roylott Ian Lindsay
Other parts played by members of the cast.
Violinist: Leonard Friedman
Director: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.
WED 06:45 Whodunnits (b0817r78)
DCI Alma Blair - Dead Pan
3. Red Herrings
Suspects line up in Val McDermid's culinary conundrum of a murder case set in a fine dining restaurant.
Something smells fishy, but is that just a red herring or two?
DCI Alma Blair and DS Trotter have a body in the bathroom and a strange fruit from the suicide tree in the rubbish - but what killed poor restaurant critic Virginia Grimshaw? CSM Jo Black and her assistant Mo are determined to find out.
DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh
DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth
CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove
Narrator Jonathan Keeble
Mo ... Nitin Kundra
Michelle Rosina Carbone
Richard Simeon Truby
All other parts played by members of the cast
Written by Val McDermid.
Produced and directed by Justine Potter.
A Savvy production made for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.

WED 07:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k1gh)
4. Seabound
All at sea, Mr Finchley discovers the dignity of labour and visits an old haunt.
Victor Canning's novel about the adventures of a man and his horse-drawn caravan touring the 1930s countryside of Kent.
Richard Griffiths stars as Mr Finchley.
Adapted by Andy and Eric Merriman.
Mr Finchley Richard Griffiths
Mr Blain John Bird
Mrs Maberley Auriol Smith
The Captain Clive Swift
Duffy Richard Ridings
Mr Greevey Albert Welling
Narrated by James Villiers.
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1993.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k456)
Series 3
The Test Match
MCC chairman Sid makes the Lad cricket captain for England, but places his bet on Australia to win!
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
Special guests:
Colin Cowdrey
Frank Tyson
Godfrey Evans
John Arlott
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 February 1956.
WED 08:00 Women Talking About Cars (b092r4rs)
Series 2
Dame Sheila Hancock
Victoria Coren Mitchell interviews actress Dame Sheila Hancock about cars.
Sheila reminisces about the cars she has known taking us on a trip through her remarkable life from the first stirrings of her theatrical ambitions through to the day John Thaw fell for her and why the number of seats in a Morgan sports car is important, and thence to the enduring lure of a Jaguar and how the trick of getting older is actually to speed up...
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 contributions from our studio audience and tongue-in-cheek readings from Morwenna Banks.
Produced by Gareth Edwards.
A BBC Studios Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.
WED 08:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m0028js5)
3. Struan Melrose
Eilidh reveres her godfather, Johnny Melrose, but his son has designs on her.
Eilidh Brogan reflects on love and art as she looks back on her life with the Scottish artist, Colin Brogan. The story begins with her childhood in Scotland.
Eilidh now leads a secluded life in Cassis in the South of France, where she teaches art. Forty years previously, her young artist husband Colin Brogan died just as his career was taking off. Now, at the turn of the millennium, he is being hailed as a great Scottish artist.
With the re-discovery of Colin's work, the comes prurient interest into the Brogan's lives. From her run-down villa, Eilidh reflects on their life together.
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Abridged in ten parts by Alison Joseph.
Read by Eileen McCallum.
Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
WED 08:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007n9k5)
3. Falling
Richardson realises both Alex and Tom are also falling under the heiress' spell.
HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel.
Dramatised by Vivienne Allen.
Older Richardson Tim Pigott-Smith
Richardson Jordan Frieda
Lydia Juliet Aubrey
Miss Bertie Margaret Tyzack
Miss Juliana Angela Thorne
Rollo Philip Fox
Blackie....Robert Purdy
Nancy.....Clare Corbett
Alex.....Crispin Bonham-Carter
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.
WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0028js7)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
WED 09:30 The Etiquette Guide (b06vhv6y)

3. The Middling Classes

The mark of a civilised country is to know what it is to be civil. But what if you don't know?

Across the ages, social commentators have written guide books to tell the uninitiated how to do the right thing at the right time in the right way.

And it's not just snobs that have published guides - the great Renaissance theologian Erasmus took time out from arguing with Luther to instruct children how to behave in company. Nor is it yet another invention of Victorian England. 5,000 years ago, Pтах-Hotep set down on papyrus the rules of behaviour that all wise men should convey to their sons.

During the 18th century the growing middle classes needed a guide to behaviour.

The Rudiments of Genteel Behaviour defined much of our modern understanding of politeness including maintaining restraint around overt opulence.

Presented by Ann Widdecombe.

Producer: David Prest

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2016.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0028js9)

Nicene creed - Maker of heaven and earth

A service for Ash Wednesday led by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell.

Reading: John 8:2-11

Music (sung by St Martin's Voices):

From ashes to the living font (Bangor)

The Lent Prose - Plainsong

Forty days and forty nights (Aus der tiefe)

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000xdgj)

The Woman-Machine

While the history of electronic music includes many notable men whose stories have been frequently celebrated, the genre has also provided a space for a wide range of extraordinary women to create a musical room of their own.

Working with machines meant being able to sidestep many of the hurdles that stood in the way of women aspiring to a musical career, such as access to orchestras, commissions and concert halls, and an over-riding failure to be taken seriously by the male musical gate-keepers. Elizabeth Alker examines the connections between early pioneers such as Eliane Radigue and Daphne Oram (who gained access to studios thanks to the Second World War), those musicians who followed in their immediate wake such as Suzanne Ciani and Laurie Spiegel, and today's generation of female composers.

Anna Meredith, Holly Herndon, Afrodetsche and JLin all speak with Elizabeth about their own work and the debt they owe their predecessors. Central to the story is the composer and academic Pauline Oliveros, who founded the San Francisco Tape Music Centre, and whose theories around deep-listening as a feminist act shape so much of the texture of the music created by the women and men who followed her.

Elizabeth argues this is music which has an emphasis on tone and texture. This lends it a particular quality, making it both distinct from its male equivalent and also profoundly beautiful and rich.

Presented by Elizabeth Alker

Produced by Geoff Bird

A Tempo & Talker production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

WED 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k26n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 11:45 Whodunnits (b0817r78)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007n9k5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

WED 14:00 It's Your Round (b00yz3t4)

Series 1

Episode 3

Angus Deayton hosts the comedy panel show with no format. Battling it out to see who can beat each other at their own games:

Arthur Smith

Lucy Montgomery

Tom Wrigglesworth

Will Smith

Find out the hilarity that ensues when each of them play the games they've brought along.

What will Arthur make of Tom's "Re-wound, Sped Up Played Backwards"?

How will Twitter-fan Will Smith get on with Lucy's "Twitter-witter-witter-who" game?

And how much would it take for Tom Wrigglesworth to change his name to Adolf Hitler when he plays Arthur Smith's round? Angus Deayton valiantly tries to make sure everyone comes out of it with their reputations intact.

Writers: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell

Devised by Benjamin Partridge

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

WED 14:30 Millport (b0075ctx)

Series 1

The Letter

It's turnip season - and a letter arrives for Irene promising to change her life for ever.

But when push comes to shove, is she ready to leave the dismal island backwater she so unlovingly calls home?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.

Barmaid Irene Bruce is 30-something and hankering after a better life on the mainland.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Bob Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty/Betty Gabriel Quigley

Doogie Matt Costello

The Minister Robert Paterson

Producers: Lucy Bacon and Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

WED 15:00 With Passport and Parasol (m0028jse)

3. Baptised of the Desert

In 1913 Gertrude Bell travelled across Arabia.

'16th December 1913; today I return to the desert and the world must get along without me for a bit. As far as I can make out there never was a year more favourable for a journey into Arabia. Occasionally my eyes strain to catch a glimpse of the future, and sometimes I do wonder whether I shall come out of the adventure alive.'

Stars Rosalie Crutchley as Gertrude Bell. Narrated by Paul Daneman.

Third of seven true stories of travel and adventure by intrepid women, compiled, and written by Julia Keay.

Producer: John Powell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

WED 15:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000bp5r)

My Ex Husband & Swan Burial

Tales of the dissolution of a marriage and the rather unsatisfactory end of a career.

Collection of stories written by Alasdair Gray

Read by Tamara Kennedy and Paul Young

Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

WED 21:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000bp5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

WED 22:00 ReincarNathan (m0028bjv)

Series 4

3. Elysium

It's the endgame for Nathan (Daniel Rigby), in this final ever episode of ReincarNathan. Will he ever escape the endless cycle of reincarnation and make it to Elysium? Will he ever meet Carol, his Spiritual Liaison Officer (Ashley McGuire)? What will the Panel decide when they are faced with Nathan's abject failure? What is George Orwell doing running a secret police force? And who is Englebert Humperdonk?

This is a dramatic finale of the reincarnation comedy, which asks fundamental questions about the nature of life, death, celebrity... and toasters.

Cast:

Ashley McGuire - Carol

Daniel Rigby - Nathan

Tom Craine - George Orwell

Tom Crowley - Englebert Humperdonk

Henry Paker - Mozart

Freya Parker - Florence Nightingale

Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Paker

Producers: Harriet JAine

Sound: Jerry Peal

Music Composed by: Phil Lephed

A Talkback Production for BBC Radio 4

WED 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b031s16f)

Series 2

The Award

A trip to Wonderland (a poundland of magical realms), which is getting awarded the prestigious by-the-sea status.

Sketch show by Alice Lowe.

With:

Richard Glove

Simon Greenall

Rachel Stubbings

Clare Thomson

Marcia Warren

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0028vbd)

Josh Berry 3/3

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

WED 23:00 The Skivers (b007jq4d)

Series 1

Britt Ekland

New age DIY, the wonders of Sweden and Sinatra sings punk. Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show with special guest Britt Ekland who's not in the mood for romance.

Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.

With:

Mel Giedroyc

Peter Bradshaw

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

WED 23:30 Masala FM (b007x0c9)

Episode 1

Masala FM is East London's premier Asian community radio station.

Owner, Mr Krishna, wants to make some changes and everyone's scared, except for visiting Bollywood celebrity Johnny 'Muscles' Patel...

Six-part sitcom written by Meera Syal

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Nitin Sawheny

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Music by Nitin Sawheny.

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1996.

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THU 05:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000bp5r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k27y)

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

The Engineer's Thumb

A young man with severe injuries and a chilling tale arrives at Watson's surgery.

One of a collection of short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about the immortal Baker Street detective - first published in 1892.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams

Dramatised by Peter Mackie.

Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison

Dr John Watson Michael Williams

Victor Hatherley Stephen Tompkinson

Col Stark John Moffatt

Elise Sybil Wintroppe

Insp Bradstreet David Goudge

Ferguson/Constable Vincent Brimble

Guard/Fireman Paul Downing

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Violinist: Leonard Friedman

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.

THU 06:45 Whodunnits (b0817sb2)

DCI Alma Blair - Dead Pan

4. Breakthrough

Val McDermid's comic crime series continues with a breakthrough to celebrate with fine wine - and a heart to heart with Alma and Jason over their work-life balance.

Does this look like the case can be closed with just deserts metered out in this comedy-drama set in a fine dining restaurant? With one more episode to go, we suspect there is more to make a meal of.

DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh

DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth
 CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrave
 Narrator ... Jonathan Keeble
 Mo ... Nitin Kundra
 Michelle. Rosina Carbone
 Richard Simeon Truby
 All other parts played by members of the cast
 Written by Val McDermid.
 Produced and directed by Justine Potter.
 A Savvy production made for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.

THU 07:00 Jeeves and the Feudal Spirit (m00281w1)
 Bedrooms, Burglary and Broken Truths
 Bertie sets out to "steal" Aunt Dahlia's fake pearls, but all doesn't go according to plan.
 PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.
 Adapted in six parts by Richard Osborne.
 Jeeves Michael Hordern
 Bertie Wooster Richard Briers
 Stilton Cheesewright James Villiers
 Florence Craye Liza Goddard
 Aunt Dahlia Vivien Pickles
 Percy Gorringe Jonathan Cecil
 Uncle Tom Ballard Berkeley
 Producer: David Hatch
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1979.

THU 07:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007w2s0)
 Series 1
 The Picture
 Gerald and Diana have a clear-out to try and make some cash.
 The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author who's married to a more successful writer.
 Starring Ian Carmichael and Charlotte Mitchell.
 Written by Basil Boothroyd.
 Gerald C Potter Ian Carmichael
 Diana Potter Charlotte Mitchell
 With Michael McLain
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.

THU 08:00 Skeletons in the Cupboard (m0009m4f)
 Series 1
 Escape
 The sisters are sorting out their mother's books and speculating about their parents' love life. Maureen suggests the sisters should buy a house in France and spend their last years together, tending the vines.
 Then David turns up and interrupts the dream.
 He tells Maureen that her careless parking has boxed in her neighbour and, when she goes outside to move her car, she discovers that her battery's flat. David rescues her with his jump leads and then advises her to drive around for a bit to recharge the battery - giving him time alone with Lesley.
 How best to fill the time? A séance.
 Maureen Alison Steadman
 Lesley Morwenna Banks
 David Nigel Planer
 Written by Sue Limb
 Produced and Directed by Jamie Rix
 A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2019.

THU 08:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m00281w3)
 4. Aftermath
 Eilidh reflects on the tragedy of her mother. But further devastation is imminent.
 Eilidh Brogan reflects on love and art as she looks back on her life with the Scottish artist, Colin Brogan. The story begins with her childhood in Scotland.
 Eilidh now leads a secluded life in Cassis in the South of France, where she teaches art. Forty years previously, her young artist husband Colin Brogan died just as his career was taking off. Now, at the turn of the millennium, he is being hailed as a great Scottish artist.
 With the re-discovery of Colin's work, the comes prurient interest into the Brogans' lives. From her run-down villa, Eilidh reflects on their life together.
 Ronald Frame's novel was first published in 2002.
 Abridged in ten parts by Alison Joseph.
 Read by Eileen McCallum.
 Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

THU 08:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007ncy6)
 4. Party
 Party plans are afoot for the heiress's 21st birthday and Richardson makes a decision.
 HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel.
 Dramatised by Vivienne Allen.
 Older Richardson Tim Pigott-Smith
 Richardson Jordan Frieda
 Lydia Juliet Aubrey
 Mrs Aspen..... Joanna David
 Miss Juliana Angela Thorne
 Nancy.....Clare Corbett
 Alex.....Crispin Bonham-Carter
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00281w5)
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

THU 09:30 The Etiquette Guide (b06vj065)
 4. The Americans
 The mark of a civilised country is to know what it is to be civil. But what if you don't know?
 Across the ages, social commentators have written guide books to tell the uninitiated how to do the right thing at the right time in the right way.
 And it's not just snobs that have published guides - the great Renaissance theologian Erasmus took time out from arguing with Luther to instruct children how to behave in company. Nor is it yet another invention of Victorian England. 5,000 years ago, Ptah-Hotep set down on papyrus the rules of behaviour that all wise men should convey to their sons.
 In the late 18th century we learned Britain and America aren't just divided by a common language, but also by manners.
 In 1883, Walter R. Houghton published American Etiquette and Rules of Politeness, defining the way modern America behaves. Presented by Ann Widdecombe.
 Producer: David Prest
 A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2016.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m00281w7)
 Nicene creed - of all that is
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Nicene creed - of all that is
 Presenter: Sandra Godley
 Reading: Psalm 8: 1-8
 You're still God - Philippa Hanna
 All things bright and beautiful - Yvonne Lyon
 Sovereign over us - Michael W Smith
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00771zc)
 Millicent Garrett Fawcett
 For 50 years, Millicent Garrett Fawcett struggled to win the right to vote for women in Britain.
 Yet today she is little-known compared to the suffragette leaders who took a more militant course.
 Feminist campaigner Lesley Abdela discusses the extraordinary 'MGF', with Matthew Parris.
 The expert witness is historian Elizabeth Crawford.
 Producer: Peter Everett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

THU 10:30 Why Do We Sing? (b00c5j0l)
 Gareth Malone explores how man developed the vocal capability to sing.
 He investigates how singing as we know it today began hundreds of millions of years ago.
 Discover how prehistoric man used a type of vocal communication which could be called the precursor of singing.
 Gareth finds out how this changed and developed as man evolved.
 He explores what this tells us about human communication and how our relationship with song has grown out of moments in early history.
 Producer: Emma Kingsley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

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THU 13:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007ncy6)
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THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b00fj2bw)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Martin Young chairs the quiz which looks at the noteworthy and the notorious from history.
 Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego.
 With guests:
 Amanda Foreman
 Maria McErlane
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

THU 14:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b008ggtc)
 Series 2
 A Green Unpleasant Land
 The couple's German friend Heinrich reveals his thoughts about the war.
 Sitcom about a couple, Robin and Wendy, and their friends and neighbours
 Written by and starring Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall
 Robin Simon Greenall
 Wendy Kay Stonham
 Maureen Amelia Bullmore
 Derek Martin Trenaman
 Audrey.....Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Vernon.....Tom Hillebrand
 Roger.....Robert Webb
 Pub Landlord.....Tony Gardner

With Geoffrey McGivern
 Producer: Mario Stylianides
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

THU 15:00 With Passport and Parasol (m00281w9)
 4. Mere Mortals and Englishwomen
 Amelia Edwards travels from Alexandria up the Nile river in 1873.
 'We have come from Alexandria; we have not dressed for dinner because, having just driven from the station ahead of our luggage we are but just in time to take our seats. Yes, of course we intend to go up the Nile - but never was a distant expedition entered upon with less premeditation.'
 Stars Anna Massey as Amelia Edwards, John Baddeley as "Murray's Guide". Narrated by Peter Marinker.
 Fourth of seven true stories of travel and adventure by intrepid women, compiled, and written by Julia Keay.
 Producer: John Powell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

THU 15:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m000c0lr)
 Loss of the Golden Silence
 A couple discover a surprising way to sustain their relationship, despite their differences.
 Collection of stories written by Alasdair Gray
 Read by Paul Young.
 Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

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THU 22:00 P.O.V. (m0028bpm)
 Series 1
 We see you, women over 40!
 The internet's best comedy creators bring you a sketch show that sees you, women over 40, and hears you, Bro - which you'd know if you went on our website.
 Written and performed by Davina Bentley, Jake Bhardwaj, Kylie Brakeman, Emma Doran, The Exploding Heads, Rachel Fairburn, Matt Green, Charlene Kaye, Tom Lawrinson, and Ed Night & Paddy Young.
 Recorded in London, Los Angeles, New York, Manchester and Dublin.
 Edited by Rich Evans at Syncox Post
 Produced by Ed Morrish
 A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4

THU 22:30 Eamon, Older Brother of Jesus (m00281wc)
 Episode 6
 Now in his 40s, Eamon is still living at home with his parents. He has the perfect younger brother and his mother is a saint. Life is not easy for Eamon....
 Can Eamon negotiate the family's very traditional Christmas and make an impact at the local variety halls of Nazareth?
 Michael Redmond writes and stars in a six-part comedy series.
 Eamon ... Michael Redmond
 Joseph Harry Towb
 Mary Stella McCusker
 With
 Peter Caffrey
 Clare Cathcart
 Moira Buffini
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 Made for BBC Radio 4 in 1996. A decision was taken not broadcast at the time. This is the first time it has been broadcast on BBC Radio.

THU 22:45 2000 Years of Radio (b06fwync)
 Series 2
 Olympic FM
 "Welcome back, and the roads are jammed with gods flying into Olympia..."
 The time's just coming up to 776BC, and it's all aboard the Canker Cart with DJ Suzanne Canker for the first Olympic Games in Greece and the British Athletics team.
 More extraordinary archive radio recordings from the past two millennia of the wireless.
 Written and performed by:
 Claire Downes

Hazel Grian
Al Holloway
Ben Kozo
Stuart Lane
Patrick McNamara
Producer: Sean Grundy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.
THU 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (b009s9vm)
Series 3
Episode 4
Twisted Gardeners' Question Time - and car alarm revenge.
Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell's sharp humour.
Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on radio.
Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell.
With:
Felicity Montagu
Jasper Jacob
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1987.
THU 23:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0076283)
Series 2
Episode 3
Second World War stand-up comedian Edie Trinder joins Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine for some Blitz humour - and another war hero literally drops in!
Plus tips on relaxation from the Dirty Sloanes and more from the Gory Nuns and the Goatee Beard Men's Group.
Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.
With:
Dave Lamb
Martin Hyder
Jim North.
Additional material by Martin Hyder and Jim North.
Script editor: Graeme Garden
Music by Richard Webb.
Producers: Helen Williams and Claire Jones.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

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The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
The Noble Bachelor
A young man with severe injuries and a chilling tale arrives at Watson's surgery.
One of a collection of short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about the immortal Baker Street detective - first published in 1892.
Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams
Dramatised by Bert Coules.
Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison
Dr Watson Michael Williams
St Simon John Rye
Doran David Healey
Hatty Catherine Fursphan
Vicar Ian Lindsay
Flora Tara Dominick
Footman/Constable Andrew Wincott
Duchess Elizabeth Kelly
Mrs Hudson Mary Allen
Doorman/Sgt Danny Schiller
Lestrade Donald Gee
Moulton Stephen Garlick
Other parts played by members of the cast.
Violinist: Leonard Friedman
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.
FRI 06:45 Whodunnits (b0817szl)
DCI Alma Blair - Dead Pan

5. Relationships
The conclusion of Val McDermid's comic crime drama set in a fine dining restaurant - but when Alma and Jo finally get time alone to talk, it is the future of their personal relationship, more than the murder investigation, that is called in to question.
DCI Alma Blair ... Julie Hesmondhalgh
DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth
CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove
Narrator ... Jonathan Keeble
Mo ... Nitin Kundra
Michelle Rosina Carbone
Richard Simeon Truby
All other parts played by members of the cast
Written by Val McDermid.
Produced and directed by Justine Potter.
A Savvy production made for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.
FRI 07:00 Bodgeys, Banks and Sparkes (m0028165)
Entertainment
The sketch show comedy gang start the series with the spotlight on entertainment.
Many of them would go on to create the celebrated late 1980s Channel 4 TV comedy, Absolutely.
With a history of great radio quiz shows, with such favourites as: 'What's the question?' 'What's the point?' 'Where's the cheque to go to?' 'How's Frank Muir?' 'Where's Frank Muir?' 'Here's Frank Muir'.
Starring The Bodgeys:
Moray Hunter
Johnny NoName
Gordon Kennedy
Peter Baikie
Morwenna Banks
John Sparkes
Music by Pete Baikie and The Jim Baikie Big Band.
Written by Moray Hunter, John Docherty, Morwenna Banks and John Sparkes.
Producer: Alan Nixon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1986.
FRI 07:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00h4lmm)
From 05/04/1971
An odd romantic tryst and the life of a great Englishman.
A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.
With:
Terence Brady
Pauline Yates
Pianist: Gordon Langford
Written by John Graham, David Nobbs, David McKellar and Peter Vincent, Donald Monat and June Dixon, Miles Rudge and Ted Dicks, Pete Spence, Alan Scott and Chris Bryant, and Gerald Wiley.
Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1971.
FRI 08:00 Shush! (b08nq9wk)
Series 2
Dewey Decimal
When an International Librarians' Conference looms, Alice and Snoo have to resort to some rather unconventional methods to get hold of a passport - methods that include a thousand hummingbirds, some over-tight jeans and a hilarious anagram.
Meet Alice - a former child prodigy who won a place at Oxford aged 9 but, because Daddy went too, she never needed to have any friends. She's scared of everything. Everything that is except libraries and Snoo - a slightly confused individual with a have-a-go attitude to life, marriage, haircuts and reality. Snoo loves books, and fully intends to read one one day.
And forever popping into the library is Dr Cadogan - celebrity doctor to the stars and a man with his finger in every pie.
Charming, indiscreet and quite possibly wanted by Interpol, if you want a discrete nip and tuck and then photos of it accidentally left on the photocopier, Dr Cadogan is your man.
Their happy life is interrupted by the arrival of Simon Nielson, a man with a mission - a mission to close down inefficient libraries. Fortunately, he hates his mission. What he really wants to do is once - just once - get even with his inexhaustible supply of high-achieving brothers.
Alice Rebecca Front
Snoo Morwenna Banks
Dr Cadogan Michael Fenton-Stevens
Simon Nielson Ben Willbond
Written by Morwenna Banks and Rebecca Front
Based on an idea developed with Armando Iannucci
Produced by David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.
FRI 08:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m0028168)
5. Paris
To escape Edinburgh, a kindly aunt takes Eilidh to Paris, where she has a surprise encounter.
Eilidh Brogan reflects on love and art as she looks back on her life with the Scottish artist, Colin Brogan. The story begins with her childhood in Scotland.
Eilidh now leads a secluded life in Cassis in the South of France, where she teaches art. Forty years previously, her young artist husband Colin Brogan died just as his career was taking off. Now, at the turn of the millennium, he is being hailed as a great Scottish artist.
With the re-discovery of Colin's work, the comes prurient

interest into the Brogan's lives. From her run-down villa, Eilidh reflects on their life together.
Ronald Frame's novel was first published in 2002.
Abridged in ten parts by Alison Joseph.
Read by Eileen McCallum.
Producer: Gaynor Macfarlane
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
FRI 08:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007nfd7)
5. Tragedy
As a midsummer night draws to an end, some life-changing events await Richardson.
HE Bates's semi-autobiographical novel.
Dramatised by Vivienne Allen.
Older Richardson Tim Pigott-Smith
Richardson Jordan Frieda
Lydia Juliet Aubrey
Nancy Clare Corbett
Alex Crispin Bonham-Carter
Mrs Sanderson Helena Breck
Blackie Robert Purdy
Tom Jamie Bamber
Bretherton Philip Fox
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.
FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m002816b)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
FRI 09:30 The Etiquette Guide (b06vj1tb)
5. Modern Manners
The mark of a civilised country is to know what it is to be civil. But what if you don't know?
Across the ages, social commentators have written guide books to tell the uninitiated how to do the right thing at the right time in the right way.
And it's not just snobs that have published guides - the great Renaissance theologian Erasmus took time out from arguing with Luther to instruct children how to behave in company.
Nor is it yet another invention of Victorian England. 5,000 years ago, Ptah-Hotep set down on papyrus the rules of behaviour that all wise men should convey to their sons.
But we can go right through to the making of manners in cyberspace - how to respond to emails without causing offence? What is acceptable on social media?
In the world of "netiquette", we don't have facial expressions, gestures, and tone of voice to help, so rules need to be applied.
Presented by Ann Widdicombe.
Producer: David Prest.
A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2016.
FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002816d)
Nicene Creed - seen and unseen
Christian worship and music with Fr Philip Blackledge of Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church, Melrose.
Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m00010j1)
Series 30
Pavane Pour Une Infante Défunte by Maurice Ravel
Ravel's beautiful Pavane For A Dead Princess touches many people.
While it is not actually about a dead princess it does evoke a sense loss. For Carla van Raay it symbolises the loss of innocence she experienced after sexual abuse as a child which led her to make some difficult life choices.
Deal Hudson played it to prisoners in Atlanta and was moved by their reaction. At an academy for troubled teenagers in California the Pavane had a similar effect.
Genevieve Monneris comes from the town where Ravel was born on the border with Spain. Her film Henri and Pat tells the story of three French airman who were stationed in York during World War Two. Just days before Henri's plane was shot down the three young men went to a concert of Ravel's music in York. So the piece has a strong emotional meaning for Genevieve whose own father was also stationed with the RAF in York.
Professor Barbara Kelly of the Royal Northern College of Music explains the background to the Pavane's composition and why it appeals to the emotions in such a powerful way.
Although it was written at the end of the 19th century it became more widely known in the 1920s. That was when a young woman called Lucia Joyce daughter of James Joyce danced to it with her avant garde dance group. The writer Annabel Abbs tells Lucia's tragic story of how her life ended in a mental asylum and how she almost became the imaginary 'dead princess'.
Versions used:
Pavane Pour Une Infante Défunte
William Orbit
Julian Bream
James Rhodes
Maurice Ravel
Ravel Pavane arrangement for harp and cello
Producer: Maggie Ayre
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.
FRI 10:30 Fighting The Power of Pink (b010y39d)
Any parents of a little girl will tell you that they are strangely drawn to the colour pink.
But is it in their genes or is it all down to culture?
Kat Arney investigates, talking to parents, scientists, and the toy industry. She discovers that while women are more drawn than men to reddish shades of blue, boys and girls don't seem to

develop different preferences until they are over the age of two. But long before then, they have very different preferences for toys.

So maybe we all just like different colours because we like the things that come in those colours.

Or maybe women really do prefer pink because in the distant past they needed to be able to see red berries against green leaves, while men needed to see brown bison against a blue sky? Producer: Jolyon Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

FRI 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k297)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:45 Whodunnits (b0817szl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

FRI 12:00 Bodgers, Banks and Sparkes (m0028165)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00h4lmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Shush! (b08nq9wk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m0028168)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007nfd7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0016pk6)

Series 28

Episode 4

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

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

The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as scouting, hair, South Korea and Nicolas Cage.

With:

Lucy Porter

Holly Walsh

Tony Hawks

Alan Davies

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

FRI 14:30 Meet Mr Mulliner by PG Wodehouse (m002816g)

Open House

Mr Mulliner's tale touches on a Mulliner whose callous dismissal of one young woman opens the door to vengeful neighbours, animal cruelty and exile.

Storyteller Mr Mulliner enlists regular tipplers of the Angler's Rest to tell his tales.

Richard Griffiths stars in Meet Mr Mulliner, first published in 1927, written by PG Wodehouse.

Dramatised in six parts by Roger Davenport.

Mr Mulliner Richard Griffiths

Miss Postlethwaite / Marcella Matilda Ziegler

A Light Ale / Eustice Martin Hyder

A Port / Orlando Wotherspoon Peter Acre

A Pint of Stout / Blenkinsopp David Timson

Lady Beazley-Beazley Marlene Sidaway

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

FRI 15:00 With Passport and Parasol (m002816j)

5. Scarcely a Sacrifice

Daisy Bates pioneering journeys in Western Australia in the early 1900s, studying and working with Aboriginal people.

'The pioneers of Western Australia were noble men and women, and nearly all of them were above reproach and more than kindly in their treatment of the Aboriginal. But it was a kindness that killed as surely as cruelty would have done. The Australian native can withstand all the ravages of nature -

fiendish droughts and sweeping floods, horrors of thirst and enforced starvation: but he cannot withstand civilisation.'

Stars Sinead Cusack as Daisy Bates. Narrated by Edward de Souza.

Fifth of seven true stories of travel and adventure by intrepid women, compiled, and written by Julia Keay.

Producer: John Powell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1988.

FRI 15:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m002816l)

Mr Meikle - An Epilogue

A writer reflects on the profound debt he owes his English teacher and the connections between reading, writing and teaching.....

Collection of stories written by Alasdair Gray

Read by the author.

Producer Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (m000101)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Fighting The Power of Pink (b010y39d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007k297)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:45 Whodunnits (b0817szl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

FRI 18:00 Bodgers, Banks and Sparkes (m0028165)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00h4lmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Shush! (b08nq9wk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Permanent Violet by Ronald Frame (m0028168)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 Love for Lydia by HE Bates (b007nfd7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0016pk6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Meet Mr Mulliner by PG Wodehouse (m002816g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 With Passport and Parasol (m002816j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:45 Stories by Alasdair Gray (m002816l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 Les Kelly's Britain (b016x3h7)

Episode 1

Les Kelly hosts a magazine show from hell.

Les is a cross between Jeremy Kyle and a slap in the face. He claims this is the only radio show for 'normal, decent people'. 'If you aren't decent, this is not the show for you,' says Les.

Les meets a father whose daughter needs a new kidney. Well, perhaps 'need' isn't quite the right word. She just wants one more kidney than all her friends.

Les also meets an expert on sanglanding. It's the dangerous new craze amongst young people - trouble is, no one knows what it is.

Kevin Bishop stars as Les Kelly.

With:

Alan Francis

Pippa Evans

David Armand

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Written and produced by Bill Dare.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

FRI 22:30 Trevor's World of Sport (b00mbbfm)

Series 2

Episode 1

Sports agent Trevor tackles a footballer who's just issued his

17th public apology.

Stars Neil Pearson.

Andy Hamilton's comedy about an honourable sports agent in a dishonourable world.

Trevor Neil Pearson

Sammy Paul Reynolds

Ralph Michael Fenton Stevens

Theresa Rosalind Ayres

Heidrun Cosima Shaw

Barry Abdul Salis

Carrie Hattie Morahan

Dean Jake Wood

Written and produced by Andy Hamilton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

FRI 23:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001548s)

Series 3

Douglas

Mark Steel continues his tour of six more UK towns as he

performs for the residents of Douglas on the Isle of Man.

His bespoke stand-up show covers space travel, fairy bridges

and the mystery - or otherwise - of Gef the Talking Mongoose.

As well as shedding light on less visited areas, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise

the quirks of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live.

Written by Mark Steel with additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011

FRI 23:30 Life on Egg (m0002zdf)

Series 2

Storm

A heavy storm leaves The Egg short of food. And the prisoners short of patience.

So Harry and his team think up ways to distract them.

Governor Harry Harry Hill

Anne Karen Bartke

Peter Marek Larwood

The Minister Sukh Ojla

Tim the Helicopter Pilot Daniel Maier

Prisoner Brandreth Gyles Brandreth

Written by Dan Maier

Producer: Sam Michell

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

FRI 23:45 The In Crowd (b008d1f1)

Series 1

Episode 5

A therapist who only hears the sound of their own voice and a

take away offering both pizzas and sex.

Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

With

Robin Ince

Helen Moon

Smug Roberts

Kate Ward

Written by Carl Cooper, Susan Vale, Stan Vernon, Lavinia

Murray, Lara Silverstone and Sue Morris.

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.