

SATURDAY 10 MAY 2025**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b036v094)**

Series 16

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace' found its way into weddings, funerals and school assemblies.

Discover how this hymn has also embedded itself into the hearts of peace campaigners, charity workers and reformed alcoholics. Its simplicity often belies the challenges at its heart. Its lyrics call for unconditional love and forgiveness in the toughest situations.

The words are based on a poem which has often been attributed to St Francis of Assisi. However, Franciscan Historian, Dr Christian Renoux, suggests it was most likely to have been written by an anonymous French noble woman.

The poem travelled across the globe with translations published during both world wars, subsequently bringing inspiration to public figures ranging from Mother Theresa to President Roosevelt.

In 1967, it caught the eye of South African born musician and 'yogi' Sebastian Temple who put these words to its most famous musical arrangement. His version was played at Princess Diana's funeral and touched the hearts of millions worldwide. Mathew Neville of children's charity 'World Vision' recalls his encounter with this hymn in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Closer to home, Wendy and Colin Parry share their memories of this music and the role it played in remembering their son Tim, who was killed in the 1993 Warrington Bombings.

In Minnesota, former lawyer Mike Donohue reflects on how this hymn has guided him on a journey through alcohol abuse and dementia.

Sarah Herschberg remembers her good friend Sebastian Temple, who first played this simple hymn in her front room before it went on to travel the world.

Producer: Nicola Humphries

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

SAT 00:30 Smile (b01jg73p)

Kate Williams goes in search of the modern winning smile Used in many different and persuasive ways, from beautiful people beaming down from billboards to politicians vying to win our votes - the broad and confident smile is very much at the centre of communication in today's society.

Yet open mouthed smiling can also be deemed a sign of madness – or simply undignified.

Historian and author Kate discovers the impact of dentistry and films on our changing relationship with our smiles along with role gender and culture play.

Why do most of us hate smiling in photographs?

Discover why Jenni Murray would never broadcast without one.

Producer: Andrea Kidd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (b00rgnxh)

P Division - Two Way Cut

4. Samurai

Donoghue has enough evidence to arrest Stein - but where is he?

Louise wants to make a statement about the murder and Elka Willems is going to tell Mrs Salisbury about her daughter's illness...

Conclusion of Peter Turnbull's 'P' Division crime thriller set in Glasgow.

Dramatised by Stephen Mulrine.

DC Malcolm Montgomery Frank Gallagher

DC King Robert Carlyle

WPC Elka Willems Eliza Langland

Mrs Salisbury Ginni Barlow

Mrs Stein Mary Ann Reid

DS Ray Sussack Jake D'Arcy

DI Donoghue Crawford Logan

Louise Anne Marie Timoney

Spike Cathal Quinn

Barman Alec Monteath

Michelle Daniela Nardini

Dr Munro/PC Waness Paul Morrow

Chi Chiu Lorinksi Sedhar Chozam

Mrs MacIntyre Edith Ruddick

PC Hamilton Martin McCaule

Producer: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993.

SAT 01:30 Whodunnits (m000gn3w)

Stand By For West - Inspector West at Home

2. Crisis for a Copper

A round-table conference at Bell Street, but it's a vicious circle for Chief Inspector Roger West!

Starring Patrick Allen as Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Mark Lessing Edward de Souza

Pep Morgan Harry Landis

Pickerell Robert James

Detective Inspector Bob Cornish Frederick Treves

Assistant Commissioner Sir Guy Chatsworth Maurice

Hedley

Mrs Fleming Margaret Robertson

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

SAT 02:00 Up the Garden Path (b008j0kf)

Series 3

Up the Stick and Sick as a Parrot

Izzy spends her birthday coping with the surprise news that she's pregnant...

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 six parts from Sue Limb's 1984 novel.

One of three series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Izzy Imelda Staunton

Dick Mike Grady

Maria Marty Cruickshank

Michael Nicholas Le Prevost

Razors Rene Zagger

Bill Neil McCaul

Louise Phyllida Nash

Gwyn Sion Prober

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

SAT 02:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b008kmg)

Series 2

Episode 1

Reshuffling Patron Saints, the art of piano moving and spoofing 'Under Milk Wood'.

Return of a sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.

With:

Terence Brady

Pauline Yates

Pianist: Gordon Langford.

Written by Miles Kington, Roy Lomax, John Graham, Peter Spence, Chris Miller, Chris Allen, Jim Eldridge, Chris Bell and Laurie Holloway and Peter N Christie

Producer John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1972.

SAT 03:00 Relativity (m0001y8z)

Series 2

Episode 2

Holly's unexpected pregnancy brings the family together once again, as they all comes to terms with it in their own way.

Pete and Billy bond over 59.1% Scotch, Margaret braves the supermarket and Holly won't come out of her bedroom.

Drawing on his own family, Richard Herring's comedy drama, builds on the warm, lively characters and family dynamics of the first series.

His affectionate observation of inter-generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone who has ever argued with their dad about who the current Pope is.

Amid the comedy, Richard broaches some more serious highs and lows of family life.

Margaret Alison Steadman

Ken Phil Davis

Jane Fenella Woolgar

Ian Richard Herring

Chloe Emily Herrington

Pete Gordon Kennedy

Holly Tia Bannon

Mark Fred Haig

Nick Harrison Knights

Billy Danny Kirrane

Writer Richard Herring is a comedian, writer, blogger and podcaster and the world's premier semi-professional self-playing snooker player.

Sound Design by Eloise Whitmore

Produced by Polly Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in January 2019.

SAT 03:30 Millions Like Us: Women's Lives in War and Peace 1939-1949 by Virginia Nicholson (b010t6np)

5. The Future

Virginia Nicholson's evocative account of the Second World War is told through a multitude of individual women's experiences.

As their stories unfold we discover how they loved, suffered, laughed, grieved and dared.

As the celebratory atmosphere of VE day fades, many women are left wondering what the future holds.

Abridged by Doreen Estall.

Concluded by Fenella Woolgar.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

SAT 03:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tg5g)

5. Loneliness

Anders is lonely after his children leave. But Tina is finding that communal living is lonely too.

In 1964, Professor Glob, the curator of the Silkeborg Museum in Denmark, dedicated his book The Bog People to a group of schoolgirls who had written to him about his recent archaeological discoveries.

50 years later, at a defining moment in her life, Tina Hopgood

writes him another letter about a planned pilgrimage to Denmark with her best friend, Bella, to visit the 2000-year-old Tollund Man.

Why did they never make the trip?

She doesn't expect a reply.

When Anders Larsen, a lonely museum curator responds, neither does he.

Their unexpected correspondence becomes a shared meditation on love, loss, life choices made and the opportunity to make new and different ones.

Anne Youngson's novel in the form of letters.

Adapted by Richard Leaf.

Tamsin Greig Tina

Paul Ritter Anders

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.

SAT 04:00 Whispers (b00b0hml)

Series 1

Episode 2

Discover the truth about how Bram Stoker broke Oscar Wilde's heart.

Gyles Brandreth hosts the scandals quiz show that puts naughty before nice, dishing the dirt on the bad boys and girls in history.

Regular team captains Anthony Holden and Stella Duffy are joined by:

Lynne Truss

Rowan Pelling

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

SAT 04:30 More Mr Mulliner by PG Wodehouse (m002bt6)

The Bishop's Move

The pub raconteur's tale of a bishop in a quandary over the future of his vicarage.

Storyteller Mr Mulliner enlists the 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 in four parts by Roger Davenport.

Mr Mulliner Richard Griffiths

Miss Postlethwaite / Mulliner Junior Matilda Ziegler

A Small Bitter / Augustine Tom George

A Pint of Stout / The Bishop David Timson

The Light Ale / Headmaster Martin Hyder

A Port / General Bloodenough Peter Acre

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

SAT 05:00 Coming Home (p009yrr3)

5. Out of the Ashes

Charles Wheeler concludes his look about the end of the Second World War and the first years of peace.

How did this affect the lives of people in Britain and overseas. In the aftermath of the A-Bomb, would it be possible for idealism to return?

Charles Wheeler discovers how Britain went about returning to normality in the pursuit of science, religion, sports, culture and entertainment.

Producer: Mark Burman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of VE Day in May 2005.

SAT 05:45 Short Works (m00114tp)

Twenty-Five Years by Mona Dash

Annika, a widow, now has a well-organised life built mainly around her work in Central London. But a Facebook friend

request sends her spiralling into the past.

Mona Dash's short story read by Vineeta Rishi.

Mona works and lives in London. She is the author of A Roll of the Dice: a story of loss, love and genetics (2019) which won an

Eyelands International Book Award for memoir. Her debut short story collection, Let Us Look Elsewhere, was

published in June 2021. Twenty-Five Years is her first story for radio.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2021.

SAT 06:00 Velma and Therese by Bryony Lavery (m002bz13)

They are the perfect criminals because they look so harmless. Dubbed Britain's Thelma and Louise, two elderly ladies and a

tortoise take off in a "borrowed" car.

Stars Marlene Sidaway and June Barrie.

Crime-packed comedy drama written by Bryony Lavery.

Velma Marlene Sidaway

Therese June Barrie

Meg Ann Beach

Walter Denys Hawthorne

Ginger Robert Harper

Beverley Adjoa Andoh

Miss Urquhart Janet Maw

Ralph Sean Baker

Sharon Colleen Prendergast

Vic Mark Bonnar

Troy Alexis Edgyean

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 November 1996.

SAT 07:30 The Amur River by Colin Thubron (Omnibus) (m002bz15)

The Amur River is almost unknown.

Yet it is the tenth longest river in the world, rising in the Mongolian mountains and flowing through Siberia to the Pacific.

For 1,100 miles it forms the tense border between Russia and China. Haunted by the memory of land-grabs and unequal treaties, this is the most densely fortified frontier on earth. In his 80th year, Colin Thubron undertook a dramatic journey from the Amur's secret source to its giant mouth, covering almost 3,000 miles.

Troubled by injury and almost thwarted by arrest, he makes his way along both the Russian and Chinese shores, starting out on horseback in Mongolia.

Having revived his Russian and Mandarin, he talks to everyone he meets, from Chinese traders to Russian fishermen, from monks to indigenous peoples.

By the time Colin reaches the river's desolate end, where Russia's 19th century imperial dream petered out, a whole, pivotal world has come alive.

An omnibus of five parts written by Colin Thubron.

Read by Robert Powell.

Music: River by Balladeste (Tara Franks, cello and Preetha Narayanan, violin)

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2021.

SAT 08:45 Beryl Reid in Conversation (m0008b21)

Friends and Digs

Friendships, travels and staying in theatrical digs.

Concluding the series in which Beryl recalls her remarkable life and career.

In conversation with her old friend and fellow actress, Siân Phillips.

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1992.

SAT 09:00 Molesworth (m000fx16)

The Office

Grown-up Nigel Molesworth hates office life. Better to dream of sun-kissed Caribbean beaches.

School boy terror Nigel Molesworth, formerly The Curse of St Custard's, is now all grown-up and determined to share his experience of life.

Starring Willie Rushton.

Series written by Simon Brett.

Based on characters created by Geoffrey Willans and by Ronald Searle.

Molesworth William Rushton

Grint Clive Swift

Louise Penelope Nice

Grabber Bob Sinfield

Darryl Robert Harley

Carole Chrissy Roberts

Music by Oonagh Bernon

Producer: Mark Robson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1987.

SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00028sm)

From 30/7/1959

Kenneth Horne has tales from Ireland and 'Honerama' spotlights cinema.

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 Snaith 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 July 1959.

SAT 10:00 Mastertapes - Access All Areas (m000m6m0)

3. Rufus Wainwright to David Gray

Mastertapes is a BBC Radio 4 series in which John Wilson talks to leading performers and songwriters about the album that made them or changed them.

John concludes his behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic BBC studios at Maida Vale in London where over 40 episodes of Mastertapes were recorded.

In the last of this three-part series, John recalls shows featuring: Rufus Wainwright

Tom Jones

Ethan Jones

Laura Marling

Elvis Costello

Steve Naive

David Gray

Producer: Sarah Shebbeare.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2018.

SAT 11:00 Velma and Therese by Bryony Lavery

(m002bzt3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 The Amur River by Colin Thubron (Omnibus) (m002bzt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 Beryl Reid in Conversation (m0008b21)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 Molesworth (m000fx16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00028sm)

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SAT 15:00 Mastertapes - Access All Areas (m000m6m0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 She by H Rider-Haggard (b0076yzf)

1. The Quest for Truth

Ludwig Holly and his ward Leo's quest for the truth behind legend of Leo's ancestry takes them to Africa.

Here they find Ayesha, 2000 years old but beautiful beyond all description, despotically ruling her secret kingdom.

Starring Tim McInnerny.

The first of two parts written by H Rider-Haggard.

Ludwig Holly Tim McInnerny

Leo Oliver Chris

Ayesha Mia Soteriou

Job Howard Coggins

Billali Ben Onwukwe

Amenartas/Ustane Janice Acquah

Vincey Tom Sherman

Agarah Damian Lynch

Young Leo Oliver Baynham

Composed music by Elizabeth Purnell.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

SAT 17:00 Velma and Therese by Bryony Lavery (m002bzt3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 The Amur River by Colin Thubron (Omnibus) (m002bzt5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 Beryl Reid in Conversation (m0008b21)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Molesworth (m000fx16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00028sm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Mastertapes - Access All Areas (m000m6m0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Bridget Christie's Utopia (b09snwmw)

Series 1

Money

As Bridget Christie struggles to come to terms with current world events - Kim Jong-un, the melting polar ice caps, the Brexit negotiations and Nick Knowles singing a cover of The Beatles "Here Comes The Sun", she's embarked on a comic quest for her Utopia.

She's seeking a way of living that will make her less anxious and enable her to have her first happy week since the Brexit vote in 2016.

In this episode, Bridget explores money and being super rich - to see if that will make her happier.

Will auditioning for a lucrative TK Maxx commercial and playing a Capitalists vs Marxists Board game with former Labour leader Ed Miliband enlighten Bridget over the happiness that lots of money could bring her? Could being super rich be the answer to all Bridget's problems and bring her inner calm? Or will life still be completely rubbish?

Stand-up show recorded in front of a studio audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.

Producer: Simon Nicholls and Alison Vernon-Smith.

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

SAT 22:30 Start/Stop (b04nrh2j)

Series 2

1. Wedding

The prospect of attending a wedding pushes everyone to the limit.

Jack Docherty's sitcom about three marriages in various states of disrepair.

Alice and David wrestle with the dress code.

Barney and Cathy struggle with the memories of their own wedding.

Fiona and Evan aren't talking to each other, after one of his comments went a bit too far...

Starring:

Couple 1:

Barney Jack Docherty

Cathy Kerry Godliman

Couple 2:

Evan John Thomson

Fiona Fiona Allen

Couple 3:

David Charlie Higson

Alice Sally Bretton

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002c70g)

Dad's Army Radio Show 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats to David

Benson and Jack Lane about their Dad's Army stage show.

SAT 23:00 Radio 9 (b04dykmz)

Series 2

Episode 1

Urban fox hunting, reckless parenting and faking surgery for real.

It's a world where presentation is at the wheel, and content is firmly bound and gagged in the back.

Radio 9 finds itself with so much to say - but no idea how to say it?

Written and performed by Johnny Daukes and Hils Barker.

With:

Jonathan Kydd

Katherine Jakeways

Max Digby

Sarah Daukes

Matt Wilkinson

Robert Johnston

Jon Stevenson

Carine Harris

Esther Phillips

Producers: Johnny Daukes and Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.

SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b00gsh85)

Series 2

Alexei Sayle Interviews Lenny Henry

Tough-talking comedian Alexei Sayle interviews actor and comedian, Lenny Henry.

This is the tag talk show series where the guest turns interviewer in the next show.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

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SUN 05:00 Mastertapes - Access All Areas (m000m6m0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010169)

Football

Ian Wright

Former Arsenal and England footballer Ian Wright is castaway

by Lauren Laverne

Ian is a former professional footballer and now a football pundit on TV and radio.

He began his career at Crystal Palace before moving to Arsenal where he became their highest goal scorer of all time, a record only surpassed eight years later by Thierry Henry.

Born to a Jamaican couple in south-east London, Ian grew up with his mother and step-father. His biological father had left the family when Ian was under two years old. Things at home were difficult and Ian spent as much time as possible outside playing football.

At his primary school a teacher, Mr Pigden, took him under his wing and Ian would later credit him with changing his life. He left his secondary school at the age of 14 to get a job. Although he took part in trials for many professional football clubs as a teenager, he was never selected. He continued to play for amateur sides.

By the age of 21, he had three children to provide for, so when Crystal Palace came calling in 1985, he turned them down three times before accepting a two-week trial, followed by a three-month contract. His football career had finally begun.

After impressing as a forward at Palace, he was bought by Arsenal for a record fee in 1991. He was called up to the England squad the same year and would go on to collect 33 caps. He spent his last couple of years in professional football at a number of clubs around the country and in total, he played 581 league games, scoring 387 goals for seven clubs in England and Scotland.

Since his retirement from football in 2000, he has had a career as a pundit on both TV and radio.

He has eight children and has been happily married to his second wife, Nancy, since 2011.

DISC ONE: Mozart - The Marriage of Figaro / Edith Mathis & Gundula Janowitz, Orchestra of the German Opera, Berlin, conducted by Karl Böhm - Sull'aria

DISC TWO: Kirk Franklin - Looking For You

DISC THREE: Ike & Tina Turner - River Deep - Mountain High

DISC FOUR: Bob Marley & The Wailers - Redemption Song

DISC FIVE: MFSB - Mysteries of the World

DISC SIX: Randy Crawford - Endlessly
 DISC SEVEN: Stormzy - Crown
 DISC EIGHT: Mary J. Blige - Just Fine
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Randy Crawford - Endlessly
 BOOK CHOICE: Mark Haddon - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
 LUXURY CHOICE: 7-iron and some golf balls
 Producer: Cathy Drysdale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)
 Series 1
 The Serpent's Stare
 Underground animals are very different to the animals that spend their life on the surface.
 They are a different shape, their senses are tuned in a very different way and they manifestly come from a different world. Does this explain the stare of the snake?
 Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
 Sir David has been awarded the Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George, for his services to TV, broadcasting and conservation.
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002bzmk)
 Between the Ears - Play and Record
 Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Between the Ears - Play and Record.
 Poet Paul Farley imagines himself a sound-recorder taping the Garden of Eden and recalls the impoverished soundscape of his childhood.
 Growing-up on the edge of Liverpool in the 1960s and given a simple cassette recorder for a birthday present, he went in search of the sounds of the superbs inspired by the bird song records he borrowed from his local library.
 He pressed play and record on his Panasonic and eavesdropped on ... What? Not a lot, as it turned out. Instead his imagination went to work: the sound recordist's field notes from the Trojan War, during the Irish Potato Famine, lodged in the trenches of the First World War.... A radio poem with found, remembered and dreamt sounds.
 Producer: Tim Dee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
SUN 07:30 Millions Like Us: Women's Lives in War and Peace 1939-1949 (Omnibus) (m002bzmm)
 Virginia Nicholson's evocative account of the Second World War is told through a multitude of individual women's experiences.
 As their stories unfold, we discover how they loved, suffered, laughed, grieved and dared.
 The conflict begins, and 37-year old Frances Faviell learns to administer first-aid, and Lorna Bradey, serving as a nurse in France, witnesses the horror of Dunkirk first hand.
 Omnibus of five parts abridged by Doreen Estall,
 Read by Fenella Woolgar.
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.
 *** Virginia Nicholson's books include Among the Bohemians - Experiments in Living 1900-1939, and Singled Out - How Two Million Women Survived Without Men after the First World War, which was broadcast on BBC Radio 4.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002bzmp)
 Jared Harris
 Actor Jared Harris chooses 'Fly Me To The Moon' by Tony Bennett and 'The Galaxy Song' by Monty Python.
SUN 08:50 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (Omnibus) (m002bzmr)
 Episode 1
 In 1964, Professor Glob, the curator of the Silkeborg Museum in Denmark, dedicated his book 'The Bog People' to a group of schoolgirls who had written to him about his recent archaeological discoveries.
 50 years later, at a defining moment in her life, Tina Hopgood writes him another letter about a planned pilgrimage to Denmark with her best friend, Bella, to visit the 2000-year-old Tollund Man.
 Why did they never make the trip?
 Tina doesn't expect a reply and when Anders Larsen, a lonely museum curator responds, neither does he.
 Their unexpected correspondence becomes a shared meditation on love, loss, life choices made and the opportunity to make new and different ones.
 Anne Youngson's novel in the form of letters, first published in 2018.
 Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes adapted by Richard Leaf.
 Tina Tamsin Greig
 Anders Paul Ritter
 Producer: Karen Rose
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.
SUN 10:00 Life With The Lyons (m002bzmv)
 Go to Your Corner
 Ben is obliged to prove his sporting prowess in the school sports day boxing ring.
 Comedy with a real-life American family.
 Starring Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon
 Written by Bebe Daniels, Bob Block and Ronnie Hanbury.
 Ben Ben Lyon

Bebe Bebe Daniels
 Barbara Barbara Lyon
 Richard Richard Lyon
 Aggie MacDonald.... Molly Weir
 Florrie Wainwright.... Doris Rogers
 Mr Wimple Horace Percival
 With:
 Hugh Morton
 Lionel Saxon
 Colin Campbell
 Life With the Lyons was one the BBC's most popular radio sitcoms between 1950 and 1961. It was also adapted for BBC TV.
 Incidental music by Arthur Wilkinson.
 Paul Fenouillet conducts the BBC Variety Orchestra.
 Producer: Tom Ronald
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1954.
SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b007jq08)
 From 22/04/1954
 Dick plays matchmaker with Jimmy, and Eth is shocked by Ron's honeymoon plans.
 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 April 1954.
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SUN 16:00 All the Dark Corners (b015zq4p)
 Something in the Water by Paul Cornell
 When crusading scientist and committed atheist James Woolmer is sacked from his job as a columnist, he decides to up sticks and move his family to the country to get away from it all.
 What he finds is a village gripped by hysteria and fear and a lucrative tourist industry surrounding Standlake's resident lake monster, Lachey.
 Despite the weird skin abrasions and the rumbling in the pipes James is utterly sceptical, until he sees something in the water.
 Stars James Nickerson.
 Series of three chilling plays.
 Written by Paul Cornell.
 James James Nickerson
 Erica Zara Turner
 Ben Joel Davies
 Ruskin Conrad Nelson
 Peter Jonathan Keeble
 Batley Stephen Hoyle
 Helen Ruth Alexander Rubin
 Director: Nadia Molinari
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.
SUN 16:45 Get Carter: The Bloody Chamber (b0bksmgm)
 Wolf-Alice
 Wolf-Alice is more wolf than girl.
 Brought up by wolves and taken in by nuns, she is sent to work for the Duke in his ancient castle.
 But he has no reflection, and a nasty habit of robbing graves.
 Stars Lily Lesser, Jonathan Tafler and Fiona Shaw.
 Another of Angela Carter's iconic collection of fairy stories - dramatised by Olivia Hetreed.
 Angela Carter Fiona Shaw
 Wolf-Alice Lily Lesser
 The Duke Jonathan Tafler
 First Nun Phoebe Fildes
 Second Nun Susan Woolldridge
 Mother Superior Adjoa Andoh
 Main Hunter Nigel Pilkington
 Hunter Tre Gordon
 Hunter Tom Clegg
 Novice Grace Englert
 Novice Jalleh Alizadeh
 At the time of writing The Bloody Chamber in the late 1970s, Angela Carter was disaffected by both sides of the feminist debate. She re-worked traditional fairy tales from her own

unique, literary outsider's point of view, putting women at the centre of the stories.
 With their feisty heroines and orgiastic mash-up of beasts, shape-shifters and ghouls, her extraordinary tales are the most perfect example of her style, not just for her incomparable prose, but also in the dizzying twists and turns of perception, fantasy and myth.
 Controversially influenced by De Sade, she embraced the erotic, explored our deepest and darkest urges, and subverted the roles of hunter and prey, master and mistress so that, instead of male sexuality, it is the female that becomes transgressive and powerful.
 Director: Fiona McAlpine
 An Allegra production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2018.
SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0010169)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002bzmk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SUN 18:30 Millions Like Us: Women's Lives in War and Peace 1939-1949 (Omnibus) (m002bzmm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002bzmp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 19:50 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (Omnibus) (m002bzmr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 Life With The Lyons (m002bzmv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b007jq08)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Elvenquest (b016c8y5)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 As they continue their search for the Sword of Asnagar, the noble Questers are lead to a quiet countryside town, which they've heard may hold their prize.
 But it's been razed to the ground by ruthless barbarians, led by blood-thirsty Ragnar Half-tooth, who's taken the Sword taken as booty. In order to get it back, the Questers decide to masquerade as barbarians and enter Ragnar's camp...
 Meanwhile, Kreech tells Lord Darkness that his annual regeneration is coming up and that he needs to get some sleep in order to avoid meeting the new Dawn which will send his body crumbling into dust.
 Problem is, getting to sleep when it really matters is easier said than done. And Lord Darkness is suddenly overcome by a nasty bout of insomnia...
 Fantasy-based sitcom set in Lower Earth written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.
 Vidar Darren Boyd
 Dean/Kreech Kevin Eldon
 Amis aka The Chosen One Dave Lamb
 Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan
 Sam Stephen Mangan
 Ragnar Half-tooth Daniel Rigby
 Penthiselea Sophie Winkleman
 Producer: Sam Michell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.
SUN 22:30 Pick Ups (b00nrrdc)
 Series 2
 All Bar Nun
 Alan and Lind reveal hidden talents, while Dave seeks a nun's advice on infidelity.
 Comedy set around a run-down Manchester taxi company.
 Written by Ian Kershaw.
 Mike Paul Loughran
 Lind Lesley Sharp
 Dave Phil Rowson
 Alan Parvez Qadir
 Shelly Naomi Radcliffe
 Drunk Mark E Smith
 Tanya Janie Connolly
 Producer: Paul Hardy
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002c732)
 Dad's Army Radio Show 2/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats again to David Benson and Jack Lane about their Dad's Army stage show.
SUN 23:00 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b07k0dfn)
 Series 1
 Malaysia
 The gang heads off to Malaysia to find Phil's legendary criminal uncle, Pak Belang.
 Critically-acclaimed sketch trio, Daphne, pull out all the stops in a dazzling array of peculiar characters, whacky scenarios, dodgy remarks, curious observations, minor altercations and major peacemaking - served on a bed of catchy little numbers with a live nine-piece band.
 Written by and starring: Jason Forbes, Phil Wang & George Fouracres
 Featuring:
 Sir Willard White
 Emma Sidi
 David Elms

Original music composed by Jeff Carpenter

Musical Director: Freddie Tapner

Piano: Freddie Tapner

Drums: Ben Hartley

Bass: Rob Grist

Percussion: Ben Burton

Trumpet: Michael Maddocks

Tenor Sax: Greg Sterland

Trombone: Elliot Pooley

Violin: Hannah Bell

Cello: Nick Squires

Producer: Matt Stronge

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

SUN 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b00h4lnd)

Series 3

Episode 6

Life and Death prove to be very close neighbours for the staff in the mortuary.

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

Chloe Marianne Levy

Gordon Tom Price

Simon Gus Brown

Music by Paul Mottram.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

MONDAY 12 MAY 2025

MON 00:00 All the Dark Corners (b015zq4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Get Carter: The Bloody Chamber (b0bksmgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:45 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002bzmp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (Omnibus) (m002bzmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Life With The Lyons (m002bzmv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b007jq08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jprs)

Series 1

1. A Case of Making Good

A rich woman receives a mysterious parcel of tenners and the past unfolds like a flower.

Can redundant pitman turned discrete private investigator, Stephen J Blackburn solve the case?

One of five cases for the ex-pitman turned investigator and his government scheme-funded assistant Tracey.

Set in a South Yorkshire town that's seen better days.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.

Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.

Stephen J Blackburn Finetime Fontayne

Tracey Judy Flynn

With:

Rita May

Vanessa Rosenthal

Lorraine Peters

Lucia Laratonda

Robin Polley

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (m000gtk)

Stand By For West - Inspector West at Home

3. Fear in Flat Nine

Roger West's continued efforts to restore his reputation put those around him in danger.

Chief Inspector Roger West is the creation of John Creasey, who authored more than 40 Roger West novels between 1942 and 1973.

Much like Paul Temple, West - "Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector" - has a long-suffering wife who also gets involved with the action. A total of six novels were adapted for radio by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West... Patrick Allen

Janet West... Sarah Lawson

Mark Lessing... Edward de Souza

Pep Morgan... Harry Landis

Lois Randall... Carol Marsh

Pickerell... Robert James

Bill Tennant... Anthony Jackson

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1968.

MON 07:00 North East of Eden (b01fnlpj)

Cod Comfort

With submarine manoeuvres offshore and troubles with EEC fish quotas for the fishermen, Marcia tries to adjust to a quieter lifestyle.

And a man from the ministry man is snooping about...

Starring Rebecca Front and Joan Sims.

Peter Kerry's sitcom about a GP living on Paradise Island off the coast of Northumbria.

Doctor Marcia Hulme Rebecca Front

Auntie Annie Joan Sims

Hjorst Niall Ashdown

Joseph Gates James Garbutt

Mrs Peevis Jean Southern

William Sammy Johnson

Ralph Gates Stephen Thirkeld

Other Roles Peter Kerry

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1997.

MON 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)

Series 1

The Holiday

Harold fancies a holiday by himself in France, but his father Albert is not so keen.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert

Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Doctor Colin Gordon

The 1962 BBC TV comedy pilot 'The Offer' sparked a run of 8 series.

Adapted for BBC radio from the TV script by Gale Pedrick.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1966.

MON 08:00 Love in Recovery (m000256q)

Series 3

Ivy

Continuing the award-nominated comedy drama set in

Alcoholics Anonymous, written by Pete Jackson and inspired by his own road to recovery.

It follows the lives of five very different recovering alcoholics. Taking place entirely at their weekly meetings, we hear them moan, argue, laugh, fall apart, fall in love and - most importantly - tell their stories.

Oscar has dropped into the meeting on the way to see his son.

Oscar's recently lost his wife and wants to share her story. But Oscar's tale is far from what any of the group expected.

Fiona Rebecca Front

Simon John Hannah

Julie Sue Johnston

Danno Paul Kaye

Andy Johnny Vegas

Paul.... Charlie Condou

Oscar.... Jeffery Kissoon

Writer Pete Jackson is a recovering alcoholic and has spent time in Alcoholics Anonymous. It was there he found, as most people do, support from the unlikely group of disparate souls, all banded together due to one common bond. As well as offering the support he needed throughout a difficult time, AA also offered a weekly, sometimes daily, dose of hilarity, upset, heartbreak and friendship.

Love in Recovery doesn't seek to represent an AA meeting exactly as it might happen in real life, but to capture the funny stories, the sad stories, the stories of small victories and of huge milestones, stories of loss, stories of hope, and most importantly, the many highs and lows in the journey of recovery.

Written and created by Pete Jackson

Producer/Director: Ben Worsfield

A King Bert production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.

MON 08:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xky6)

1. Depression

Richard Mabey reads his groundbreaking book on the impact of nature on mental health.

When the nation's foremost nature writer found himself in the grip of a severe depression, the natural world, a lifelong source of inspiration, became meaningless.

This book charts the first year of his recovery and his adventure of re-engaging with nature.

He begins by reflecting on his struggles...

Written and read by Richard Mabey.

Abridged in five parts by Julian Wilkinson.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

MON 08:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tmkf)

6. Two Futures

Anders' life is moving on. But Tina still feels trapped in hers.

In 1964, Professor Glob, the curator of the Silkeborg Museum in Denmark, dedicated his book The Bog People to a group of schoolgirls who had written to him about his recent archaeological discoveries.

50 years later, at a defining moment in her life, Tina Hopgood writes him another letter about a planned pilgrimage to Denmark with her best friend, Bella, to visit the 2000-year-old

Tollund Man.

Why did they never make the trip?

She doesn't expect a reply.

When Anders Larsen, a lonely museum curator responds, neither does he.

Their unexpected correspondence becomes a shared meditation on love, loss, life choices made and the opportunity to make new and different ones.

Anne Youngson's novel in the form of letters.

Adapted by Richard Leaf.

Tamsin Greig Tina

Paul Ritter Anders

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002bszv)

Series 31

Episode 4

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Marcus Brigstocke, Holly Walsh, Lou Sanders and Tony Hawks are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as legs, cheese, New York and guitars.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 09:30 Worked Out (b007w4kg)

1. Shropshire

Ian McMillan explores the marginal and forgotten coalfields of England.

Across Britain, most pits closed long ago and memories are fading whilst away from the major coalfields many people don't even remember that coal was recently mined in Somerset, Kent, Shropshire, Cumbria and The Forest of Dean.

Ian starts out at Madley in Shropshire.

With Jack and May Smart and Shelagh Lewis.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002c1dl)

Walking through dark valleys

Walking through dark valleys

Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, leads a week long series on mental health and the Bible reflecting on words from the psalms.

Reading: Psalm 23

MON 10:00 How Ticked Am I? (b007js75)

Series 1

Frank Randle

He was "a gargoyle, a grotesque - and the funniest man alive". Mark Radcliffe tells the story of 'the bad lad of showbiz'. Frank Randle - the rebel from Wigan who hiked his way to stardom.

Featuring:

Arthur Askey

Billy Dainty

Queenie Randle

A six-part series exploring the tradition of the northern comedian.

Producer: Bernadette McConnell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

MON 10:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)

Europe's only Indian brass band is booked to make a huge Sikh wedding celebration pulsate with wild and heart-stopping music. With roots in the Punjab, this British/Asian fusion proceeds to Barking Town Hall in East London.

Soprano saxophone player Joe Cohen gives a guide to the history and performance of this unique musical collaboration.

Producer: Melanie Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

MON 11:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jprs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodunnits (m000gtk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 North East of Eden (b01fnlpj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Love in Recovery (m000256q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xky6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tmkf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Booked (b0075ska)

Series 4

Episode 2

Mixing up characters and plots in novels - and the tales of literary broken hearts.

Barnsley poet Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game. Outrageous parody, biting wit and bizarre couplings from:

Mark Thomas

Dillie Keane

Arthur Smith

David Stafford

Producer: Marc Jobst

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

MON 14:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)

Series 1
Episode 3
The trauma of Andy and Katie's impending parenthood spells the end of Daniel and Lucy's plans for a quiet weekend to themselves.
David Tennant and Liz Carling star in David Spicer's sitcom. Modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of a 30-something couple with no kids.
Daniel David Tennant
Lucy Liz Carling
Katie Meera Syal
Peter Rob Harley
Andy Tony Gardner
Alison Joanna Brookes
Charlotte Polly Frame
Producer: Liz Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.
MON 15:00 Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw (b08rpdgz)
1. The Experiment Begins
Professor of phonetics Henry Higgins, makes a bet with his friend Colonel Pickering.
He claims that he can pass a young cockney flower girl off as a duchess in high society.
Starring Alistair McGowan, Morgana Robinson, Sian Phillips and Al Murray
George Bernard Shaw's classic tale of Eliza Doolittle in two parts.
Henry Higgins Alistair McGowan
Eliza Doolittle Morgana Robinson
Alfred Doolittle Al Murray
Colonel Pickering Hugh Fraser
Mrs Higgins Sian Phillips
Mrs Pearce Charlotte Page
Maid Charlotte Page
Mrs Eynsford-Hill Georgie Glen
Clara Eynsford-Hill Maeve Bluebell Wells
Freddy Eynsford-Hill Tom Forrister
Nepommuck David Sturzaker
Ambassador John Dougal
Ambassador's Wife Sarah Ridgeway
Bystander David Sterne
Director: Emma Harding
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.
MON 16:00 How Ticked Am I? (b007js75)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jprs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Whodunnits (m000gtkj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 North East of Eden (b01flnpj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b00s7r4n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Love in Recovery (m000256q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xky6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tmkf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Booked (b0075skq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw (b08rpdgz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002bszv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 A Look Back at the Future (b01rqbqk)
2010
It's the Year of the Toddler Power.
Recorded in 1994, the futuristic show recalls the main events of 2010 - a year that was yet to happen.
Starring:
Brian Perkins
Kate Robbin
Griff Rhys Jones
Everything you wanted to know then, about the 21st century.
Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.
Producer: Caroline Leddy
First broadcast (with the aid of a crystal ball) on Radio 4 in July 1994.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002bv3y)
Series 117
4. Conclave Concluded
Andy Zaltzman is joined by Geoff Norcott, Ria Lina, Ava Santina and Alasdair Beckett-King to break down the week in news. The panel discuss the results of the UK local elections, the reaching of a US-UK trade deal, the storm of online misinformation surrounding the India-Pakistan border stand-off, the statutes of statues, and the conclusion of the Conclave as we meet the world's first American Pope.
Written by Andy Zaltzman.
With additional material by: Eve Delaney, Jade Gebbie, John Tothill 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
MON 23:30 Ross Noble Goes Global (b007jvrj)
Series 1
Budapest and Warsaw
Kicking off his comedy travelogues in the capital of Hungary, the stand-up comic then takes the train to Poland.
Ross entertains the locals with his unique brand of stand-up.
He also chats to the Mayor of Warsaw about furry hats, uncovers the truth about suicidal Hungarian monks and even shares a curry with Poland's only comedian...
Producer: Danny Wallace
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Bollywood Brass Band (b0075szl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jprs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
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TUE 04:00 Booked (b0075skq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00dvh3m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw (b08rpdgz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jprs)
Series 1
2. A Case of Parma Violets
Trailing her own distinctive perfume, Betty Shuttleworth suspects her husband's having an affair...
So she turns to ex-pitman turned private investigator Stephen J Blackburn.
Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.
Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.
Stephen J Blackburn Finetime Fontayne
Tracey Judy Flynn
With:
Rita May
Vanessa Rosenthal
Christine Cox
Gerry Kersey
Anne Rye.
Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.
TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (m000gtx3)
Stand By For West - Inspector West at Home
4. A Call from The Whistler
Chief Inspector Roger West comes face-to-face with 'Whistler'
Malone - and some very useful evidence...
Starring Patrick Allen as Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector.
Created and written by John Creasey.
Dramatised by Maurice Travers.
Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen
Janet West Sarah Lawson
Mark Lessing Edward de Souza
Lois Randall Carol Marsh
Pickerell Robert James
Bill Tennant Anthony Jackson
'Whistler' Malone Rio Fanning
Mrs Fleming ... Margaret Robertson
Raymond Fleming Frederick Jaeger
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.
TUE 07:00 To the Manor Born (b007lzwv)
A Wife's Prerogative
Audrey makes the most of helping Devere - by pretending she's his wife.
Starring Penelope Keith and Keith Barron.
Lady of the manor Audrey fforbes-Hamilton, forced to sell her beloved Grantleigh Estate, has decamped to the tiny Old Lodge cottage with her butler in tow.
From this vantage point, Audrey keeps a close and disapproving eye on new owner, the nouveau-riche Richard De Vere.
Adapted for radio by Peter Spence for his BBC TV script.
Audrey fforbes-Hamilton Penelope Keith
Richard De Vere Keith Barron
Marjory Frobisher Angela Thorne
Brabinger Nicholas McArdle
Mrs Polouivicka Margery Withers
Ned Frank Middlemass

Mademoiselle Dutoit Rula Lenska
First piloted on radio and then whisked off to TV before it ever appeared, before finally arriving home in 1997.
Producer: Jane Berthoud
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1997.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m002c070)
Series 7
'Round The World in Eighty Days
Can Neddie win a bet against Moriarty and reach the age of 22 first using a 'self-drive' Zeppelin?
Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy.
Written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: Pat Dixon
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1957.
TUE 08:00 Bad Salsa (b06vkj1w)
Series 1
Mount Kilimanjaro
After treatment for Ovarian and breast cancer Chippy, is mad Jill is sad and Terri is definitely dangerous to know! The road back after cancer treatment can be tricky and full of obstacles.
Two middle aged women and their younger friend seek to regain their zest for life and love by learning to dance at Bad Salsa, the club where everyone knows your name but no-one knows your prognosis!
Depictions of people with cancer on TV and radio too often follow a standard format; there is the diagnosis, the depression the chemo, then the false recovery followed by the tragic death.
Written by Kay Stonham, Bad Salsa tries to paint a picture at once more hopeful and more in line with survival rates which have improved immensely over the past 20 years.
For many, 'living with cancer' is now their day to day challenge.
Our characters have finished their treatment and are in the process of finding their way back to normal life or at least finding a "new normal." Everyday challenges must go on like boring marriages, distracting crushes, troublesome children, difficult workmates and infuriating parents. But their brush with mortality gives them a new perspective.
So do they preserve their pre-cancer status quo or in Terri's words, to say "sod it all" and "go for it!"
Follow the women as they embrace the world of salsa whilst they adjust to life after cancer.
Chippy Sharon Rooney
Jill Natasha Little
Terri Camille Coduri
Marco Derek Elroy
Gordon Andrew Obeney
Elaine Ayesha Antoine
Georgie Emily Chase
Joel Joe Johnsey
Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.
TUE 08:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xlv0)
2. Rebuilding
Richard Mabey reads from his groundbreaking book on the impact of nature on mental health.
When the nation's foremost nature writer found himself in the grip of a severe depression, the natural world, a lifelong source of inspiration, became meaningless. This book charts the first year of his recovery and his adventure of re-engaging with nature.
As Mabey tries to restart his life in East Anglia, he looks back on the beginnings of his illness.
Written and read by Richard Mabey.
Abridger: Julian Wilkinson
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.
TUE 08:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tlv0)
7. Grandparents
In 1964, Professor Glob, the curator of the Silkeborg Museum in Denmark, dedicated his book The Bog People to a group of schoolgirls who had written to him about his recent archaeological discoveries. Fifty years later, at a defining moment in her life, Tina Hopgood writes him another letter about a planned pilgrimage to Denmark with her best friend, Bella, to visit the 2000-year-old Tollund Man. Why did they never make the trip?
She doesn't expect a reply.
When Anders Larsen, a lonely museum curator responds, neither does he.
Their unexpected correspondence becomes a shared meditation on love, loss, life choices made and the opportunity to make different ones.
As Anders is about to become a grandfather, he and Tina share memories of their own grandparents.
Starring Tamsin Greig and Paul Ritter
Written by Anne Youngson
Adapted for radio by Richard Leaf
Producer: Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.
TUE 09:00 Meet David Sedaris (m002bswz)

Series 10

Friends

"One day he hung one that was of a sexy woman you could only see from the top of her chest up, but that you knew was naked. On her shoulder was a white rat. The poster made me feel threatened though I couldn't say why. Then I realised it was tacky."

It's so hard to explain why your childhood best friend was your childhood best friend - it just sort of happens. Thing is, one minute they're there and the next, they're not. In this week's story, Friends, David gets some bad news which makes him think about the good times he had, as a child with his neighbour, Dan.

We also hear a short essay about mispronunciations and misunderstandings that become family sayings in Lupreeshun. David Sedaris is a renowned American essayist - winner of the Thurber Prize for American Humour and member of The American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Written and performed by David Sedaris

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 09:30 Worked Out (b0076x3v)

2. Forest of Dean

Ian McMillan explores the marginal and forgotten coalfields of England.

Across Britain, most pits closed twenty years ago and memories are fading whilst away from the major coalfields many people don't even remember that coal was recently mined in Somerset, Kent, Shropshire, Cumbria and The Forest of Dean.

2. Forest of Dean

Three ex-miners - Ray Ashley, Maurice Bent, Jack Meek and Royston James - talk to Ian McMillan about Northern United mine. With active 'free miner' Ray Ashley.

Presenter: Ian McMillan

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002c073)

Carrying the past

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Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, leads a week long series on mental health and the Bible reflecting on words from the psalms.

Reading: Psalm 102.1-12

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m0001715)

Andy McNab and George the Poet

Former SAS serviceman turned thriller writer Andy McNab, George the Poet and Harriett Gilbert discuss their favourite books by Akala, Attica Locke and Joe Simpson.

Touching the Void by Joe Simpson

Publisher: Vintage

Natives by Akala

Publisher: Two Roads

Bluebird Bluebird by Attica Locke

Publisher : Serpent's Tail

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018.

TUE 10:30 To The Ends of the Earth: Lost Worlds, New Worlds (b08j94df)

Alex Clark takes a fantastic voyage into the golden age of adventure.

She explores the imagined worlds of writers such as Henry Rider Haggard, Jules Verne and Arthur Conan Doyle.

She talks to adventure novel enthusiasts Fay Weldon and Tom Holland about the scientific and cultural legacy of these novels, and asks whether they are more than ripping yarns of derring-do.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4.

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TUE 14:00 It's Your Round (b018g279)

Series 2

Episode 1

This is the series where panellists bring their own round for the others to play.

Hosted by Angus Deayton:

Trying to beat each other at their own games:

Miles Jupp

Fred MacAulay

Josie Long

Nick Helm

Featured rounds:

Miles Jupp's 'Test Match Specialists', a quiz using the rules and regulations of the 'world's finest sport' (Miles' words)

Fred MacAulay's 'Play Your Various Different Categories Right', like 'Play Your Cards Right', but with other variables such as Scottish landmarks, household accident statistics, Radio

4 presenter's heights and, er, the song 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' by Band Aid.

Josie Long's 'Dream Day Job' in which panellists have to guess an audience member's dream day job by asking yes/no questions.

Nick Helm's 'Cream Crackered' in which panellists have to eat as many cream crackers as they can in a minute...commentated on by Test Match Special's very own, Henry Blofeld.

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

TUE 14:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b0175mdh)

Series 2

They Come to Freeze Our Children

A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2008.

An actress is forced to face her worst fear - and work with a child.

Starring Peter Bowles, John Fortune and Cheryl Campbell

Christopher William Hill's futuristic sitcom set in 1962.

Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles

Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell

Godfrey Winnard John Fortune

Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn

Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska

Douglas Bennings Jon Glover

Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon

Cynthia Valentine Rachel Atkins

Fenella Sayers Ania Gordon

Director Alex Lamipekun

Angela Anna Bengo

Continuity Simon Treves.

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2008.

TUE 15:00 Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw (b08skykk)

Episode 2. Eliza's Triumph

Eliza faces the day of reckoning: can she pass as a lady at the Ambassador's Ball?

Starring Alistair McGowan, Morgana Robinson, Sian Phillips

and Al Murray

Conclusion of George Bernard Shaw's classic tale of Eliza Doolittle, the Cockney flower girl trained to talk 'like a lady' by irascible professor of phonetics, Henry Higgins.

Henry Higgins Alistair McGowan

Eliza Doolittle Morgana Robinson

Alfred Doolittle Al Murray

Colonel Pickering Hugh Fraser

Mrs Higgins Siân Phillips

Mrs Pearce Charlotte Page

Maid Charlotte Page

Mrs Eynsford-Hill Georgie Glen

Clara Eynsford-Hill Maeve Bluebell Wells

Freddy Eynsford-Hill Tom Forrister

Nepommuck David Sturzaker

Ambassador John Dougall

Ambassador's Wife Sarah Ridgeway

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

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TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m002bswz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (b052jkxb)

Series 3

Love

Tim Key grapples with the concept of love by telling the story of one man's romance with a beautiful cashier.

Written and presented by Tim Key

The Edinburgh Comedy Award-winning comedian attempts to recite poetry whilst tormenting his friend and musician, the equally brilliant Tom Basden.

With Katy Wix.

Producer: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2015.

Praise for Tim Key

"...You never know when Key will suddenly toss you a fantastic joke or startlingly well-constructed line." Radio Times

"The show... has a kind of artistry and strange beauty that makes it unlike any other hour of stand-up you are likely to see." The Observer

"In any other sphere apart from comedy, we'd probably class this way of looking at the world as certifiable. Here it feels like genius." The Telegraph.

TUE 22:45 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b0076dvc)

Series 2

Treating an Acute Elegy

Can poet-at-large Sir Ralph Stanza spread the healing power of poetry across Salford?

Ralphie, famous for his silk scarf, panama hat and uncanny ability to seamlessly blend in with the locals, is now at work in north-west England.

He's basing himself in various locations to give people the benefit of his couplets. For starters, he's at a clinic, helping a woman with some poetry about her behind...

Written by and starring James Quinn

With:

Alison Darling

Tony Melody

Neil Bell

Judy Flynn

Jemma Thompson

Produced in Manchester by Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

TUE 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b0101g5j)

Series 3

Episode 1

Arthur Smith presents music and comedy from his home in Balham, South London.

There's music in the kitchen, comedy in the front room and poetry on the landing.

Finding a decent sized performance space amongst the accumulated debris that is Arthur's life are:

Katie Melua

Roisin Conaty

Alun Cochrane

Nick Helm

Producer; Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

TUE 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002c73b)

Dad's Army Radio Show 3/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats again to David Benson and Jack Lane about their Dad's Army stage show.

TUE 23:30 Seekers (b060bng4)

Series 2

The Eight Letter Word

Stuart says something very silly, and Nicola tries to impress Vanessa to gain her confidence.

Starring Mathew Horne, Daniel Mays, Tony Way and Zahra Ahmadi.

Sitcom set in an Essex job centre written by Steve Burge.

Stuart ----- Mathew Horne

Joseph ----- Daniel Mays

Terry ----- Tony Way

Nicola ----- Zahra Ahmadi

Vanessa ----- Natalie Walter

Gary Probert ----- Steve Oram

Producer: Victoria Lloyd.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

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WED 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpsn)

Series 1

3. A Case of Brotherly Love
Private investigator Stephen J Blackburn hunts for the long-lost brother of a Canadian, decades after they were cruelly separated....
Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.
Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.
Stephen J Blackburn Finetime Fontayne
Tracey Judy Flynn
With:
John Graham Davies
Norman Mills
Ray Ashcroft
Bill Rodgers.
Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.
WED 06:30 Whodunnits (m000gvkk)
Stand By For West - Inspector West at Home
5. A Girl for a Hostage
The stakes are high, as Chief Inspector Roger West draws closer to the truth and the mystery of what he missed.
Starring Patrick Allen as Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector.
Created and written by John Creasey.
Dramatised by Maurice Travers.
Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen
Janet West Sarah Lawson
Mark Lessing Edward de Souza
Superintendent Abbott Grant Taylor
Inspector Bob Cornish Frederick Treves
Lois Randall Carol Marsh
Bill Tennant Anthony Jackson
'Whistler' Malone Rio Fanning
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.
WED 07:00 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00ny84w)
Series 1
The Price of Success
The offer to flat-sit in London's Knightsbridge for an old schoolfriend opens up a wealth of opportunity for Giles.
Not least because its rotating bed and unlimited supply of Dom Perignon 61 will persuade his ex-girlfriend Judith to get back together with him.
Stars Richard E Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi.
Comedy drama series about three promising graduates still underachieving in their 30s.
Written by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner.
Giles Richard E Grant
Judith Amanda Root
David Peter Capaldi
Damien Alexander Armstrong
Tim Richard Turner
Mrs Smale Eva Stuart
Sir Harold Peter Yapp
Marcus Simon Greenall
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007rgpj)
Series 4
The 13th of the Series
The Lad gets triskaidekaphobic over the recording an episode of his show numbered between 12 and 14.
Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With:
Sidney James
Bill Kerr
Kenneth Williams
Hattie Jacques
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 1957.
WED 08:00 Ankle Tag (m000jxvv)
Series 3
The Guest
Sitcom about a fraudster dad who is released on parole and cons his way into living with his son.
Bob and Alice branch off into the hotel trade and Gruff goes to the movies...
Written by Benjamin Partridge & Gareth Gwynn,
Bob – Steve Speirs
Gruff – Elis James
Alice – Katy Wix
Darren – Kevin Eldon
Cashier – Emma Sidi
Producer: Adnan Ahmed
A BBC Studios production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2020.
WED 08:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xm87)
3. Return
Richard Mabey reads from his groundbreaking book on the impact of nature on mental health.
When the nation's foremost nature writer found himself in the grip of a severe depression, the natural world, a lifelong source of inspiration, became meaningless. This book charts the first year of his recovery and his adventure of re-engaging with

nature.
An emotional journey back to Mabey's beloved Chiltern Hills for the sale of some woodland...
Written and read by Richard Mabey.
Abridger: Julian Wilkinson
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.
WED 08:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000ti97)
8. Bad News
In 1964, Professor Glob, the curator of the Silkeborg Museum in Denmark, dedicated his book The Bog People to a group of schoolgirls who had written to him about his recent archaeological discoveries. Fifty years later, at a defining moment in her life, Tina Hopgood writes him another letter about a planned pilgrimage to Denmark with her best friend, Bella, to visit the 2000-year-old Tollund Man. Why did they never make the trip?
She doesn't expect a reply.
When Anders Larsen, a lonely museum curator responds, neither does he.
Their unexpected correspondence becomes a shared meditation on love, loss, life choices made and the opportunity to make new and different ones.
Anders receives worrying news.
Starring Tamsin Greig and Paul Ritter
Written by Anne Youngson
Adapted by Richard Leaf
Producer: Karen Rose
A Sweet Talk production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.
WED 09:00 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m001tgx4)
Journey
"Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for Henry Normal" Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times
Join Henry Normal for the eleventh instalment of his acclaimed, occasional series in which the acclaimed, occasional writer tackles those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.
So far on this journey Henry has covered the subjects of 'Family', 'Life', 'Love', 'Imagination', 'Nature', 'The Universe', 'Communication', 'Ageing', 'Community' and 'Home'; in this new episode he'll be concentrating on the 'Journey' itself.
Through poems, jokes, and stories, we'll discover what has made him the man he is today, and how everything in his life so far has led to this point - recording this latest show in Bury at The Met.
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Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated Philomena, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.
He's published ten collections of poetry including his most recent 'The Fire Hills'. Plus his memoir written with Angela Pell 'A Normal Family' everyday adventure with our autistic son.
Praise for previous episodes in this series:
-"It's a rare and lovely thing: half an hour of radio that stops you short, gently demands your attention and then wipes your tears away while you have to have a little sit down"
-"It's a real treat to hear a seasoned professional like Henry taking command of this evening comedy spot to deliver a show that's idiosyncratic and effortlessly funny"
-"Not heard anything that jumps from hilarious to moving in such an intelligent, subtle way as Henry Normal's show"
Written and performed by Henry Normal
Production Coordinator - Katie Baum
Sound manager - David Thomas
Produced by Carl Cooper
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4
An EcoAudio certified production
WED 09:30 Worked Out (b0076x72)
3. Kent
Ian McMillan explores the marginal and forgotten coalfields of England.
Across Britain, most pits closed twenty years ago and memories are fading whilst away from the major coalfields many people don't even remember that coal was recently mined in Somerset, Kent, Shropshire, Cumbria and The Forest of Dean.
3. Kent
With ex-miners Mike Sole, Fred Thompson, Bill Gilham, Sam Robinson, Jim Davies and The Betteshanger Welfare Brass Band.
Presenter: Ian McMillan
Producer: Tim Dee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002c397)
Loneliness and abandonment
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Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, leads a week long series on mental health and the Bible, reflecting on words from the psalms.
Reading: Psalm 88
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b04frcvv)
The Eccentric Entrepreneur
"Radio Normandy Calling!" The Belles of Normandy sing the station ident; Roy Plomley (of Desert Island Discs fame) introduces the artistes from the Bradford Alhambra, and another melody-packed hour - sponsored by a patent medicine -

begins on the commercial radio station that, back in the 1930s, was often more popular than the majestic BBC.
The man behind it all was called, improbably, Captain Leonard Plugge. And in this programme, Dominic Sandbrook tells the story of this clever, enterprising and subversive man. Tory MP, passionate European and backroom boffin, Plugge created a string of brilliantly successful commercial stations in France and beyond that challenged Sir John Reith's radio monopoly with popular music and variety shows, sponsored by Bile Beans, Persil and Diploma cheddar cheese. So wealthy did his radio network make him that he owned two yachts, six cars (including two Rolls Royces), a Mayfair mansion, employed twelve staff, and lived a life that lay somewhere between The Great Gatsby and Citizen Kane.
With Plugge's son Frank, Dominic leafs through his father's mountain of diaries and scrapbooks - news cuttings, photographs... memorabilia of a life that brought him the Legion d'Honneur, a medal from US broadcaster NBC and made him a worldwide celebrity. With a rich archive of contributions from Roy Plomley, Bob Danvers-Walker and many others who first made their names on Plugge's stations, plus recordings from the shows they broadcast, Dominic Sandbrook brings a forgotten mogul of a bygone era to life.
And next time you approach a road junction with an elongated 'SLOW' painted on the tarmac, you can thank Captain Plugge for it, because that was his idea too...
Producer: Simon Elmes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2014.
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WED 14:00 Who Goes There? (b0075yw8)
Series 4
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 When and Fred Housego.
With guests:
Gyles Brandreth
Sheridan Morley
Producer: Liz Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.
WED 14:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cl49j)
Series 4
Episode 2
Tommy and Sheila's devious agent opens his own train company – on the cheap naturally – and needs his top talent to help him launch it.
But will there be anything worth launching?
Ageing showbiz couple Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr battle on with their second stab at fame.
Series 4 of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom starring June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.
With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Edward Halstead and Emma Kennedy.
Music by Frido Ruth.
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.
WED 15:00 Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf (b01hw63c)
1. From Breakfast to Luncheon
Virginia Woolf's classic novel set on a single day in June. Lives interweave on the streets of London as Clarissa Dalloway makes her final preparations for an important party.
Dramatised by Micheline Wandor
Episode 1. From Breakfast to Luncheon
Mrs Dalloway Fenella Woolgar
Richard Sam Dale
Septimus Paul Ready
Rezia Susie Riddell
Peter Scott Handy
Sally Liza Sadovy
Elizabeth Emerald O'Hanrahan
Lucy Amaka Okafor
Hugh Patrick Brennan
Dr Holmes Peter Hamilton Dyer
Miss Brush Christine Absalom
Miss Pym Tracy Wiles
Director: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012
Mrs Dalloway is one of Virginia Woolf's most approachable novels. It's apparently simple structure - taking place over a single day and dovetailing two very different stories - belies its rich textures and the complexity of its beautifully drawn characters. Clarissa Dalloway's party, the climax of the story, is eagerly awaited by all and resolves both stories with wisdom

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WED 22:00 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m001tgx4)

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WED 22:30 Alice's Wonderland (b069vvg6)

Series 3

Episode 1

The peculiar narrator takes a trip through time with Lady Bowie to Ye Olde Wunderlande, the middle-ages Poundland of magical realms.

A sketch show written and performed by Alice Lowe.

With Marcia Warren as the narrator.

Also starring:

Richard Glover

Simon Greenall

Rachel Stubbings

Clare Thompson

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.

WED 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (b007k2yt)

Series 4

Episode 1

Will a Page 3 girl reveal all? Plus Chelsea Football Club, a message from Mikhail Gorbachev and climate chaos. Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on radio.

Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell.

With:

Jasper Jacob

Lesley Sharp

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1989.

WED 23:30 The Skewer (m002btz1)

Series 13

Alca-Trump Prison, Reform the Children, and Nosfaragetu Jon Holmes remixes the news into a current affairs comedy concept album. News meets popular culture in a multi-award-winning satirical mash up.

This week - we re-open Alca-Trump Prison, Reform the children, and embrace the coming of the Prince of Darkness Nosfaragetu.

Producer: Jon Holmes

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

WED 23:45 World of Pub (b008qt08)

Series 1

Episode 4

The Queen is making a visit, so Doggy Phil books her beloved Chas and Dave.

But can they make it?

Deep in London's East End, Garry and Barry run the worst pub in the world.

Sitcom written by Tony Roche.

Dodgy Phil John Thomson

Barry Phil Cornwell

Garry Peter Serafinowicz

Other parts played by:

Harry Hill

Kim Wall

Debra Stephenson

Music: Bill Bailey

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1998.

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THU 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)

Series 1

4. A Case of Plagiarism

Ex-pitman turned private investigator Stephen J Blackburn is called in when writer Hartley J Newton is convinced his TV script has been pinched...

Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.

Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.

Stephen J Blackburn Finetime Fontayne

Tracey Judy Flynn

With:

Gerry Kersey

Christine Cox

Peter Bell

James Tomlinson

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (m000gvjw)

Stand By For West - Inspector West at Home

6. Clue from a Captive

'Whistler' Malone may be in a police cell but this case is far from sewn up.

As Chief Inspector Roger West says, it's got more twists than a corkscrew.

Starring Patrick Allen as Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West ... Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Superintendent Abbott Grant Taylor

Inspector Bob Cornish Frederick Treves

'Whistler' Malone Rio Fanning

Assistant Commissioner Sir Guy Chatsworth Maurice

Hedley

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.

THU 07:00 Never Too Late (m002c0b9)

Series 2

The Hares and the Tortoise

Hilda thinks a fancy dress sponsored fund-raiser will be a walk in the park.

The second series of adventures concerning a group of Lancashire senior citizens. In the first series they were planning trip to the seaside but this time Hilda, Emily, Mildred and Tommy divert their energies into saving the Carson Street Day Centre, which the council has threatened with closure. And, yes, 'Never Too Late' does share a theme tune with TV's 'Terry and June'.

Written by Terry Gregson.

Hilda Spriggett Thora Hird

Mildred Emmett Avis Bunnage

Emily Holroyd Megs Jenkins

Tommy Preston Joe Gladwin

Doctor Brown Kenneth Connor

George/Sam the Butcher John Livesey

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1982.

THU 07:30 Parsley Sidings (b007k122)

Series 2

The Purity League

Things look tricky for railway porter, Percy Valentine following station master, Horace Hepplewhite's morality drive.

Jim Eldridge's eponymous series set in a sleepy railway station.

Horace Hepplewhite Arthur Lowe

Bert Hepplewhite Ian Lavender

Percy Valentine/The Reverend Spoons/Bradshaw Kenneth

Connor

Gloria Simpkins Liz Fraser

With:

Douglas Blackwell

Mark Rogers

Michael Elwick

Haydn Jones

Gordon Clyde

The Hepplewhites have run 'Parsley Sidings' station for generations and the current Station Master, Horace, hopes his son Bert will continue the line. Mild-mannered Ticket Clerk, Bert, wants to work anywhere but on the railways. His colleague, Station Announcer Gloria Simpkins, secretly loves him. Porter, Percy Valentine, is an archetypal wheeler-dealer and the ancient Signaller, Bradshaw, causes havoc and dispenses home-made remedies in equal measure. The 'Parsley Sidings' nemesis is Phineas Perkins, the station master of Potwhistle Halt, one stop down the line.

Producer: Edward Taylor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1973.

THU 08:00 Sisters (b08x8v40)

Series 2

Love, Love, Love

Fiona's relationship with electrician and general handyman

Gregg looks like it's getting serious.

They first met when he came to the sisters' rescue during a self-inflicted power cut. Now, much to Susan's irritation, Fiona's "knight in shining polyester" is becoming a regular fixture in their lives, threatening Susan's cosy existence in the flat.

Will she become homeless? Or will next-door-neighbour Blake provide alternative accommodation?

Written by Susan Calman

Susan and Fiona are grown up sisters who live together. But that's all they have in common.

Susan Susan Calman

Fiona Ashley Jensen

Blake Nick Helm

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.

THU 08:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xmgg)

4. Worry

Richard Mabey reads from his groundbreaking book on the impact of nature on mental health.

Falling in love and discovering the wonders of the East Anglian landscape have all been part of the journey back to health. But it is now April, and the migrant birds signalling the start of spring are worryingly late.

Written and read by Richard Mabey.

Abridger: Julian Wilkinson

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

THU 08:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tnq9)

9. Tina Stops

In 1964, Professor Glob, the curator of the Silkeborg Museum in Denmark, dedicated his book The Bog People to a group of schoolgirls who had written to him about his recent archaeological discoveries. Fifty years later, at a defining moment in her life, Tina Hopgood writes him another letter about a planned pilgrimage to Denmark with her best friend, Bella, to visit the 2000-year-old Tollund Man. Why did they never make the trip?

She doesn't expect a reply.

When Anders Larsen, a lonely museum curator responds, neither does he.

Their unexpected correspondence becomes a shared meditation on love, loss, life choices made and the opportunity to make new and different ones.

Tina stops writing.

Starring Tamsin Greig and Paul Ritter

Written by Anne Youngson

Adapted by Richard Leaf

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2021.

THU 09:00 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m001k7w5)

Series 4

Saturday's Child Is...

Multi-award winning comedian and author Mark Watson continues his probably doomed, but luckily funny quest to make sense of the human experience.

This series is about time - the days of the week, the stages of our existence - and the way we use it to make sense of things. We've been making our way through the working week and tonight we reward ourselves with the weekend. Saturday's child 'works hard for a living'. But is that really what life's about? Would it be better to simply smell the flowers, like Sunday's child? Also, why did Mark recently claim to have been in prison?

Expect jokes, observations and interactions galore as is Mark aided, and sometimes obstructed, by the sardonic musical excellence of Flo & Joan. There's also a hand-picked comedy colleague each week - tonight, we close it out with Zoe Lyons.

Producer: Lianne Coop

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4

THU 09:30 Worked Out (b0076xb6)

4. Somerset

Ian McMillan explores the marginal and forgotten coalfields of England.

Across Britain, most pits closed twenty years ago and memories are fading whilst away from the major coalfields many people don't even remember that coal was recently mined in Somerset, Kent, Shropshire, Cumbria and The Forest of Dean.

4. Somerset

With ex-miners Francis Hillier, Mark Bridges, Alec Hann and Wilf Perkins.

Presenter: Ian McMillan

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2006.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002c0bf)

Being ourselves

Being ourselves.

Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, leads a week long series on mental health and the Bible, reflecting on words from the psalms.

Reading: Psalm 139

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b0bd8fvc)

Erica Wagner on Roald Amundsen

"We are ready to take the Pole in any kind of weather on offer," wrote the Norwegian Roald Amundsen in December 1911. Born in 1872, Amundsen is part of a group of men - including the playwright Henrik Ibsen and the explorer Fridtjof Nansen - who gave shape to Norwegian identity just as the country broke free from Sweden and achieved independence. He is also remembered as the man who beat the British explorer Scott to the South Pole. The different cultures of their two countries come under scrutiny in this episode.

The nominator is Erica Wagner, former literary editor of The Times and a writer who knows Norway well.

Joining Erica and Matthew Parris are two experts - Pieter van der Merwe from the National Maritime Museum; and Roland Huntford, whose book on Scott and Amundsen caused an angry fuss when first published in 1979.

Presenter: Matthew Parris.

Producer in Bristol Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

THU 10:30 78 Revolutions (b010t6pb)

Jenny Hammerton - a DJ of 78s - explores why the old discs are still alive and kicking.

The 78rpm record lasted longer than any other format. Enrico Caruso recorded on 78s and Beatles records were cut on 78s in India in the late 1960s. And for some the old grooves and the heavy shellac discs are still the best.

Record collectors swear the sound quality of 78s has never been surpassed and young aficionados are cutting their new pop songs on 78s.

Sound artists and composers meanwhile are drawn to the patina of age that the old records carry in their scratch and hiss and some are making new music out of old noises.

In the digital world, where music has shrunk to invisible sound files - the wind up gramophone, a metal stylus and a box of heavy aromatic 10 inch discs seem more and more like precious and necessary demonstrations of the reality of things.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

THU 11:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jpt3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (m000gvjw)

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THU 12:00 Never Too Late (m002c0b9)

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THU 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m00223nx)

Series 14

6. University of East Anglia

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

A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects including Physics, Biological Studies and History.

Questions cover a sombrero, phishing and the Northcote-Trevelyan Report of 1853.

Avocets, quangos, muesli and Reginald Maudling also play their part in the fun.

Producer David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2024.

THU 14:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jx80)

Series 1

A Good Heart

The long summer holiday is over - and it's D-day minus one for the school teachers of King Street Junior.

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.

Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998. King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Mrs Devon Carolyn Pickles

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mr Maxwell Michael Cochrane

Mr Long Paul Copley

Miss Featherstone Teresa Gallagher

Miss Reid Jacqueline Beatty

Mrs Khan Janice Acquian

Peter Elliot Gonzalez

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

THU 15:00 Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf (b01j2ff2)

2. From Afternoon to Nightfall

Virginia Woolf's classic novel set on a single day in June. As Clarissa Dalloway makes her final preparations for an important party, Septimus visits another doctor and becomes increasingly troubled.

Episode 2: From Afternoon to Nightfall

Mrs Dalloway Fenella Woolgar

Richard Sam Dale

Septimus Paul Ready

Rezia Susie Riddell

Peter Scott Handy

Sally Liza Sadovy

Elizabeth Emerald O'Hanrahan

Lucy Amaka Okafor

Sir William Patrick Brennan,

Miss Kilman Christine Absalom

Dr Holmes Peter Hamilton Dyer

Written by Virginia Woolf

Dramatised by Micheline Wandor

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 The 3rd Degree (m00223nx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jx80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf (b01j2ff2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m001k7w5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b04pss53)

Series 1

Football

Paul Sinha looks through all of human history and examines how we came to be where we are.

He starts with something every day, something we all know to be true; he then reveals the quirks of history and the fascinating stories that led up to this point.

Paul kicks off with Football, taking as his starting point the World Cup Final in June 2014.

It was the biggest sporting event on the planet, a billion people watching 25 or so Germans and Argentinians play football in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

How did we end up here? It's a story that takes in 15th-century explorers, the slave trade, mass immigration, industrialisation, and British Army medical tests. Because no-one and nothing exists in a vacuum.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Paul is an acclaimed stand-up who was nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy award for his show Saint or Sinha? He frequently appears on The News Quiz, The Now Show, and Fighting Talk. He is a resident 'chaser' on the ITV quiz show The Chase with several of his own series on BBC Radio 4.

Producer: Ed Morrish.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

THU 23:00 The Problem With Adam Bloom (b00g3xwp)

Series 2

Problems

Adam Bloom has a problem. He's fed up with having problems. But would not having problems really be any better?

Written by and starring Adam Bloom.

With:

Rob Rouse

Stefano Paolini

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

THU 23:15 Fabulous (b00hrrhm)

Series 1

Episode 1

Faye is anxious.

She knows today's women are fabulous: they have the job, the house, the colour co-ordinated capsule wardrobe.

They cope with singledom, marriage and having kids with nothing more than a copy of Prima and a poem by Pam Ayres to guide them.

So why can't she pull it off?

Lucy Clarke's six-part sitcom about a woman who wants to be fabulous but can't cope.

Starring Daisy Haggard as Faye.

With:

Olivia Colman

Adam Buxton

Katy Brand

Matthew Holness

Laura Solon

Joanna Scanlan

Music by Osymysio.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.

THU 23:30 It's Jocelyn (b06vkjco)

Series 1

Episode 3

Meet Dionne Button MP, a power hungry traffic warden and a grumpy couple.

Jocelyn Jee Esien vents her frustration at the world around her through sketches and stand-up.

With:

Curtis Walker

Ninia Benjamin

Kevin J

Producer: John Pocock

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

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FRI 02:30 Parsley Sidings (b007k122)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Sisters (b08x8v40)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xmgg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tnq9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 The 3rd Degree (m00223nx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b007jx80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf (b01j2ff2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 The Blackburn Files (b007jptk)

Series 1

5. A Case of Haddock and Plaise

When an elderly couple face a time-share cash con, it sparks private investigator Stephen J Blackburn's first case abroad.

Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.

Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.

Stephen J Blackburn Finetime Fontayne

Tracey Judy Flynn

With:

Gerry Kersey

Lorraine Peters

Norman Mills

Lucia Laratonda

James Tomlinson

Directed for BBC North East by Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1989.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (m000gw78)

Stand By For West - Inspector West at Home

7. A Date with Justice

Chief Inspector Roger West follows several lines of enquiry to try find the crooked copper and finally close this case.

Conclusion starring Patrick Allen as Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Mark Lessing Edward De Souza

Assistant Commissioner Sir Guy Chatsworth Maurice

Hedley

Superintendent Abbott Grant Taylor

Inspector Bob Cornish Frederick Treves

Mrs Fleming Margaret Robertson

Raymond Fleming Frederick Jaeger

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.

FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b007jqkw)

Series 3

A Dick in Shining Armour

Will pregnant Izzy be able to finally settle down with the man of her dreams?

Imelda Staunton stars as Isabelle 'Izzy' Comyn.

With

Dick.....Mike Grady

Maria.....Marty Cruickshank

Michael..... Nicholas Le Prevost

Razors.....Rene Zaggar

Bill.....Neil McCaull

Louise.....Phyllida Nash

Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30-something teacher Izzy has a predilection for inappropriate men.

A six-part radio sequel first adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The last of three series which ran from 1987 to 1993.

Granada also adapted the series for ITV.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

FRI 07:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead

(b00hk2f1)

Series 2

Episode 2

Improvement grants for everybody explained and a plumber muses on words.

A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker. With:

Terence Brady

Pauline Yates

Pianist: Gordon Langford

Written by Tony Bilbow, Mike Fentiman, David Climie, Gordon Langford, John Graham, Miles Kington, Roy Lomax, Myles Rudge, Max Harris and Peter Spence.

Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1972.

FRI 08:00 Relativity (m000222b)

Series 2

Episode 3

Ian and Chloe's wedding day is a typically chaotic, argumentative, loving affair. Ken eats the lip balm and Chloe's estranged parents test Ken and Margaret's patience.

Drawing on his own family, Richard Herring's comedy drama, builds on the warm, lively characters and family dynamics of the first series.

His affectionate observation of inter-generational misunderstanding, sibling sparring and the ties that bind will resonate with anyone who has ever argued with their dad about who the current Pope is.

Amid the comedy, Richard broaches some more serious highs and lows of family life.

Margaret Alison Steadman

Ken Phil Davis

Jane/Lorelei Fenella Woolgar

Clive Tony Gardner

Ian Richard Herring

Chloe Emily Berrington

Pete Gordon Kennedy

Holly Tia Bannan

Mark Fred Haig

Nick Harrison Knights

Registrar Danny Kirrane

Writer Richard Herring is a comedian, writer, blogger and podcaster and the world's premier semi-professional self-playing snooker player.

Producer: Polly Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.

FRI 08:30 Nature Cure by Richard Mabey (m000xn0n)

5. Passion

Pioneering nature writer Richard Mabey reads the final instalment of his groundbreaking book on the impact of nature on mental health.

New love, a spring spent exploring the fens, and now the glories of the long hot summer, have come together to re-awaken Mabey's passion for the natural world...

Written and read by Richard Mabey.

Abridger: Julian Wilkinson

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

FRI 08:45 Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson (m000tp7m)

10. What Now?

In 1964, Professor Glob, the curator of the Silkeborg Museum in Denmark, dedicated his book *The Bog People* to a group of schoolgirls who had written to him about his recent archaeological discoveries. Fifty years later, at a defining moment in her life, Tina Hoppood writes him another letter about a planned pilgrimage to Denmark with her best friend, Bella, to visit the 2000-year-old Tollund Man. Why did they never make the trip?

She doesn't expect a reply.

When Anders Larsen, a lonely museum curator responds, neither does he.

Their unexpected correspondence becomes a shared meditation on love, loss, life choices made and the opportunity to make new and different ones

Tina must make a decision about her life. Can Anders help?

Starring Tamsin Greig and Paul Ritter

Written by Anne Youngson

Adapted by Richard Leaf

Producer Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2021.

FRI 09:00 Influencers (m00114t3)

Behind the Scenes

A comedy about the online world of influencing.

Starring and written by Katy Brand and Katherine Parkinson. Ruth and Carla are two stars of the online business world. They are bound together by a carefully controlled public image

involving lucrative product placement and well paid endorsements. But behind the scenes things are not always so harmonious.

We find Ruth and Carla worrying about company finances and plotting their next big move into podcasting to give their shared business a boost. They are taking delivery of all their new equipment when they hear that a rival influencer, Grace Broadstairs, has been rushed to hospital. As she is incapacitated, all her followers are now up for grabs. Wishing Grace well is

also a perfect theme for the first podcast episode. A Lovely Chat with Ruth and Carla – if they can just figure out how the microphones work.

Award-winning duo Katy Brand and Katherine Parkinson write and star in this sharp new comedy, taking an affectionate swipe at the very modern world of influencing.

The podcast *A Lovely Chat* with Ruth and Carla, as featured in the show, is available to listen to on BBC Sounds.

Carla Katy Brand

Ruth Katherine Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2021.

FRI 09:30 Worked Out (b0076xf6)

5. Cumbria

Ian McMillan explores the marginal and forgotten coalfields of England.

Across Britain, most pits closed twenty years ago and memories are fading whilst away from the major coalfields many people don't even remember that coal was recently mined in Somerset, Kent, Shropshire, Cumbria and The Forest of Dean.

5. Cumbria.

With screen lasses Violet Wilson, Isabella McCracken and Hannah McCarron.

Presenter: Ian McMillan

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002c0cf)

Nurturing wellbeing together

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Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, leads a week long series on mental health and the Bible, reflecting on words from the psalms.

Reading: Psalm 146

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b01mqp1r)

Series 14

Brothers in Arms

An exploration into the enduring appeal of the Dire Straits classic, *Brothers in Arms*.

Although thought to have been written by Mark Knopfler in response to the Falklands war in the mid 1980's, it's a piece that people now associate with many other conflicts; military, personal and social.

Base player, John Illsley explains why it remains such a special piece for Dire Straits, while Marines chaplain, Nigel Beardsley, recalls the important part it's played in the lives of so many soldiers in Iran and Afghanistan and why it's now often heard at military funerals.

Irish playwright, Sam Millar describes why he based a very personal play around the song and Snuffy Walden, music director of the hit American TV show, *The West Wing*, talks about how the series writer, Aaron Sorkin insisted on it being used in its entirety during a crucial episode.

Professor Alan Moore of Surrey University explains how it's Knopfler's brilliant use of harmony that gives the song the sense of yearning that has made it into one of the most enduring pop songs of the last century.

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

FRI 10:30 Cooking Up A Royal Treat (b0076mrt)

What was it like to serve in the 1930s?

Adrian Bell takes nonagenarian Flo Wadlow back to Blickling Hall in Norfolk. From 2004.

An evocation of country-house life in the 1930s from the perspective of the kitchen.

Social scientist Adrian Bell takes Flo Wadlow, now 92, back to the kitchens of Blickling Hall in Norfolk.

As she recreates the chicken dish she served for Queen Mary's visit in 1936, Flo's vivid below-stairs recollections of the politicians and other eminent people she cooked for provide a unique window on this tumultuous era.

Producer: Marya Burgess

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

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FRI 14:00 Whispers (b007k2zg)

Series 1

Episode 3

"There never was an individual less regretted by his fellow creatures than this deceased King."

Gyles Brandreth reveals who - in the panel show that celebrates gossip rather than discretion - believing valour to be a redundant concept in the face of a good story.

Regular team captains Anthony Holden and Stella Duffy are joined by:

Jennie Bond

Geoffrey Durham.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

FRI 14:30 More Mr Mulliner by PG Wodehouse (m002c0c8)

The Ordeal Of Osbert Mulliner

As Mr Mulliner tells it, Osbert Mulliner's troubles began - as so often happens - when he fell in love.

Storyteller Mr Mulliner enlists the 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 in four parts by Roger Davenport.

Mr Mulliner Richard Griffiths

Miss Postlethwaite/Mabel Matilda Ziegler

A Dry Sherry /Osbert Mulliner Peter Darney

A Pint of Stout/Major-General/Ernest David Timson

A Port/Parker/Harold/ Peter Aker

Light Ale/Police Sergeant/Pavel Martin Hyder

Bashford-Bradcock Stephen Critchlow

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

FRI 15:00 The Northern Irish Man in CS Lewis (b007jw8w)

A fascinating journey into the childhood of one of the world's favourite writers.

Geoffrey Palmer stars as CS Lewis, guiding us through his early life illustrating how his Northern Irish boyhood in County Down inspired his magical stories of Narnia.

Written by Brian Sibley.

Young CS Lewis Dario Angelone

Penny Hannah Gordon

Warnie Jack Logue

Lizzie Doreen Keogh

Father Stuart Graham

Mother Laura Hughes

Grandfather James Ellis

Doctor John Hewitt

With Sarah Gordon, Coirle Magee and Patrick Gleadhill as the children.

Director: Gemma McMullan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Call Jonathan Pie (m002c0cb)

Series 2

7. Japanese Whisky

Jules and Pie find themselves trapped together with just a bottle of whisky for company. What can go wrong?

Call Jonathan Pie is written and performed by Tom Walker

With additional material from Nick Revell and Daniel Abelson

Jules Lucy Pearman

Sam Aqib Khan

Roger Nick Revell.

Agent Daniel Abelson

Alice Emily Houghton

The callers: Ed Kear, Laura Shavin and Daniel Abelson.

Original music by Jason Read.

Voiceover Bob Sinfield

Newsreader Rob Curling

Producers: Alison Vernon-Smith and Julian Mayers

A Yada-Yada Audio production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 22:30 Jeremy Hardy Feels It (b09hs4k9)

Series 1

Jeremy Hardy Feels... Happy

Jeremy Hardy's series that not only seconds that emotion, but explains it too. In this first show, Jeremy is feeling... happy.

In 2017, Radio 4's most passionate polemicist returned to the airwaves with a new format which proved both personal and profound, and promised to present other sides of Jeremy we

hadn't heard before. There was even the prospect that he may sing. (He won't sing.)

Before his death [1st Feb 2019] Jeremy appeared regularly on The News Quiz and I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue in addition to writing ten series of Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, and winning numerous awards and almost certainly the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

The show's producer is Jeremy's long-standing accomplice, David Tyler, whose radio credits include Cabin Pressure, Thanks A Lot, Milton Jones!, Marcus Brigstocke's The Brig Society and Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive.

Written by Jeremy Hardy

Produced by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.

FRI 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0076f8q)

Series 3

Alternative Therapies

Gurus, spirit guides and a sweat lodge ritual - Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine take the plunge into new age therapies.

Starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Felix Dexter

Lewis MacLeod

Jim North

Written by the cast with Danny Robins, Dan Tetsell and Richie Devlin.

Script edited by Graeme Garden.

Music by Richie Webb.

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

FRI 23:30 Cowards (b007h55q)

Series 1

Episode 5

Unusual pets and shock elections in the bizarre world of the comedy sketch show team.

Written and performed by:

Tom Basden

Stefan Golaszewski

Tim Key

Lloyd Wool

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2007.