

**SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025****SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b0076md4)**

Series 4

Bach's Concerto in D minor for Two Violins

So little is known about the life of JS Bach, yet his music opens up a world of imagination.

His Concerto in D minor is often described as being like a conversation between two lovers.

David Gregory of the City of Birmingham Symphony

Orchestra, rock guitarist Steve Hackett, and Terry Waite CBE, are among those moved by the music of the two violins as they imitate, interrupt and overlap each other in one of Bach's most sublime creations.

Taking part:

Mr and Mrs David Gregory

Terry Waite

Simon Heighes

Fionnagh McKenzie

Steve Hackett

Lara St John

Gillian Teadley

Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.

Producer: Kate McAll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

**SAT 00:30 Ghost Music (b010dp0s)**

In 1939 the BBC recorded the sound of two trumpets discovered in Tutankhamun's tomb.

It was a nail-biting session; one of them had previously shattered, but the British soldier, James Tappern, who played them allowed the haunting music that had been silent for 3000 years to be heard once more.

For three months this year the recording had added poignancy, as one of the trumpets was among the many artefacts stolen from the Cairo Museum during the recent revolution, though it's now been recovered.

Archaeologist Christine Finn, who travelled to Egypt upon news of the uprising and chronicled the looting of archaeological sites, tells the story of the trumpet with the help of Egyptologist, Margaret Maitland.

Christine hears an account of the 1939 recording from Peter Tappern, son of the original bandsman, himself a professional trumpeter. And from archive of Rex Keating, who recorded the event for the BBC in Cairo.

Christine also considers how archaeology has revealed other 'ghost music'. Richard Dumbrell talks about his reconstruction of the Silver Lyre of Ur, discovered by Leonard Woolley in modern-day Iraq around the same time that Howard Carter was excavating Tutankhamun's tomb.

She hears from Domenico Vicinanza of the Lost Sounds Orchestra, an international group which re-creates the sound of ancient instruments using technology and synthesis. One of its first projects was the ancient Greek harp often seen on classical vases, the epigonion; this time the instrument is not a faithful re-creation, but a new model reflecting its 21st century incarnation.

And Christine reflects on the role of these musical, archaeological discoveries in modern composition.

Producer: Marya Burgess

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

**SAT 01:00 Dick Francis (b011qm8r)**

Whip Hand

5. The Finish

Sid Halley believes he knows the truth behind the doping and phoney racing syndicates, but dare he reveal it?

Conclusion of Dick Francis's thriller set in the world of horse-racing.

Starring Mick Ford.

Dramatised by Alan England.

Sid Halley ..... Mick Ford

Chico Barnes ..... Kim Durham

Rosemary Caspar ..... Patricia Gallimore

Charles ..... Simon Carter

Trevor Deansgate ..... Terry Molloy

Rammileese ..... Andy Hockley

Ullaston ..... Geoff Serle

Jenny ..... Petra Markham

Mark Rammileese ..... Philip Molloy

George Casper ..... Alan Devereux

Producer: Philip Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

**SAT 01:30 Smile Please by John Graham (m002h06j)**

A seaside resort chemist is leading a somewhat humdrum life.

Until one day, a street photographer comes in to have films developed, which results in even stranger developments...

A play for radio written by John Graham.

Mr Bannister .... John Graham

Miss Cradle .... Kathleen Helme

Felix Carver .... Charles Simon

Director: Audrey Cameron

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1960.

**SAT 02:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b01jz)**

The Case of the Clockwork Fiend

Baker Street's Great Detective Sherlock Holmes investigates mystery deaths from some new fangled inventions.

Roy Hudd stars as the famous spoofed sleuth in Tony Hare's detective sitcom.

Dr Watson ..... Chris Emmett

Inspector Lestrade ..... Jeffrey Holland

Mrs Hudson ..... June Whitfield

Musical accompaniment: Ian Smith.

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1999.

**SAT 02:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007jvz6)**

Pearls Mean Tears

When Bertie Wooster's Aunt Agatha sparks uproar - can his valet Jeeves save the day?

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster ..... Richard Briers

Aunt Agatha ..... Joan Sanderson

Aileen Hemingway ..... Pat Coombs

Sidney Hemingway ..... Brian Oulton

Chamber Maid ..... Miriam Margolyes

Hotel Manager ..... Brian Haines.

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973.

**SAT 03:00 Skeletons in the Cupboard (m000rcb6)**

Series 2

See Me Afterwards

Guilt drives sisters Maureen and Lesley to return from an idyllic life in rural France to dispose of the body left in the cellar of their mother's empty house.

But David's body has gone and there is no trace of it ever having been there.

Has David been found by the police?

Written by Sue Limb and Betsy Vriend.

Maureen ..... Alison Steadman

Lesley ..... Morwenna Banks

Pierre ..... Nigel Planer

Producer: Jamie Rix

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2021.

**SAT 03:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000m5zb)**

5. The Bracelet

Costanza gives Giovanna a bracelet.

A teenage girl uncovers family secrets and lies in 1990s Naples. Elena Ferrante's novel abridged by Sara Davies

As Giovanna moves from childhood into adolescence, she becomes fascinated with her father's sister Vittoria, from whom he is estranged.

She goes down from the affluent heights of Naples where she has grown up in a wealthy left-wing family, into the depths of the rough neighbourhoods of her father's youth.

As she begins to excavate her family history, everything of which she was certain unravels.

Read by Juliet Aubrey

Producers: Mary Ward-Lowery &amp; Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.

**SAT 03:45 Voices from Vindolanda by Catherine Czerkawska (m002h06l)**

5. Coventina

Roman Northern Frontier 110AD. A near-fatal accident involving her daughter is the catalyst for a confrontation between Lepidina and Coventina.

Series about everyday life in a Roman fort on the Northern Frontier.

Written by Catherine Czerkawska.

Inspired by the wooden writing tablets recently found at the site of Vindolanda in Northumberland.

Coventina .... Heledd Baskerville

Lepidina .... Shuna Snow

Julius .... Luke Griffin

Original music by Sian Burns.

Director: Lawrence Jackson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.

**SAT 04:00 Whispers (b00c3nw7)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Joining team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip:

\* Valerie Grove

\* Geoffrey Durham

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

**SAT 04:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b0080q77)**

Series 2

Episode 6

Lucy's offer to help a first-time celebrity author write a book finds her stuck in a remote Cornish cottage with an ex-Page 3 model and a neurotic mother.

This leaves Daniel to have an unusual boys' night out...

Starring David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling.

David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something non-parents.

Daniel .... David Tennant

Lucy .... Liz Carling

Katie .... Samantha Spiro

Andy .... Tony Gardner

Suzie .... Paula Wilcox

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

**SAT 05:00 Rosamond Lehmann (b007669m)**

The Weather in the Streets

Olivia - whose rite of passage into adulthood was just revealed in 4 Extra's 'Invitation to the Waltz' - is now living a faintly bohemian life in London in the early 1930s.

When she meets up again with Rollo, the handsome and unhappily married son of Lord and Lady Spencer, she falls prey once more to his charm and confidence.

They embark on a passionate and secret affair ...

Concluding Rosamond Lehmann's classic account of the joy and anguish of an illicit love affair.

Dramatised by Hattie Naylor.

Olivia ..... Eve Best

Rollo ..... Jonathan Firth

Lady Spencer .... Diana Quick

Kate .... Jenny Coverack

Anna ... Dee Sadler

Simon ... Ben Tinniswood

Mrs Curtis .... Jacqueline Tong

Marigold .... Rachel Lewis

With:

Paul Dodgson

Joshua Boyden

Olivia Crook

Director: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2002.

**SAT 06:00 Operation Lightning Pegasus (b007k3cx)**

What really happened at the Fall of Troy?

Was the episode of the Wooden Horse as heroic as Homer would have it?

Or was his Iliad a cover-up, a PR job, for what was in fact a military fiasco.

Sequel to this play is "Odysseus on an Iceberg"

Stars Timothy West and Norma Ronald.

A comedy written by Alick Rowe

Agamemnon ..... Timothy West

Helen of Troy ..... Norma Ronald

Diomedes ..... Geoffrey Bateman

Paris ..... Tim Bentinck

Odysseus ..... Hugh Dickson

Menelaus ..... Sion Probert

Hector ..... Neil Stacy

Achilles ..... Henry Stamper

Andromache ..... Joy Harrison

Melops ..... Christian Rodska

Philicus ..... Ronald Herdman

Patroclus ..... Nicholas Courtney

Priam ..... Andrew Hilton

Cassandra: ..... Rosalind Adams

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1981.

**SAT 07:30 My Word! (m002h73z)**

From 30/03/1993

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Sandy Finlayson, Jill Grundy, Irene Barrett and Ann Coghill as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

A battle of bookish knowledge, wit and wordplay.

Chairman Michael O'Donnell

Panellists Antonia Fraser, Dilys Powell, Frank Muir and Denis Norden

Questions set by Peter Moore

Format by Edward J Mason and Tony Shryane

Producer Neil Cargill

Last broadcast on BBC Radio 4 as part of a run of selected episodes in 1993

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

**SAT 08:00 The Flying Doctor (m002h741)**

The Comeback

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Hilary Jarrett, Grace Jones, Ann Galloway and Stephen Murdoch as part of BBC

Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

An insight into the work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia.

Stars James McKechnie and Bill Kerr.

Written by Rex Rienits.

Dr Chris Rogers .... James McKechnie

Tommy O'Donnell .... Bill Kerr

Mary West .... Rosemary Miller

Sally MacAndrew .... Bettina Dickson

Ulrich Stanislaus .... Paul Martin

Oiaf Stanislaus .... Gerik Schjelderup

Sergeant Fianner .... Ken Wayne

Tom Gosper .... David Nettheim

Joe Gregson .... Robert Reardon

Mrs Gregson .... Lesley Jackson

Producer: Vernon Harris

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1960.

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**SAT 08:30 Reds Up, Sheffield Down (m002h744)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Jill Wilson, Peter Milner and Jude Warrender as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Richard's joy at his team's promotion is tempered by real life

events on the other side of the world.

One of the 'Richard Matthewman' stories written by Ian McMillan and Martyn Wiley.

A South Yorkshire teacher recalls the highs and lows of a lifetime spent in the same mining village.

Read by Fine Time Fontayne.

Producer: Dave Sheasby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1994.

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#### **SAT 08:45 Touching the Elephant (m002h746)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Graeme Fraser as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Meet a woman who loves animals, a sex-mad computer whizz, a piano-tuner and an imaginative child.

Each person is blind.

Never having encountered an elephant, they talk about what kind of a beast it might be.

When they are given the opportunity to touch one at London Zoo, each person has a very different reaction.

Presented by Kim Normanton.

Producer: Matt Thompson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1997.

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#### **SAT 09:15 Gorham and Swift (m002h748)**

Crime

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Martin Stiles as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Colonel Mustard may be in the ballroom with the lead piping, but it's best not to ask about that kind of thing.

Carl Gorham and Amanda Swift explore the world of crime.

Written by and starring Carl Gorham and Amanda Swift

With:

Morwenna Banks

Paul Shearer

Additional material by Michael Hatt, Morwenna Banks, Paul Shearer, Richard Turner and Phil Nice.

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1990.

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#### **SAT 09:45 When the Wind Blows by Raymond Briggs (m002h74b)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Sam Fittsimons as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

If you survived the Blitz - an atomic bomb can't be all that different... can it?

In the event of the nuclear holocaust, Jim and Hilda Bloggs have taken all the advised precautions.

When the three-minute warning is given, Jim has the opportunity to test his inner-core refuge.

But what will they be confronted with when they emerge?

Raymond Briggs based his radio play on his 1982 graphic novel of the same name. A follow-up to 'Gentleman Jim'.

Jim .... Peter Sallis

Hilda .... Brenda Bruce

Gordon Clough appears as himself

Announcer .... Brian Perkins

Director: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1983.

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#### **SAT 11:00 Operation Lightning Pegasus (b007k3cx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

#### **SAT 12:30 My Word! (m002h73z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

#### **SAT 13:00 The Flying Doctor (m002h741)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

#### **SAT 13:30 Reds Up, Sheffield Down (m002h744)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

#### **SAT 13:45 Touching the Elephant (m002h746)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

#### **SAT 14:15 Gorham and Swift (m002h748)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:15 today]

#### **SAT 14:45 When the Wind Blows by Raymond Briggs (m002h74b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

#### **SAT 16:00 The Gingerbread House by Ken Whitmore (m002h74d)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Matt Cruse as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Cynthia has returned from abroad to discover her old friend Mary has died. Her widower Richard invites Cynthia in to explain – and so slowly begins a complicated romance which ends in marriage.

She believes that his young children should face the real world of missiles, starvation and terrorists, and is determined to drive them out of Winnie-the-Pooh's 'Four-acre Wood'. But they have other ideas....

Starring Nigel Anthony and Bonnie Hurren.

Ken Whitmore's suspenseful re-telling of the Hansel and Gretel folktale.

Richard .... Nigel Anthony

Cynthia .... Bonnie Hurren

Harry .... Judy Bennett

Kate .... Bernadette Windsor

Director: Alfred Bradley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1986.

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#### **SAT 17:00 Operation Lightning Pegasus (b007k3cx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

#### **SAT 18:30 My Word! (m002h73z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

#### **SAT 19:00 The Flying Doctor (m002h741)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

#### **SAT 19:30 Reds Up, Sheffield Down (m002h744)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

#### **SAT 19:45 Touching the Elephant (m002h746)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

#### **SAT 20:15 Gorham and Swift (m002h748)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:15 today]

#### **SAT 20:45 When the Wind Blows by Raymond Briggs (m002h74b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

#### **SAT 22:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b012f5qv)**

Revolution

The French Revolution was one of the most far-reaching social and political upheavals in modern history.

It spanned 10 years, involving the execution of the King, collapse of monarchy and slaughter of thousands at the guillotine.

Comedy trio The Penny Dreadfuls attempt to tell the epic story of the Revolution in one hour, with jokes.

Starring Richard E Grant and Sally Hawkins.

Maximilien Robespierre was the dictatorial architect of the

Reign of Terror, who sent thousands to their death. Marie-Therese was the 16 year old daughter of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI.

Marie-Therese was incarcerated for three years by the revolutionaries. When she was locked up her father, mother,

aunt and little brother were also with her.

After her father was executed, the rest of the family were moved to another part of the tower and Marie-Therese was kept in solitary confinement.

It's recorded that Robespierre visited Marie-Therese at one point in the tower but there's no historical record of that conversation. This play is that conversation.

Robespierre ..... Richard E Grant

Therese ..... Sally Hawkins

Written by and co-starring Humphrey Ker, David Reed and

Thom Tuck

With Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

#### **SAT 23:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01c1g35)**

Series 2

Adelaide

Ross travels to Adelaide in Australia and discovers it is a city of weirdness.

Men dressed in leotards wander the streets, and the locals all seem to be hiding something sinister...

A series of travelogues from globe-trotting comedian Ross Noble.

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

#### **SAT 23:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01rlngr)**

Series 1

Peter and Anne

Isy Suttie presents some unique tales, recounting a series of love stories affecting people she's known throughout her life, told partly through song.

Sometimes Isy has merely observed other people's love lives; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse. Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from Isy's own, often disastrous, love life.

In this opening episode, Isy and her first ever boyfriend, Darren Jones, conspire to write love notes that bring two shy bell-ringers together, Peter and Anne.

With her multi-character and vocal skills, plus her guitar, Isy creates a hilarious and deeply moving world, sharing with us her lessons in life and love.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

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#### **SUN 06:00 Jump by Ken Whitmore (m002h7dk)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Alan Slater as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

'You must listen to me. Civilisation will be destroyed this year and London will be destroyed on Friday unless everybody jumps in the air at the same time.'

When young Frederick gets a warning - from a very unusual source - he begins a quest to save the world.

Starring Judy Bennett, Kathleen Helme, George A. Cooper and Freddie Jones.

Written by Ken Whitmore.

Frederick .... Judy Bennett

Auntie .... Kathleen Helme

Uncle/Fur Hatted Ruler .... George A. Cooper

The Mole .... Freddie Jones

Prof. Morrisarde .... Geoffrey Banks

Sir Peter/Blue Suited Ruler .... John Franklyn-Robbins

Harold Harridge .... John Blythe

Gumbolt .... David Mahlowe

Music played by Hammond's Sauce Works Band.

Conductor: Geoffrey Whitham

Producer: Alfred Bradley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in April 1975.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email [radio4extra@bbc.co.uk](mailto:radio4extra@bbc.co.uk) \*\*\*\*

#### **SUN 06:45 Personal Pleasures - Walking Through Leaves by Vita Sackville-West (m002h7dm)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Michael Wilks as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Author and garden designer Vita Sackville-West shares with the listeners some of her simple personal pleasures in life.

The Sackville-West family used the expression 'through leaves' as shorthand for 'walking through leaves' to describe these moments. This then morphed into 'through leave-ness' or 'through leavery'.

Among her simple pleasures were a smooth-running drawer and the action of her new French corkscrew.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1950.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email [radio4extra@bbc.co.uk](mailto:radio4extra@bbc.co.uk) \*\*\*\*

#### **SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002h7dp)**

William Sieghart's Poetry Pharmacy

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend. \*\*\*\*

Daljit Nagra presents this specially selected programme from the BBC poetry archive.

William Sieghart welcomes you into his Poetry Pharmacy where he serves up poetic prescriptions to soothe the soul.

He is the founder of the Forward Prize for Poetry and National Poetry Day. For William, poetry has never been the distant, lofty pursuit that it's sometimes portrayed as.

He's always been an advocate of the therapeutic power of poems.

It was this conviction in the power of poetry to transform our lives that led him to become a very different kind of pharmacist.

Following a consultation, William dips into his extensive library and selects a poem that's perfectly suited to advise, console or otherwise illuminate whatever is preoccupying his patient.

This is a process in which poetry leaps off the page and reveals its vital curative properties.

This time William meets:

\* Rebecca who has been experiencing a loss of control in her life due to serious illness

\* Sarah whose 18 year old triplets are about to fly the nest and head off to university

\* Suzanne who is coming to terms with her role as carer within her family.

Producer: Caroline Thornham

A Novel production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the BBC poetry archive that you would like to hear again, please email [radio4extra@bbc.co.uk](mailto:radio4extra@bbc.co.uk) and tell us details of why you'd like to hear it. \*\*\*\*

#### **SUN 07:30 My Music! (m002h7dr)**

From 20/5/1968

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Michael Wilks as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

The popular musical general knowledge quiz chaired by Steve Race.

David Franklin and Denis Norden take on Ian Wallace and Frank Muir.

Devised by Edward J Mason and Tony Shryane.

Mellotron played by Graham Dalley.

Producer: Tony Shryane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1968.

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#### **SUN 08:00 Sound the Horne: The 100th Anniversary of Our Ken (b00774nb)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Peter Kemp as part of

BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

When Kenneth Horne passed away aged 61 he was described as 'the last of the truly great radio comics'. In a broadcasting career which spanned nearly thirty years he had starred in three of the most popular radio series of all time.

In this special programme Jimmy Carr pays tribute to the legacy of laughter left by Horne and reveals how for much of his life, when not entertaining millions of people, Horne was also a successful full-time business executive.

The programme includes archive of Kenneth Horne in conversation, along with contributions from author Barry Johnston, actor Bill Pertwee and comedy writer Mollie Millset. Producer: Stephen Garner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archive that you would like to hear again, please email [radio4extra@bbc.co.uk](mailto:radio4extra@bbc.co.uk)

**SUN 08:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002h7dv)**

From 27/5/1995

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Hilary Palmer, Grahame Lacey, Lyn Wicks, Paul Collis, David Panther, Paul Phippin, Steve Rickaby, Julie McBride, Richard Hammerton, Hella Crosby and Sharon Holl as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

The winner of the 1995 Sony Award for Best Comedy Programme and long-serving antidote to panel games starts its 25th series from the Theatre Royal, Brighton.

Humphrey Lyttelton is in the Chair

With inventive puns and singing from:

Barry Cryer

Graeme Garden

Willie Rushton

Tim Brooke-Taylor

The team play Builder's Jargon and Doctor's Songbook and sing Yesterday and I Feel Pretty in the style of Chas and Dave.

Colin Sell is at the piano

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

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**SUN 09:00 Sea Wyf and Biscuit by JM Scott (m002h7dx)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Peta Hatton as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Four survivors of a shipwreck are thrown together in a fight for survival on the Indian Ocean.

An extraordinary true-life tale of passion, romance and danger. Starring Gillian Kearney and Jamie Glover.

Written by Shaun McKenna, based on the 1955 novel by JM Scott.

Sea Wyf .... Gillian Kearney

Biscuit .... Jamie Glover

Bulldog .... Philip Voss

Number 4 .... David Yip

Scott .... John Rowe

Young Scott .... Peter Damey

Original music composed by Martin Medina.

Director: Rachel Horan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

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**SUN 09:45 The All-American Spectacular (m002h7dz)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Ann Higgins, Simon Church and Tony Reason as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

The challenges of flying and wearing colourful shirts.

Writer, broadcaster and mimic par excellence Johnny Morris arrives in Hawaii to watch the dancing in Honolulu.

An episode from a series where Johnny goes island-hopping across the Pacific Ocean.

Written and presented by Johnny Morris.

Producer: Brian Patten

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1971

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**SUN 10:15 The Adventures of PC 49 (m002h7f1)**

The Case of the Black Diamonds

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by John Blake, Martin Stiles, Jo Tansley and Peter Westacott part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Travelling by train, can Police Constable 49 foil an elaborate diamond heist which is a very much a family affair?

Starring Brian Reece and Joy Shelton.

Series about the cases in the police career of Archibald Berkeley-Willoughby which ran between 1947 and 1953.

It's a more light-hearted precursor to future BBC police-based series like 'Dixon of Dock Green'.

Written by Alan Stranks.

PC 49 .... Brian Reece

Joan Carr .... Joy Shelton

Chief Inspector Wilson .... Leslie Perrins

Detective-Sgt Wright .... Eric Phillips

Janet .... Mary MacKenzie

Angus .... John Laurie

Tom Black .... Gordon Jackson

Jerry .... John Blythe

Tansy Jackson .... Antony Kearey

Ticket checker .... Frederick Buckland

Station-master .... Rohert Vernon

Producer: Vernon Harris

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1950.

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**SUN 10:45 Lake Wobegon Days by Garrison Keillor (m002h7f3)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Jill Wilson, Adele Pitts and Andrew Hoggan as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

"In Lake Wobegon....I knew that summer was an experiment that didn't work. It always looked good in May as things warmed up...."

A loving re-creation of small-town America with all its idiosyncrasies.

From the book written by Garrison Keillor, first published in 1985.

Episode read by Garrison Keillor.

Producer: Maurice Leitch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

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**SUN 11:00 Jump by Ken Whitmore (m002h7dk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 11:45 Personal Pleasures - Walking Through Leaves by Vita Sackville-West (m002h7dm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m002h7dp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**SUN 12:30 My Music! (m002h7dr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 13:00 Sound the Horne: The 100th Anniversary of Our Ken (b00774nb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 13:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002h7dv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**SUN 14:00 Sea Wyf and Biscuit by JM Scott (m002h7dx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SUN 14:45 The All-American Spectacular (m002h7dz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**SUN 15:15 The Adventures of PC 49 (m002h7f1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

**SUN 15:45 Lake Wobegon Days by Garrison Keillor (m002h7f3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 16:00 Martyr of the Hives (b09jgdgs)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Christopher Westlake as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Curious about the apparently mystical qualities of bees, Henry goes in search of the mysterious founder of a bee-cult. But he's unaware of the true horror lying at the root of the mystery of the man's disappearance....

Peter Redgrove's chilling drama.

Henry ..... Richard Morant

Beekeeper ..... Martin Friend

Hanger ..... John Franklyn-Robbins

Librarian ..... Rex Holdsworth

Julia ..... Hildegard Neil

Jennie ..... Catherine Owen

James ..... Leonard Fenton

Paul ..... John Justin

With the Boys From Clifton College, Bristol

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1980.

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**SUN 22:00 My Teenage Diary (b0b92wy4)**

Series 8

Gyles Brandreth

Gyles Brandreth recalls boarding school days at Bedales in the 1960s, and talks about his love of theatre and of wearing socks and sandals.

The author and broadcaster shares tales of his teenage past with

Rufus Hound.

Producer: Harriet JAINE

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018.

**SUN 22:30 Henry Normal's Encyclopaedia Poetica (m0001cb1)**

Volume 4

Henry Normal opens the fourth and final volume of his

Encyclopaedia Poetica, taking us all the way to Zzz-Zzz.

His poems cover BBC Radio 4, Points of View, a mime

burglary, obnoxious individuals called Clive, and the Miss

Scotland beauty pageant.

From Edinburgh's Pleasance Theatre.

With poets:

Liz Lochhead

Pete Ramskill.

Producer: Diane Messias

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

**SUN 23:00 Women Talking About Cars (m000118h)**

Series 3

4. Una Stubbs

Actress, dancer and national treasure Una Stubbs talks to

Victoria Coren Mitchell about her remarkable career from

Summer Holiday to Sherlock.

With memories of childhood and motherhood, movies and

needlework, Una discusses the vehicles she's driven along the

way and why these days she has chosen to live car-free.

Readings by Sarah Hadland.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

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

December 2018.

**SUN 23:30 Cowards (b00fm5s8)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Meet a cheery bailiff - and an office induction with a twist...

More from inside the strange and happy world of the Cowards.

Sketch comedy with a comic slant on human frailties

Written by and starring:

Tom Basden

Stefan Golaszewski

Tim Key

Lloyd Woolf

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

## MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2025

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cq1d6)**

The Redhill Sisterhood

Autumn, 1897: Victorian undercover agent Loveday Brooke investigates a group of nuns who appear to have forsaken their

vows - and taken to burglary.

From the Golden Age of the crime short story, 'The Lady Detectives' is a series of four female sleuths to rival the great

Sherlock himself.

Catherine Louisa Pirkis' mystery stars Gaiyanne Potter.

Dramatised by Roger Danes.

Miss Loveday Brooke .... Gaiyanne Potter

Insp Gunning .... Paul Young

Sgt Blaine .... Nell McKinven

Murray .... Simon Tait

Sister Monica .... Noreen Leighton

Sister Anna .... Lucy Paterson

Dyer .... Ralph Riach

White .... John Paul Hurley

Davie .... Frederick Forge

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

**MON 06:45 Whodunnits (b00v2y85)**

The Power of Life And Death

1. The Resurrection of Imelda Sharp

A number of distinguished members of government committees

are found dead in suspicious circumstances.

So it falls to Detective Chief Inspector Kate Duncan of Scotland Yard's Sensitive Cases Squad to discover what the connecting factor is.  
Starring Haydn Gwynne.  
Mark Lawson's deftly plotted five-part murder-mystery.  
This series gets to grips with a major concern at the heart of our cash-strapped NHS: the post code lottery and exactly who is to be considered deserving of the most expensive life-saving drugs on the market?  
Kate Duncan ..... Haydn Gwynne  
Lorenzo ..... Lloyd Thomas  
Briggs ..... Chris McHallem  
Hermione Sharp ..... Abigail McKern  
Dame Imelda Sharp ..... Honor Blackman  
Sue Wells ..... Abigail McGibbon  
Dr Tom Cready ..... Nick Dunning  
Dee Mortimer ..... Stella McCusker  
Jeremy Vine ..... Himself  
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.  
**MON 07:00 In the Red (b007k07w)**  
Episode 4  
Reporter George Cragge grabs headlines, as the plot to overthrow the BBC Director General grows darker.  
London is plagued by a series of bizarre murders of bank managers. Hot on the trail of the killer are old-style Chief Police Inspector Frank Jefferson and BBC Radio's anarchic crime correspondent, George Cragge.  
Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.  
Mark Tavener's blackly humorous murder mystery set in the world of City finance, the BBC and political parties.  
Dramatised by his novel by Mark Tavener and Peter Baynham.  
George Cragge ..... Michael Williams  
Frank Jefferson ..... Barry Foster  
Geoffrey Crichton-Potter ..... Stephen Moore  
Henry ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
Max ..... Peter Woodthorpe  
Controller Radio 2 ..... Stephen Fry  
Controller Radio 4 ..... John Bird  
Dominic De'ath ..... Benjamin Whitrow  
Hercules Fortescue ..... Nicholas Le Prevost  
Andrew James ..... Peter Serafinowicz  
Laetitia ..... Victoria Carling  
Caroline ..... Susie Brann  
Other parts played by Jonathan Keeble, Don Macorkindale, Annabel Mullion and Alice Arnold.  
Music by Paul Mottram  
Producer: Paul Schlesinger  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.  
**MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jrv9)**  
Series 1  
Museum Piece  
The determination of Captain Mainwaring and his Home Guard platoon to fight to the last man is marred only by one small detail - a total lack of weapons.  
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walington-on-Sea.  
Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.  
Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe  
Sergeant Wilson .... John Le Mesurier  
Corporal Jones .... Clive Dunn  
Private Frazer .... John Laurie  
Private Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley  
Private Walker .... James Beck  
Private Pike .... Ian Lavender  
George Jones .... Eric Woodburn  
Announcer ..... John Snagge  
Producer: John Dyas  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.  
**MON 08:00 Alexei Sayle's The Absence of Normal (m0002z8d)**  
Series 1  
Banner Bright  
A group of left wing radicals meet during the occupation of a Lancashire university in 1968 and come to believe they can change the world with an inspirational protest banner.  
Alexei Sayle narrates his series of dark comic plays adapted from his original short stories.  
Starring:  
Ben Crompton  
George Fouracres  
Kath Hughes  
Tim Key  
Nimisha Odedra  
Producer: Joe Nunnery  
A BBC Studios production or BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.  
**MON 08:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mbkd)**  
6. Father's New Home  
Giovanna visits her father in his new home.  
A teenage girl uncovers family secrets and lies in 1990s Naples.  
Elena Ferrante's novel abridged by Sara Davies  
As Giovanna moves from childhood into adolescence, she becomes fascinated with her father's sister Vittoria, from whom he is estranged.  
She goes down from the affluent heights of Naples where she has grown up in a wealthy left-wing family, into the depths of

the rough neighbourhoods of her father's youth.  
As she begins to excavate her family history, everything of which she was certain unravels.  
Read by Juliet Aubrey  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.  
**MON 08:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00gqpr3)**  
1. Defiance  
An 88-year old widow defies her children to embark on an independent life after her husband dies.  
Vita Sackville-West's novel, first published in 1931.  
Dramatised in five parts by Jonathan Holloway.  
Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman  
Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen  
Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas  
Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash  
Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer  
Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson  
Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis  
Genoux ..... Sonia Eiliman  
Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter  
Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey  
Directed by Sara Davies.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.  
**MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002gzv9)**  
Series 83  
6. Dinner Table or Bedroom  
The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to the Bristol Beacon. On the panel are Adrian Edmondson, Rachel Parris, Miles Jupp and Henning Wehn, with Jack Dee in the umpire's chair. Regular listeners will know to expect inspired nonsense, pointless revelry and Colin Sell at the piano.  
Producer: Jon Naismith  
A Random production for BBC Radio 4  
**MON 09:30 The Diaries of Brett Westwood (b04xnczz)**  
1. Farmland  
When Brett Westwood began a wildlife diary aged 15, little did he think that he'd still be writing notes, nearly 40 years later about the same local patch in North Worcestershire.  
In this series Brett returns, diaries in hand, to five different habitats in his local patch and compares notes from the past with the landscape and wildlife of today.  
There are genuine shocks and revelations.  
Brett visits an area of arable and pasture land where corn buntings sang their crackly songs, grey partridges creaked in spring dusks and the pee-wit cries of lapwing were regular sounds.  
But intensive farming in this area has had a huge effect on how the land is managed, resulting in the loss of hedges, use of pesticides, loss of winter stubble. All these changes have impacted on the insects, shelter and nesting sites for wildlife.  
Wildlife Sound Recorderist: Chris Watson  
Producer: Sarah Blunt  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.  
**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002h7mm)**  
Augustine's influence across the centuries  
Worship and music with Rev Scott Rennie, Minister of St Giles' Cathedral in the Festival city of Edinburgh.  
Reading: Ephesians 3: 8-12.  
Producers: Mo McCullough and Robert Guthrie.  
**MON 10:00 Charles Parker Prize (m002h7mp)**  
2025  
Sara Parker introduces the nominees and winners of the Charles Parker Prize 2025 set up in memory of her father. The prize, now in its 20th year, celebrates the very best of a new generation of young audio feature-makers. Pioneering BBC radio producer Charles Parker worked alongside folk music icons Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger, to create the ground-breaking series of 'Radio Ballads' during the late 1950s and 60s . The Ballads brought the voices and stories of ordinary people and communities to the airwaves, changing the sound of audio storytelling at the time by interweaving MacColl and Seeger's music narrative through interview and actuality.  
The prizes are awarded to five innovative students who celebrate and challenge ways of creative audio storytelling. This year's entries also included features from community run media courses including London's 'Transmission Roundhouse' and 'In the Dark' in addition to university and college courses.  
Presenter Sara Parker, herself an award-winning radio producer, hears from the ten finalists as they share their experiences of creating their nominated audio features and includes a chance to hear extracts from the prize-winning features of: Shadé Joseph, Kieran Callaghan, Sarah Warren, Jenny Davies and Sofia Fylypiv, as well as the five other nominees; Bobbi Bunker, Caitlin Kennedy, Chloe Turpin, Emma Ratalal-Brooks and Matthew Hallsworth.  
If anyone who has been affected by some of the content within this programme, details of help and support is available at [bbc.co.uk/actionline](http://bbc.co.uk/actionline).  
And you can hear the five winning features, in full, including the Gold winner of the Charles Parker Prize 2025, all this week on BBC Radio 4 and BBC Sounds.  
Producer: Talia Augustidis (Gold Winner of the Charles Parker Prize 2022)  
A Soundscape production for BBC Radio 4 Extra.  
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**MON 14:00 Booked (b08l6zhj)**  
Series 5  
Episode 1  
Literary consequences, Stop the Plot and plenty more!  
Barnsley poet Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game.  
Outrageous parody, biting wit and bizarre couplings from:  
Dillie Keane  
Roger McGough  
David Stafford  
Arthur Smith  
Producer: Marc Jobst  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.  
**MON 14:30 The Party Line (b00stc2j)**  
Series 1  
Episode 4  
Labour MP Duncan Stonebridge dreads a visit from his critical Tory father.  
A topical sitcom originally recorded just prior to transmission, focused on the life of Duncan Stonebridge, frustrated backbench Labour MP for Rothershurst.  
Since falling off the stage during a live edition of Question Time, he fears his career is going nowhere. He's a man trapped in limbo, struggling to deal on a local level with the edicts handed down from Westminster.  
Written by Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.  
Duncan Stonebridge .... James Fleet  
Arthur .... Simon Greenall  
With:  
Geoffrey McGivern  
Rachel Atkins,  
Jennie Cox  
Dominic Coleman  
Sue Elliott-Nichols  
Producer: Adam Bromley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2005.  
**MON 15:00 Pather Panchali: Song of the Road by Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay (b01qsrpf)**  
1. Rural Life  
A classic story of poverty and sibling love set in a remote Bengali village at the beginning of the 20th century.  
The life of a poor Brahmin family is seen through the eyes of young Opu and his older sister Durga. With their father, Horihor, often away from home in search of work, tension mounts as their mother, Shorbojoya, struggles on her own.  
Written by Bibhuti Bhushan Banerji  
Dramatised in two parts by Tanika Gupta from a translation by TW Clark & Tarapada Mukerji  
Adult Opu.....Sagar Arya  
Indir ..... Meera Syal  
Durga.....Rhea Somaiya  
Shorbojoya.....Aysha Dharker  
Horihor.....Shiv Grewal  
Shejbou/Dashi.....Pooja Ghai  
Palit.....Ace Bhatti  
Chid Opu .....Adnan Chowdhury  
Tunu .....Nuha Fabiha Sultana  
Baby Opu.....Ava Taylor  
It is a beautiful and atmospheric novel that inspired an iconic film by Satyajit Ray in 1955. The heart of the novel and this dramatisation is the love between brother and sister. It charts family life through a collection of daily events that cumulatively create a vivid and unforgettable world.  
Director: Nadia Molinari  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b0076zsq)**

Edinburgh Special

28 performers have just 60 seconds in which to entertain the audience in this traditional variety show,

Featuring established stand-ups, and some newer talent

John Humphrys presides at the side of the stage with a stopwatch, ready to cut the microphone when the time is up.

And hey - if there's an act you don't like, well, there's another one along in 55 seconds or so...

David O'Doherty

Alan Parker

Jimeoin

Laurence Howarth and Gus Brown

Tim Minchin

Kevin McAleer

Andrew Lawrence

Colin and Fergus

Peter Buckley Hill

Fred MacAulay

Rhys Darby

Maria Bamford

Three Mo Tenors

Henry Kellner

Brendon Burns

God's Pottery

Paul Provenza

Bad Play

Luke Roberts

Watson and Oliver

Nick Doody

Jason Wood

Tim Key

Robin Ince

Jason Byrne

The Kransky sisters

Adam Hills

Barry Cryer and Ronnie Golden

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

**MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002hmq1)**

Eleanor Conway 1/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats to comedian Eleanor Conway.

**MON 23:00 Too Long; Didn't Read (m002h0b3)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Columns. Analysis. The Guardian's Long Read. Who has time?

Catherine Bohart, that's who, and she's going beyond the headlines to give you the lowdown on one of the biggest stories this week, with the help of Hugo Rifkind, and our regular roving correspondent Sunil Patel.

Written by Catherine Bohart, with Madeleine Brettingham, Tom Neenan and Pravanya Pillay.

Producer: Alison Vernon Smith

Executive Producers: Lyndsay Fenner & Victoria Lloyd

Sound Design: David Thomas

Production Co-ordinator: Katie Sayer

A Mighty Bunny production for BBC Radio 4

**MON 23:30 Cliche (m000xrmp)**

From 6/4/1981

From theatre hooligans to Tip Top toupees.

Sketches galore from Red Dwarf creators, Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.

Starring:

Carole Hayman

Nick Maloney

Simon Molloy

Brian Southwood

Music by Peter Lingwood.

Producer: Ron McDonnell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1981.

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**(b00gqpr3)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cq611)**

Mr Bovey's Unexpected Will

Miss Florence Cusack, one of Victorian London's most clever and determined private consulting detectives, investigates a case where a man's fate depends on his weight in gold.

From the Golden Age of the crime short story, 'The Lady Detectives' is a series of four female sleuths to rival the great Sherlock himself.

LT Meade and Robert Eustace's mystery stars Elizabeth Conboy as Miss Cusack.

Dramatised by Roger Danes.

Miss Cusack .... Elizabeth Conboy

Lonsdale .... Crawford Logan

Insp Schilling .... Paul Young

Letty .... Lucy Paterson

Higgins .... Simon Tait

Graham .... John Paul Hurley

Wimburne .... Simon Donaldson

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

**TUE 06:45 Whodunnits (b00v4ldy)**

The Power of Life And Death

2. A Pill For Everything

When a number of distinguished members of government committees are found dead in suspicious circumstances, it falls to DCI Kate Duncan to discover what the connecting factor is. A series of anonymous letters suggested that Dame Imelda Sharpe might have been murdered. An exhumation of the body revealed the presence of a prescription drug not mentioned in her medical records.

Mark Lawson's deftly plotted murder-mystery gets to grips with a major concern at the heart of our cash-strapped NHS: the post code lottery and exactly who is to be considered deserving of the most expensive life saving drugs on the market.

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Lorenzo .... Lloyd Thomas

Briggs .... Chris McHallem

Hermione Sharp .... Abigail McKern

Dame Imelda Sharp .... Honor Blackman

Sue Wells .... Abigail McGibbon

Dr Tom Cready .... Nick Dunning

Dee Mortimer .... Stella McCusker

Jeremy Vine .... Himself

Written by Mark Lawson

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

**TUE 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00st5b)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Mrs Roberts has been head of the Parish Council for 10 years. A toll tax has just been introduced, while the local vicar keeps interfering in politics.

The continuing everyday story of a country folk.

80s political satirical soap opera set in the strangely familiar village of Little Blighty.

Life here is pretty uneventful, though the humdrum happenings include social turmoil, economic upheaval and vicious political squabbles.

It's all presided over by the redoubtable head of the Parish Council and secretary of the Rotarians, Mrs Hilda Roberts.

Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman.

Starring:

Jo Kendall

Michael Troughton

John Baddeley

Bernadine Corrigan

Daniel Strauss

Jonathan Kydd

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1989.

**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b00db512)**

Series 8

African Incident

Neddie Seagoon is dispatched to destroy a bridge built by British prisoners of war.

Ground breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.

With:

Peter Sellers

Spike Milligan

Harry Secombe

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December

1957.

**TUE 08:00 To Hull and Back (b06mg9fp)**

Series 1

My Casa Is Your Casa

A call from Auntie Pamela who lives abroad gets Sophie fired up about the life she could be living - a life of hot tubs and wood-fired lobster.

Her mother tries to compete with her sister, Pamela, but ends up filling the back yard with bubbles and sleeping downstairs on a lilo...

Sophie still lives at home with her mum in Hull. They make a living doing car boot sales at the weekend.

Except they don't really make a living because her mum can't bear to get rid of any of their junk. Plus, they don't have a car.

As their house gets more cluttered, Sophie feels more trapped.

Starring Lucy Beaumont and Maureen Lipman.

Sitcom written by Lucy Beaumont.

Sophie ..... Lucy Beaumont

Sheila ..... Maureen Lipman

Jean ..... Kerrie Marsh

Ernie ..... Norman Lovett

Anika ..... Jemma Walker

Seedy Ian ..... Ewan Bailey

Susanna ..... Debra Baker

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Radio Comedy Production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in November 2015.

**TUE 08:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mcyn)**

7. Boys

A teenage girl uncovers family secrets and lies in 1990s Naples, in a novel by Elena Ferrante, author of the Neapolitan quartet of novels (My Brilliant Friend, The Story of a New Name, Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay, and The Story of the Lost Child).

Giovanna fends off Corrado and Rosario.

As Giovanna moves from childhood into adolescence, she becomes fascinated with her father's sister Vittoria, from whom he is estranged. She goes down from the affluent heights of Naples where she has grown up in a wealthy left-wing family, into the depths of the rough neighbourhoods of her father's youth. As she begins to excavate her family history, everything of which she was certain unravels.

Read by Juliet Aubrey

Abridged by Sara Davies

Produced by Mary Ward-Lowery and Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.

**TUE 08:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h438m)**

2. New Friends

Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.

Lady Slane rejects her children's plans for her old age and begins to make a new life and two eccentric new friends in Hampstead.

Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman

Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen

Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas

Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash

Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer

Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson

Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis

Genoux ..... Sonia Elliman

Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter

Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey

Directed by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

**TUE 09:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m002gzzt)**

Series 3

Stephen Mangan

Paul Merton interviews a variety of guests from the world of comedy and entertainment to find out what they would send to Room 101 as well as the one item they cannot live without. Stephen Mangan attempts to banish loud motorbikes, makes a strong case for squirrels going in, and possibly in a first for the show, attempts to also put a whole season into Room 101.

Additional material John Irwin and Suki Webster

Produced by Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4

**TUE 09:30 The Diaries of Brett Westwood (b04xp4wg)**

2. Valley

When Brett Westwood began a wildlife diary at the age of 15, little did he think that he'd still be writing notes, nearly 40 years later about the same local patch in North Worcestershire. In this series Brett returns, diaries in hand, to different areas of his local patch and compares notes from the past with the landscape and wildlife of today. There are genuine shocks and revelations. Since Brett started visiting his local patch, the landscape in the valley has changed more radically than any other area - not as a result of management, but of nature taking its course. The valley is a sandstone dip between two horse pastures and its steep sides have deterred any cropping or grazing. As a teenager, this is where Brett soaked in the scents of basil and thyme which carpeted the banks. Young hawthorn saplings attracted whinchats and tree pipits. Turtle doves nested here in summer. Instead, fieldfares and redwings roost in the thorns in winter and in summer chiffchaffs and blackcaps are commoner than ever.

Wildlife sound recordist: Chris Watson

Producer: Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002h7nn)**

Augustine - Faith is to believe what you do not yet see  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Augustine - Faith is to believe what you do not yet see

Presenter: Paul Kerensa

Reading: John 20: 24-29

Music:

What a friend we have in Jesus

Emma Mould

BBC Recording

What kind of love is this?

Bryn Haworth

CD: Wings of the morning (Chapel Lane)

Here is love

Emma Mould

BBC Recording

**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m0006mrb)**

Dom Joly and Kate Hamer

Dom Joly, Kate Hamer and Harriett Gilbert choose books by

Rob Long, Barbara Comyns and Philip Kerr.

Conversations with My Agent by Rob Long

Publisher: Bloomsbury

The Vet's Daughter by Barbara Comyns

Publisher: Virago

March Violets by Philip Kerr

Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

**TUE 10:30 The Funeral Singer (b092gb3p)**

Reverend Kate Bottley investigates the increasing demand for professional funeral singers in Britain.

Live music has long accompanied the religious and secular farewells to our dear departed but, in the past, was more likely to be a reserved for a select few - Kings, Queens and Archbishops with a cathedral choir singing a requiem mass to send them on their way.

In the 19th Century, some ordinary people decided that what was good enough for the gentry was good enough for them and a diluted version of this practice spread to churches, with a choir singing a favourite hymn or two.

In more recent times, sophisticated sound equipment has meant that any song - usually performed by the artist that wrote it or made it famous - could be played at a church service or crematorium funeral. Favourites include My Way, Wind Beneath My Wings and Always Look On the Bright Side of Life.

But today, a simple CD is not enough for an increasing number of mourners. One a live singer will do to mark the passing of their loved ones. Funeral singer websites and booking agencies - often a spin off from wedding singer providers - are proliferating.

Kate Bottley talks to agencies catering for this growth in demand, the singers, bereaved family members, funeral directors, clergy, academics and others - to discover why it seems that, increasingly, only live music is good enough to say a memorable farewell to people who cannot hear the performance, and what this says about death in Britain today.

Producer: James Murray

A Butterfly Wings production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2017.

**TUE 11:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cq611)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 11:45 Whodunnits (b00v4ldy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**TUE 12:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00sts5b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b00db512)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 To Hull and Back (b06mg9fp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mcyn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h438m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)**

Episode 1

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.

On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Sir Jeremy Hanley

Helen Atkinson Wood

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

**TUE 14:30 Barbara Nice (m000ntdh)**

Series 1

The Trial

Barbara ends up in court when she gets active protesting about some public toilets being closed down. She also implicates Mary in her plans.

And she's stirring things up at home trying to persuade Ken to spice things up on the bedroom front.

Janice Connolly from 'Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights' stars in this warm-hearted sitcom about married couple, Barbara and Ken.

Written by Janice Connolly and Steve Turner.

Barbara Nice ..... Janice Connolly

Ken Nice ..... John Henshaw

Mary ..... Angela Curran

Magistrate ..... Brigit Forsyth

Policeman ..... Inel Tomlinson

Prosecutor ..... Toby Hadoke

Clerk ..... Phil Ellis

Usher ..... Zoe Iqbal

Producer: Rebecca Papworth

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast in March 2017.

**TUE 15:00 Pather Panchali: Song of the Road by Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay (b01r0b17)**

2. Beyond the Village

Pather Panchali: Song of the Road by Bibhuti Bhushan Banerji dramatised by Tanika Gupta from a translation by T.W. Clark & Tarapada Mukerji

A classic story of poverty and sibling love set in a remote Bengali village at the beginning of the twentieth century. The life of a poor Brahmin family is seen through the eyes of young Opu and his older sister Durga. Opu has his first experiences of life outside the village and Durga now a young woman of fourteen begins to look forward to marriage and adult life but with the monsoon rains comes tragedy.

Directed by Nadia Molinari

It is the vivid and moving story of life in a rural village on the brink of change, seen through the eyes of two children. The novel deals with the relationship between destruction and creation, and is an uplifting tale of growth and love. It is a beautiful and atmospheric novel that inspired an iconic film by Satyajit Ray in 1955.

The heart of the novel and this dramatisation is the love between brother and sister. It charts family life through a collection of daily events that cumulatively create a vivid and unforgettable world. In Tanika Gupta's dramatisation Opu, now a grown man narrates the story, looking back on his childhood and to the people he has loved, in particular his older sister Durga.

Tanika Gupta is an award-winning writer who has written extensively for radio, theatre, film and television. She was recently awarded an MBE; named Asian Woman of Achievement (Arts and Culture) and nominated for an Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement. Her production of A Doll's House for Radio 3 recently won the best adaptation BBC Audio Drama Award.

**TUE 16:00 A Good Read (m0006mrb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:30 The Funeral Singer (b092gb3p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cq611)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 17:45 Whodunnits (b00v4ldy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**TUE 18:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00sts5b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (b00db512)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 19:00 To Hull and Back (b06mg9fp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mcyn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 19:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h438m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 20:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Barbara Nice (m000ntdh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Pather Panchali: Song of the Road by Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay (b01r0b17)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m002gzzt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 Buy Me Up TV (b009p9f3)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Every shopping channel you've ever seen and every product you've never wanted to buy.

Special guests: Brian Blessed, Aled Jones and Sir Terry Wogan.

Starring:

Justin Edwards

Colin Hoults

Katherine Jakeways

Ewen Macintosh

Alex MacQueen

Greg Proops

Written by Justin Edwards and James Eldred.

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 2008.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002hnpz)**

Eleanor Conway 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats again to comedian Eleanor Conway.

**TUE 23:00 Hannah Gadsby: Arts Clown (b055gcdq)**

3. Michelangelo's David

Aussie comedian and art historian Hannah Gadsby continues

her comedy lectures about four masterpieces of art.

This time she takes a look at Michelangelo's 'David', the 17ft statue he created between 1501 and 1504.

Born in Tasmania, Hannah got to know a lot about art from books. But it was only in her 20s when she visited Europe for the first time, that she saw the art she'd studied 'in the flesh', so to speak.

There in Florence she fell in love with David so she shares her affection for and knowledge of him, with all his imperfections. Hannah is joined on stage by her very own 'Quotebot' who is inputted with every quote that's ever been written about art. Written and performed by Hannah Gadsby.

With her Quotebot aka John Lloyd.

Script Editor: Jon Hunter

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

**TUE 23:15 Kieran Hodgson's Earworms (b0910mk6)**

Series 1

Glazunov

Can self-described 'music educator and inspiration' Ralph Lewis (the man behind 'Swim with Sibelius' and 'Debussy Decodes Dementia') persuade self-confessed 'enemy of culture' Paul, that Glazunov's worth a listen?

Critically-acclaimed comedian Kieran Hodgson - as Ralph Lewis - presents comedy intros to the great composers. Written by and starring Kieran Hodgson.

With:

Colin Hoults

Tessa Coates.

Producer: Sam Ward

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

**TUE 23:30 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b09jgklb)**

Series 2

Baking

Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows. Unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, her wife says she's going to be unbearable.

Susan decided her best bet was to try to immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquility.

So now she's learning how to bake with Great British Bake Off star Selasi Gbormittah.

In this audience stand up show, Susan reveals how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts.

Written by Susan Calman and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

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

**WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2025****WED 00:00 A Good Read (m0006mrb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 The Funeral Singer (b092gb3p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cq611)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:45 Whodunnits (b00v4ldy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00sts5b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 The Goon Show (b00db512)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 To Hull and Back (b06mg9fp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mcyn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h438m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Guess What? (b00757gr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 Barbara Nice (m000ntdh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Pather Panchali: Song of the Road by Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay (b01r0b17)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cqf3n)**

The Golden Slipper

It's 1910. The vivacious Miss Violet Strange shines in the best New York society. But, unknown to her friends, she's also a professional agency detective. Here she investigates 'The Inseparables', four rich young women suspected of a series of thefts.

From the Golden Age of the crime short story, 'The Lady Detectives' is a series of four female sleuths to rival the great Sherlock himself.

Anna Green's mystery stars Teresa Gallagher as Violet Strange. Dramatised by Roger Daines.

Miss Strange .... Teresa Gallagher

Alicia .... Lesley Hart

Anna .... Abigail Docherty

Caroline .... Vicki Liddelle

Theresa Gayanne Potter  
Cameron .... Angus MacInnes  
Driscoll .... Crawford Logan  
Arthur .... Simon Donaldson  
Mrs Pratt .... Eileen McCallum  
Peter .... Simon Tait  
Young Violet .... Margot Clair  
Young Arthur .... Frederick Forge  
Producer: Patrick Rayner  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.  
**WED 06:45 Whodunnits (b00v3xx7)**  
The Power of Life And Death  
3. The Red Triangle  
When a number of distinguished members of government committees are found dead in suspicious circumstances, it falls to DCI Kate Duncan to discover what the connecting factor is. An autopsy has revealed that Dame Imelda Sharp may have been killed by an experimental drug which she had not been prescribed. Now toxic levels of another unprescribed drug have been found in the body of a second patient of the same GP, Dr Tom Cready. DI Kate Duncan of Scotland Yard's Sensitive Cases Squad is investigating.  
Mark Lawson's deftly plotted murder-mystery gets to grips with a major concern at the heart of our cash-strapped NHS: the post code lottery and exactly who is to be considered deserving of the most expensive life saving drugs on the market.  
Kate Duncan ..... Haydn Gwynne  
Lorenzo ..... Lloyd Thomas  
Briggs ..... Chris McHallen  
Hermione Sharp ..... Abigail McKern  
Dame Imelda Sharp ..... Honor Blackman  
Sue Wells ..... Abigail McGibbon  
Dr Tom Cready ..... Nick Dunning  
Dee Mortimer ..... Stella McCusker  
Jeremy Vine ..... Himself  
Written by Mark Lawson  
Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.  
**WED 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b00dh89p)**  
Series 3  
Leading A Merry Dance  
Rosie's no expert on Russian folk music but when she's asked to promote The Gulbekistan Dance Ensemble, she's sure she'll be equal to the challenge...  
Prunella Scales stars in Simon Brett's sitcom.  
The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton  
Rosie ..... Prunella Scales  
Jo ..... Rebecca Callard  
Bob ..... Duncan Preston  
Tess ..... Annette Badland  
Robert ..... Simon Trinder  
Leonid ..... Chris Emmett  
Ludmilla ..... Lorelei King  
Producer: Maria Esposito  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.  
**WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsqv)**  
Series 5  
Around the World in 80 Days  
The Lad Himself accepts a bet when challenged to copy Phileas Fogg's trip - but in far less time.  
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 composed and conducted by Wally Stott.  
Producer: Tom Ronald  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1958.  
**WED 08:00 Lemn Sissay's Homecoming (b05tl3jt)**  
2. London  
We all leave. We all migrate from childhood to adulthood, from village to town to city, from single to married.  
We all hate and love where we are from. We are all immigrants of time.  
There are problems with home and a need to leave. There is a love of home and a need to leave.  
Goodbye is who we are.  
Lemn Sissay explores what "home" means through stand-up, poetry and conversation. It's surely not just a physical location - it's the people, the memories, the feeling. It's not home if you don't belong there, it's just where you live.  
The second of two shows recorded in front of an audience in Lemn's adopted home of London.  
But he is still perhaps more closely associated with Manchester. He arrived there aged 18 with a birth certificate, a fist full of poems and a mouth. It was about to become Madchester.  
He grew into the talented adopted son of a wonderful, dysfunctional family and thrived. His poems have become landmarks throughout the city. He's tattooed its body. And then he left. He just left.  
Talking to Lemn about his journey are Mancunian broadcaster Terry Christian, and artistic director of the Southbank Centre, Jude Kelly  
Written and performed by Lemn Sissay,

Producer: Ed Morrish  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.  
**WED 08:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mb1n)**  
8. Jealousy  
A teenage girl uncovers family secrets and lies in 1990s Naples, in a novel by Elena Ferrante, author of the Neapolitan quartet of novels (My Brilliant Friend, The Story of a New Name, Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay, and The Story of the Lost Child).  
Angela is jealous of Giovanna.  
As Giovanna moves from childhood into adolescence, she becomes fascinated with her father's sister Vittoria, from whom he is estranged. She goes down from the affluent heights of Naples where she has grown up in a wealthy left-wing family, into the depths of the rough neighbourhoods of her father's youth. As she begins to excavate her family history, everything of which she was certain unravels.  
Read by Juliet Aubrey  
Abridged by Sara Davies  
Produced by Mary Ward-Lowery and Mair Bosworth  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.  
**WED 08:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h44b0)**  
3. Powerful Memories  
Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.  
Lady Slane's retirement in Hampstead is interrupted when she is visited by a figure from her past, whose memories force her to take stock of her own life.  
Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman  
Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen  
Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas  
Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash  
Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer  
Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson  
Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis  
Genoux ..... Sonia Elliman  
Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter  
Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey  
Directed by Sara Davies.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.  
**WED 09:00 Oliver Callan Bins the Border (m002h045)**  
Part 2: Belfast  
Oliver Callan hosts a panel show in which comedians from both sides of the Irish border and Britain imagine what a united Ireland would look like if it ever happened. In part 2, we are in Belfast where Oliver is joined by Ed Byrne, Ria Lina, Martin Angolo and Emer Maguire to debate a new national anthem, parades and the difficulties posed in combining national sports teams.  
Producer: Marc McElroy  
A BBC Northern Ireland Production for Radio 4.  
**WED 09:30 The Diaries of Brett Westwood (b04xrj95)**  
3. Sewage  
When Brett Westwood began a wildlife diary at the age of 15, little did he think that he'd still be writing notes, nearly 40 years later about the same local patch in North Worcestershire. In this series Brett returns, diaries in hand, to different areas of his local patch and compares notes from the past with the landscape and wildlife of today. There are genuine shocks and revelations. When Brett was a teenager, sewage was pumped out from a farm at Whittington onto an area of about a square mile where cattle were grazed. In icy winters the fields did not freeze owing to the warmth provided by the sewage and the life breeding in it. Unusual for the West Midlands in winter, a regular flock of up to 200 curlews were joined by a pink-footed goose, pintails, wigeon, and in winter 1976 two spotted redshanks. The old methods of spreading sewage stopped in the 1980s and the curlew flocks have gone but Brett still visits the area, and in recent years has been rewarded with sightings of barn owls and buzzards.  
Wildlife sound recordist: Chris Watson  
Producer: Sarah Blunt  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.  
**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002h7hm)**  
Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: Augustine - Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
Presenter: Olivia Amarte  
Reading: John 14: 15-21  
Music:  
Refiner's Fire - Brian Doerken  
Breathe on me Breath of God - St Martin's Voices  
Holy Spirit Living Breath Of God - Keith & Kristyn Getty  
**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b00w0bk1)**  
Sport in Film  
Colin Shindler is both a film writer and passionate sports fan, and he's convinced that it's possible to marry the two obsessions on the big screen. However the archive is littered with gallant - and some not so gallant - failures amidst the few dazzling chariots of fire.  
Colin, who has several sport-related books to his name, looks at some of the reasons sport gets tripped-up by the requirements of film. He talks to performers, producers and directors who have been involved with making compelling dramas, without losing sight of the need to produce an engaging story with engaging characters.  
Lord Putnam, Hugh Hudson, Michael Sheen, Rachel Portman

and the former England cricketer Mike Selvey offer up advice and help Colin make sense of the archived lessons about sport in film.  
Producer: Tom Alban  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.  
**WED 11:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cqf3n)**  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**WED 14:00 You Heard It Here First (m00112f0)**  
Series 1  
Episode 4  
Chris McCausland asks a panel of comedians to live in an audio only world, deciphering brainteaser sound cues for points and pride whilst trying not to muck about too much along the way. In this episode, contestants try to figure out what on earth is being advertised on the TV, guess what famous objects or locations children are trying to describe, and even work out what names of popular Radio 4 shows Chris is yelling underwater.  
The competing comedians are Phil Wang and Nina Wadia, taking on Kerry Godliman and Stuart Mitchell.  
Theme music 'Colour me Groovy' by The Rich Morton Sound  
Recorded at the Backyard Comedy Club, Bethnal Green  
Executive Producer: Pete Strauss  
Sound editor: Jerry Peel  
Producer: Sasha Bobak  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2023.  
**WED 14:30 The Circle (m001bs01)**  
Keeping It In The Family  
How can the Abbaes take part in the babysitting circle, when Tariq works all hours as a doctor?  
Starring John McArdle and Sherrie Hewson.  
Six-part sitcom by Elizabeth Baines.  
Set on an estate – described as an 'exclusive village development' – in Whittleshulme, Cheshire. It's squarely aimed at yuppies, the nouveau-riche and high-fliers.  
With no teenagers to babysit allowing locals to pursue busy careers and social lives, the neighbours set up their own circle...  
Jenny Bryant .... Sherrie Hewson  
Geoff Bryant .... John McArdle  
Trish Abbas .... Jane Hazelgrove  
Tariq Abbas .... Lyndam Gregory  
Doug Lewis .... Shaun Parkes  
Shaneela .... Rina Mahoney  
Sammy .... Anthony Hickling  
Crsyat .... Holly Grainger  
Tim (Teenager) .... Ciaran Griffiths  
Director: Andy Jordan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.  
**WED 15:00 The House in Paris by Elizabeth Bowen (b0889b1l)**  
1. 1934  
From her deathbed, the sinister Madame Fisher weaves the lives of young Henrietta and Leopold as she manipulated others before them.  
But who is Karen, the mother who gave Leopold away? Will Madame Fisher reveal her secrets of love, scandal and death? Elizabeth Bowen's classic novel dramatised in three-parts by Margaret Steward.  
Mme Fisher .... Sara Kestelman  
Karen .... Sunny Ormonde  
Naomi Fisher .... Susan Bovell  
Max .... John Dutline  
Aunt Violet .... Ann Windsor  
Uncle Bill .... David King  
Henrietta .... Fiona Christie  
Leopold .... Joshua Goodman  
Music by Anthea Gomez.  
Producer: Sue Wilson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**WED 22:00 Oliver Callan Bins the Border (m002h045)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b01m0k9m)**  
Edinburgh Special

As attention focuses on the Edinburgh Festival, Mark Steel immerses himself in one of Edinburgh's lesser-known districts. He's uncovering the stories and characters that make up Leith in Edinburgh.

Taking tales from the history, highways, and Hibs legends - not to mention the port workers, pub fights, and poetry - that make up this unique corner of Scotland's capital, Mark's got a half hour of stand-up comedy about Leith, in front of an audience of born and bred Leithers.

Special one-off episode of Mark's award-winning stand-up comedy show from the BBC's Potterow venue for the Edinburgh Festival.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

**WED 23:00 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m0012sx2)**

Series 2

David Blunkett

Joining Sandi Toksvig in her cosy log cabin today is former Home Secretary and Sheffield MP David Blunkett.

Over a glass of burgundy they explore the concept of Hygge and chat about guide dogs behaving badly, the Peak District, tolerance of different opinions, mishaps in braille and the guilty pleasure of an open fire.

Starring Sandi Toksvig

With her guest David Blunkett

Additional material by Rajiv Karia and Tasha Dhanraj

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2021.

**WED 23:15 Armando Iannucci - Facts And Fancies (b007jrmj)**

Monster-Eyed Bugs

From diseases to identity cards

Producer, writer and performer Armando Iannucci concludes his own collection of humorous essays

Compiled by Jenny Baynes

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

**WED 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b00vcqm7)**

Series 1

The Hoodie

Can the Hoodie be reclaimed?

Richard Herring tackles the prejudice and fear inspired by that singular item of clothing, and has a novel way of making them 'uncool'....but just what ARE his plans for Lady Gaga?

With:

Emma Kennedy

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

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**THU 06:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cq12n)**

The Law and the Lady

From the author of 'The Woman in White' and 'The Moonstone', the sensational, Gothic tale of Valeria Woodville's quest to clear her husband of murdering his first wife.

From the Golden Age of the crime short story, 'The Lady Detectives' is a series of four female sleuths to rival the great

Sherlock himself.

Wilkie Collins' mystery stars Abigail Docherty as Valeria Woodville.

Dramatised by Roger Danes.

Valeria Woodville .... Abigail Docherty

Eustace .... Richard Conlon

Mrs Macallan .... Eileen McCallum

Rev Starkweather .... Ralph Riach

Dexter .... Steven McNicoll

Helena .... Gayanne Potter

Sara .... Laura Smales

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

**THU 06:45 Whodunnits (b00v1nh8)**

The Power of Life And Death

4. Nice Distinctions

When a number of distinguished members of government committees are found dead in suspicious circumstances, it falls to DCI Kate Duncan to discover what the connecting factor is. Two elderly female patients of Dr Tom Cready - a GP - have been found to have died from experimental drugs which they had not been prescribed. The doctor was a critic of the NHS's prescription policy and it has emerged that the two dead women served on drug-licensing committees. DCI Kate Duncan is urgently returning to interview Dr Cready.

Mark Lawson's deftly plotted murder-mystery gets to grips with a major concern at the heart of our cash-strapped NHS: the post code lottery and exactly who is to be considered deserving of the most expensive life saving drugs on the market.

Kate Duncan ..... Haydn Gwynne

Lorenzo ..... Lloyd Thomas

Briggs ..... Chris McHallem

Hermione Sharp ..... Abigail McKern

Dame Imelda Sharp ..... Honor Blackman

Sue Wells ..... Abigail McGibbon

Dr Tom Cready ..... Nick Dunning

Dee Mortimer ..... Stella McCusker

Jeremy Vine ..... Himself

Written by Mark Lawson

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

**THU 07:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzhn)**

Episode 2

After a contretemps with a haddock, the shy solicitor's clerk gains a guide and makes a move.

Richard Griffiths stars as Edgar Finchley.

Written by Victor Canning.

Lawrence Hume ..... Piers Gibbon

Marie Peters ..... Serena Evans

Robert Gillespie ..... James Cohen

Madame Mignard ..... Jacqueline Tong

Waiter ..... Keith Anderson

Narrated by James Villiers.

Adapted for radio by Andy and Eric Merriman.

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.

**THU 07:30 I'm Ken, He's Bill (m002hbge)**

Forbidden Fruit

Mrs Platt has vegetables in abundance, but only one rare exhibit for the special category in the local municipal show.

'I'm Ken, He's Bill' follows the exploits of flatmates Ken and

Bill, played by Peter Cleall and Derek Seaton.

Their neighbours upstairs are flatmates Angela and Caroline played by Suzanne Kerchiss and Clare Sutcliffe.

And they all live under the watchful gaze of their landlady, Mrs Platt, played by Patricia Hayes.

Two series ran on BBC Radio 2 between 1972 and 1975.

Written by John Davis and Richard Mathews.

Ken .... Peter Cleall

Bill .... Derek Seaton

Angela .... Suzanne Kerchiss

Caroline .... Clare Sutcliffe

Mrs Platt .... Patricia Hayes

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1975.

**THU 08:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00yqsJ3)**

Series 3

Girls and Boys

With Rudy about to tie the knot, it's party time - Adam style.

Adam has created a wedding spreadsheet, and it's down to

Richie to intervene to ensure that both the Stag Do, and

Doreen's hen night, go off with a Rudy Sharpe Sizzle.

Father and son comedy set in the finest old-school record shop in Birmingham.

Stars Lenny Henry and Larrington Walker.

Written by Danny Robins and Paula Hines

Adam ..... Lenny Henry

Rudy ..... Larrington Walker

Richie ..... Joe Jacobs

Tasha ..... Natasha Godfrey

Clifton ..... Jeffery Kissoon

Doreen ..... Claire Benedict

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

**THU 08:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mch2)**

9. Friendship

A teenage girl uncovers family secrets and lies in 1990s Naples, in a new novel by Elena Ferrante, author of the Neapolitan

quartet of novels (My Brilliant Friend, The Story of a New Name, Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay, and The Story of the Lost Child).

Giovanna gets closer to Guiliana to be near Roberto.

As Giovanna moves from childhood into adolescence, she becomes fascinated with her father's sister Vittoria, from whom he is estranged. She goes down from the affluent heights of Naples where she has grown up in a wealthy left-wing family, into the depths of the rough neighbourhoods of her father's youth. As she begins to excavate her family history, everything of which she was certain unravels.

Read by Juliet Aubrey

Abridged by Sara Davies

Produced by Mary Ward-Lowery and Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.

**THU 08:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h44sj)**

4. Sudden Death

Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.

Lady Slane's new-found friendship with Mr FitzGeorge is ended when he dies suddenly, leaving a legacy that comes as a shock to her children.

Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman

Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen

Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas

Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash

Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer

Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson

Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis

Genoux ..... Sonia Elliman

Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter

Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey

Directed by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

**THU 09:00 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (m001xwts)**

Series 6

3. Safari

Key takes the show on safari, with Tom Basden, Katy Wix and guest star Sam Campbell.

A poetry show like no other – over the course of 6 series Key has performed magic, music, cookery and witchcraft; he's delivered a baby, gone underground, up the Shard and into space.

And sometimes he finds time to read poems.

This series our regulars are joined by guest stars Stephen Merchant, Lolly Adefope, Mike Wozniak, Sam Campbell, Simon Armstrong and Morgana Robinson.

Written and presented by Tim Key

Produced by James Robinson

A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4

An EcoAudio certified production

**THU 09:30 The Diaries of Brett Westwood (b04xrvb7)**

4. Woodland

When Brett Westwood began a wildlife diary at the age of 15, little did he think that he'd still be writing notes, nearly 40 years later about the same local patch in North Worcestershire. The diaries mirror the often undreamt of changes which have taken place across the UK over the last 40 years. In this series Brett returns, diaries in hand, to different areas of his local patch and compares notes from the past with the landscape and wildlife of today. There are genuine shocks and revelations.

Fairy Glen is a small natural woodland in Brett's patch carpeted with bluebells in spring. What was once oak has become a sycamore wood. However, it's now a great place to spot warblers; chaffinches and bramblings feeding on aphids in spring, and during his visit Brett watches a pair of Nuthatches bringing back food for their young to their nest hole in the trunk of a tree. But for Brett, the attraction is the buzzards soaring over the canopy, which have returned and bred in the area since the 1990s. There are ravens too – another bird which Brett would never have dreamed of seeing when he was a teenager on his local patch.

Wildlife sound recordist: Chris Watson

Producer: Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002hbgh)**

Augustine - Whoever sings prays twice

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

Theme: Augustine - Whoever sings prays twice

Presenter: Rachel Mann

Reading: Psalm 96: 1-2, 7-11

**THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00763vw)**

Michelin Brothers

Sir Terence Conran explains to Joan Bakewell why he's nominated the Michelin brothers, inventors of the detachable pneumatic tyre, for Great Lives status.

The Michelin brothers were also responsible for creating the famous red guide which has influenced food lovers for over a hundred years.

Joining Sir Terence Conran and Joan Bakewell is expert witness Dr Andy Martin.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.

**THU 10:30 Tales From The Statue (b0076gmn)**

Sally Pomme Clayton examines the nature, impact and worth of stories and storytelling.

The title of the programme relates to a statue of Hans Christian Andersen in New York's Central Park. Since the '60s, the



monument to one of literature's greatest storytellers has become a Saturday venue for people to tell and to listen to stories.

Producer: Arlene Gregorius

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

**THU 11:00 The Lady Detectives (b00cq12n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:45 Whodunnits (b00v1nh8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**THU 12:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007jzhn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 I'm Ken, He's Bill (m002hbge)**

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**THU 13:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00yqsj3)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h44sj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 14:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008kty5)**

Episode 2

Wrong theme tunes – and the worst companions to join you on a life raft.

Clive Anderson hosts the famed improvisation game.

Regular team captains:

Stephen Fry

John Sessions

With:

Hugh Laurie

Enn Reitel

It ran for 10 series on Channel 4 and found success in America, but the hit TV improvisation game actually started life on BBC radio.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Devised and compiled by Mark Leveson.

Additional material by Martin Booth.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

**THU 14:30 Ballylenon (b0081m2y)**

Series 6

Episode 2

Phonsie's looking forward to the rich profits Guard Gallagher's singing trip to New York will generate for Ballylenon – and himself...

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in 1956. Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Starring TP McKenna as Phonsie Doherty, Margaret D'Arcy as Muriel McConkey, Stella McCusker as Vera McConkey, Aine McCartney as Vivienne Hawthorne, John Hewitt as Guard Gallagher, Gerard McSorley as Stumpy Bonnar and Charlie Bonnar as Packy McGoldrick.

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Directed at BBC Belfast by Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.

**THU 15:00 The House in Paris by Elizabeth Bowen (b08909qf)**

2, 1924

Apart for five years, Karen agrees to an illicit meeting with Max that is set to spark fatal consequences.

Elizabeth Bowen's classic novel dramatised by Margaret Steward.

Mme Fisher ..... Sara Kestelman

Karen ..... Sunny Ormonde

Max ..... John Duttine

Naomi Fisher .... Susan Bovell

Aunt Violet .... Ann Windsor

Uncle Bill ..... David King

Henrietta .... Fiona Christie

Leopold ..... Joshua Goodman

Music by Anthea Gomez.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

**THU 16:00 Great Lives (b00763vw)**

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**THU 22:00 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (m001xwts)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 22:30 Hearing with Hegley (b00b0sgk)**

Series 1

Episode 2

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents another selection of his work.

With contributions from:

Keith Moore

Susan Norton

Andrew Bailey

Nigel Piper

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.

**THU 22:45 Nick Mohammed in Quarters (b00h3612)**

Episode 2

An air traffic controller is interrupted by his other jobs! A rogue estate agent tries to sell a couple a grim home and the weather forecast is delivered - backwards

Fast-paced comedy sketches from award-winning Nick Mohammed and friends

With:

Anna Crilly

Colin Hout

Producer Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002hnq3)**

Eleanor Conway 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats once again to comedian Eleanor Conway.

**THU 23:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m000b8jb)**

Series 2

Legacy

Malawi's most famous comedian Daliso Chaponda returns for a second series.

The UK and Africa have had a long and complicated past. This series looks at the history of this relationship as well as current issues, with Daliso as our relationship guidance counsellor, helping us navigate the rocky historical waters between the two places.

Episode 4 - 'Legacy'

In the final episode in the series Daliso discusses legacies and whether we can or should redefine how we are remembered. Whether it be the legacy of the British Empire or that of an autocratic African leader, Daliso suggests that we should talk about the bad as well as the good, the good as well as the bad. Like burping or breaking wind, it is better out than in.

Writer and performed by Daliso Chaponda

Sebastian... James Quinn

Additional Material... Scott Bennett

Theme music by Lawi

Image by Steve Ullathorne

Production Coordinators... Beverly Tagg & Gwyn Davies

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

**THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b01lv7y2)**

Series 3

Come Stay with Me

The outspoken care worker takes on her toughest job yet since coming to Britain, when her mum comes to stay.

Mrs Olunga is impressed by the UK's charity shops and her first ever butternut squash risotto but embarrasses her daughter with a headline-grabbing attack on elder care in the NHS.

Can Beauty cope with being overshadowed, overworked and overdrawn?

Beauty's adventures continue as the Featherdown Agency sends her to provide care for the elderly.

Her Zimbabwean Shona background has taught her to respect age. She sees Britain both at its best and worst.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Beauty ..... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Mrs. Olunga ..... Cecilia Noble

Sally ..... Felicity Montagu

Karen, Rt Hon. Susie ..... Nicola Sanderson

Doctor Wansborough-Jones ..... Catherine Shepherd

Various ..... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Security, News Anchor ..... Christopher Douglas

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

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**FRI 06:00 Sky High by Guy Meredith (b00wdkfd)**

The clock is ticking away in this cat and mouse game of twists, turns and subterfuge by Guy Meredith.

It is the early hours of a new day and in a tall office block in London there is a woman working. She thinks she is alone but then she hears the lift doors open.

As we listen to the action the clock is ticking away in real time. Emma needs to unravel a mystery code in the computer and she hasn't got much time. Will Mark agree to help her or is he more interested in revenge? He used to work there and would like to settle a score or two. Can Emma trust him and will she find the code in time? The tension mounts as the minutes tick by ...

The Writer

Guy Meredith writes for radio, TV and the stage. He has had over 25 plays broadcast on Radio 3 & 4. Including, "The Surprise Symphony", "La Peste" and "Run, Man, Run". He has written all of the "Daunt and Dervish" that have been broadcast on Radio 4. For TV he has written "Ruth Rendell Mysteries", "Heartbeat" and "The Bill".

CAST:

Emma.....Claire Harry

Mark.....Chris Pavlo

Charlie.....Lloyd Thomas

Directed by Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

**FRI 06:45 Whodunnits (b00v3ky6)**

The Power of Life And Death

5. A Death for a Death

When a number of distinguished members of government committees are found dead in suspicious circumstances, it falls to DCI Kate Duncan to discover what the connecting factor is.

The revelation that two elderly women were killed by experimental drugs that had not been prescribed to them led initial suspicion to fall on their GP, Dr Tom Cready. But - following the suspected murder of a cancer specialist at the local hospital - DCI Kate Duncan now believes that all three victims died because they were involved in decisions to refuse the use of expensive new treatments in the NHS.

Mark Lawson's deftly plotted murder-mystery gets to grips with a major concern at the heart of our cash-strapped NHS: the post code lottery and exactly who is to be considered deserving of the most expensive life saving drugs on the market.

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Dame Imelda Sharp ..... Honor Blackman

Sue Wells ..... Abigail McGibbon

Dr Tom Cready ..... Nick Dunning

Dee Mortimer ..... Stella McCusker

Jeremy Vine ..... Himself

Written by Mark Lawson

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

**FRI 07:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b2gpi)**

The Mystery of the Obese Escapologist

Baker Street's great detective, Sherlock Holmes, probes the murky world of a Victorian music hall.

Roy Hudd spoofs the famous sleuth in Tony Hare's comedy series.

Sherlock Holmes .... Roy Hudd

Dr Watson .... Chrs Emmett

Mrs Hudson .... June Whitfield

Moriarty .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Musical accompaniment: Ian Smith.

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1999.

**FRI 07:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007rg17)**

Honoraria Glossop

When Bingo Little's new love lands Bertie Wooster in bother - who can save the day?

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves .... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster .... Richard Briers

Sir Roderick Glossop .... Andrew Cruickshank

Aunt Agatha .... Joan Sanderson

Bingo Little .... Jonathan Cecil

Lord Rainsby .... James Villiers

Honoraria Glossop .... Miriam Margolyes

Oswald Glossop .... Denise Bryer

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973.

**FRI 08:00 Skeletons in the Cupboard (m000rnkx)**

Series 2

Dial M for Maureen

Lesley and Maureen turn detective. While Lesley follows David to meet his publisher in London, Maureen stays behind to search the house for the incriminating manuscript.

But David takes a detour, misses his train, lets himself in to three strange houses and returns to their house while Maureen is still inside. Now Maureen is trapped and David is building something sinister in the cellar.

Written by Sue Limb and Betsy Vriend.

Maureen ..... Alison Steadman

Lesley ..... Morwenna Banks

Pierre ..... Nigel Planer

Producer: Jamie Rix

A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2021.

**FRI 08:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mcpc)**

10. Beautiful

A teenage girl uncovers family secrets and lies in 1990s Naples, in a new novel by Elena Ferrante, author of the Neapolitan quartet of novels (My Brilliant Friend, The Story of a New Name, Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay, and The Story of the Lost Child).

Giovanna wonders if Roberto was serious about her being beautiful.

As Giovanna moves from childhood into adolescence, she becomes fascinated with her father's sister Vittoria, from whom he is estranged. She goes down from the affluent heights of Naples where she has grown up in a wealthy left-wing family, into the depths of the rough neighbourhoods of her father's youth. As she begins to excavate her family history, everything of which she has certain unravels.

Read by Juliet Aubrey

Abridged by Sara Davies

Produced by Mary Ward-Lowery and Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.

**FRI 08:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h45n1)**

5. Bittersweet Riches

Adaptation of the 1931 novel by Vita Sackville-West.

Lady Slane's decision about what to do with the vast fortune left to her by her friend Mr FitzGeorge outrages her family, but a visit from her great-granddaughter brings hope for the future.

Lady Slane ..... Honor Blackman

Mr FitzGeorge ..... Alec McCowen

Herbert Holland ..... John Nicholas

Carrie ..... Phyllida Nash

Kay Holland ..... Patrick Romer

Mr Bucktrout ..... Paul Nicholson

Mr Gosheron ..... Peter Ellis

Genoux ..... Sonia Elliman

Police Inspector ..... Russell Boulter

Deborah Holland ..... Annabel Scholey

Directed by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

**FRI 09:00 Crybabies Present... (m002h7ng)**

Series 1

Shootout

When villains hijack the biggest event on the planet (the Football Cup Final) the only man who can save the day is catering manager Skips McCoy. Can he save the world from disaster? Will he conquer the demons of his past? Did he bring enough tiny burgers?

Buckle up for an all action blockbuster as Crybabies bring the big screen to your normal sized radio.

Written and performed by Michael Clarke, James Gault & Ed Jones.

Featuring Jim Howick and Chiara Goldsmith

Production Co-ordinator - Laura Shaw

Sound Design by David Thomas and Victoria Freund

Producer - Benjamin Sutton

Executive Producer - Joe Nunnery

A Boffola Pictures production for BBC Radio 4

**FRI 09:30 The Diaries of Brett Westwood (b04xs4b0)**

5. Canal

When Brett Westwood began a wildlife diary at the age of 15, little did he think that he'd still be writing notes, nearly 40 years later about the same local patch in North Worcestershire. From those early days, when birding was done by bicycle, Brett's wildlife diaries have developed into a record which is anything but parochial. They mirror the often undreamt changes which have taken place across the UK over the last 40 years. In this series Brett returns, diaries in hand, to different areas of his local patch and compares notes from the past with the landscape and wildlife of today. There are genuine shocks and revelations. The River Stour has its source in the industrial Black Country and flows through Brett's local patch on its way to the Severn, about 9 miles away. Today, although it is polluted, the river is far clearer than in years gone by, thanks to rigorous controls on pollutants. With their absence, fish have returned and damselflies such as the white-legged damsel which is sensitive to pollution, skim across the surface. Last year Brett heard what he's convinced was the 'plop' of a water vole and saw footprints in the riverside mud for the first time in fifteen years. With mink now well-established, could these water voles survive? Wildlife sound recordist: Chris Watson

Producer: Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002h7nj)**

Augustine - Since love grows within you, beauty grows

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

Theme: Augustine - Since love grows within you, beauty grows

Presenter: Father Frankie Mulgrew

Reading: Romans 13: 8 - 12 [13-14]

Music:

Colours of Day - Sasha Johnson Manning & Holly Marland

For the beauty of the earth - Cambridge Singers

All things bright and beautiful - Daily Service Singers

**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b0076mh5)**

Series 4

Like a Rolling Stone

Bob Dylan's signature tune became the anthem of a generation.

It scattered all preconceptions of what a pop 45rpm single could achieve.

Robbie Robertson, Al Kooper, Greil Marcus and Paula Radice muse on a song that threw down a challenge and changed lives.

Featuring:

Bebe Miller

Paula Radice

CP Lee

Michael Gray

Bill McGarvey

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Lindsay Leonard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

**FRI 10:30 Eagle: The Space Age Weekly (b00wqdx6)**

Sir Tim Rice explores the lasting appeal of British magazine

Eagle and the impact of its flagship character Dan Dare.

Eagle ran in two main incarnations between 1950 and 1994.

Dan Dare, often referred to as "Biggles in space", is regarded in some circles as the greatest British science fiction hero of the 20th century

In this feature we chart the influences behind the comic, and explore the life of its creator Marcus Morris, a fascinating man who began the publication because of his concern over 'horrific' US comics which presented 'disturbing' storylines which he felt 'corrupted British youth'.

The programme reveals how Dan Dare was originally envisaged as a space chaplain before becoming the popular astronaut. It also examines the work of illustrator Frank Hampson who introduced technology years ahead of its time. Hampson knew the Space Age was on its way while serving in the Second World War and seeing the German V1 rockets. He made the Dan Dare strips as realistic as possible by dressing his team in spacesuits and uniforms, basing the look of the fictional characters on his colleagues.

We reveal how the stories had educational value and, along with Dan Dare, we look at other Eagle offerings including Shakespeare's plays and the Greek myths which ran as comic strips.

Featuring contributions from author Philip Pullman, Sally Morris the daughter of Eagle Creator Marcus and Eagle Society member David Britton.

Producer: Stephen Garner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

**FRI 11:00 Sky High by Guy Meredith (b00wdkfd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 11:45 Whodunnits (b00v3ky6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**FRI 12:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b2gpj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007rgl7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Skeletons in the Cupboard (m000rnkx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mcpc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h45n1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 14:00 Whispers (b00c6rnk)**

Series 2

Episode 5

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Joining team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip:

Lynne Truss

Michelle Brown

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

**FRI 14:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b3cvrh)**

Series 3

Pest Control

It's "Pest Control to Milton Jones", as he becomes an expert in clearing vermin.

Mention Milton Jones to most people and the first thing they think is "Help!" Because in each episode, Milton, and his trusty assistant Anton set out to help people and soon find they're embroiled in a new adventure.

Because when you're close to the edge, then Milton can give

you a push.

Written by Milton Jones with James Cary and Dan Evans

With:

Tom Goodman-Hill

Josie Lawrence

Ben Willbond

Music by Guy Jackson.

Director: David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.

**FRI 15:00 The House in Paris by Elizabeth Bowen (b0890hpt)**

3. 1924-1934

Fading fast, is scheming Mme Fisher sowing the seeds for the ultimate destruction of her house in Paris?

The conclusion of Elizabeth Bowen's classic novel dramatised by Margaret Steward.

Mme Fisher .... Sara Kestelman

Karen .... Sunny Ormonde

Naomi Fisher .... Susan Bovell

Max .... John Duttine

Aunt Violet .... Ann Windsor

Uncle Bill .... David King

Henrietta .... Fiona Christie

Leopold .... Joshua Goodman

Music by Anthea Gomez.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

**FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b0076mh5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 Eagle: The Space Age Weekly (b00wqdx6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 Sky High by Guy Meredith (b00wdkfd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 17:45 Whodunnits (b00v3ky6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**FRI 18:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b2gpj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007rgl7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 19:00 Skeletons in the Cupboard (m000rnkx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante (m000mcpc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 All Passion Spent by Vita Sackville-West (b00h45n1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 Whispers (b00c6rnk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b3cvrh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 The House in Paris by Elizabeth Bowen (b0890hpt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Crybabies Present... (m002h7ng)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 22:30 Dial M for Pizza (b007k0th)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Sharp comedy sketches featuring 'Britain's Stupidest Postman' and 'The Man At Parties No-one Wants To Talk To'. Ever since that first primordial fireball exploded in the void countless aeons ago, scattering energy and matter to the furthest reaches of the space-time continuum, people have been doing funny sketches on the radio. And this is no exception.

Written by James Hendrie and Ian Brown.

With Robert Bathurst, Brenda Blethyn, Mike Grady and Jonathan Kydd

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

**FRI 23:00 On the Hour (b007m9zs)**

Series 2

Episode 6

An outside broadcast goes down and a bluebottle rampages across Essex.

All the news as it happens, if it happens from the BBC's urgent and incisive news overview.

Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.

With:

Steve Coogan

David Schneider

Rebecca Front

Patrick Marber

Doon Mackichan

Written by Chris Morris, Armando Iannucci, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, David Quantick, Stewart Lee and Patrick Marber.

Producer: Armando Iannucci

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992

**FRI 23:30 Mitch Benn Specials (b066w57q)**

The Freewheelin' Mitch Benn

Everybody knows that Elvis changed everything. Everybody knows that the Beatles changed everything.

Not as many people realise that Bob Dylan actually DID change everything.

Mitch Benn looks at how Bob changed what it is to be a songwriter, changed what it is to be a rock star and, more than anyone, changed what it is to be a singer.

Written by and starring Mitch Benn  
Comedy series for anyone who's ever bought a record or fallen  
in love with a song.  
Producer: Alexandra Smith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.