

## SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 2025

**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m001y1y)**

Sweet Thing

Sweet Thing by Van Morrison has an atmosphere full of tenderness, wonder and joy.

But underneath this, there a feeling of transience, a melancholy sense of things coming to an end, and of inevitable change.

It was written for his 1968 album Astral Weeks, at a time when the Northern Irish born Van had left his home country and was down-and-out in Boston, USA.

Hear how the track has come to mean so much to so many.

Caroline Mellor from Brighton remembers an intense moment of hearing Sweet Thing whilst staying in the mountains of Andalucía, Spain.

Sammy Douglas, Councillor and current High Sheriff of Belfast, reflects on memories of the Troubles and how the song intertwines with the tale of his first love.

Ryan H. Walsh, Bostonian and author of Astral Weeks: A Secret History of 1968, explains how the seminal album Astral Weeks came about, and John Payne, flautist on Sweet Thing, shares memories of those extraordinary recording sessions with Van Morrison.

And singer-songwriter Alanna Joy from South Africa considers why she opens her live sets with her own rendition of Sweet Thing, and recalls hearing it for the first time through Jeff Buckley's cover.

Technical Producer: Ilse Lademann

Editor: Emma Harding

Produced in Bristol by Eliza Lomas for BBC Audio.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2024.

**SAT 00:30 When Van Played Cyprus Avenue (b06d2g8z)**

"And I'm caught one more time

Up on Cyprus Avenue..."

Van Morrison made a number of references in his songs to the east Belfast neighbourhood in which he grew up - none more directly than in Cyprus Avenue from his 1968 album Astral Weeks.

Romantic images of leaves shaking on a tree, rainbow ribbons in a young girl's hair and a mansion on the hill evoke memories of Cyprus Avenue in the years before Van left Northern Ireland to pursue his career in the USA.

Cyprus Avenue - with its intricate arrangement of flute, harpsichord and strings - was recorded in New York, far from the well-heeled, tree-lined avenue along which the young Van would pass on his way home to the working class area of Hyndford Street. This was in the years before the Troubles.

East Belfast was steadfastly loyalist and protestant. When the arts broadcaster Marie-Louise Muir moved into the area, she was already aware of the iconic quality of street's name - not just from Van Morrison's song, but from the fact that the Reverend Ian Paisley lived on Cyprus Avenue.

Marie-Louise was a Catholic 'blow-in'. So, when Van announced that he'd be celebrating his 70th birthday by playing a gig literally feet from her front door, she was curious to see how the community would respond.

Producer: Alan Hall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2015.

**SAT 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm5p)**

The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes Series 1

The Musgrave Ritual

The Baker Street sleuth recalls an early case involving a noble family's ancient tradition.

From a collection of short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about the immortal Baker Street detective - first published in 1893.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.

Dramatised by Peter Mackie.

Sherlock Holmes .... Clive Merrison

Dr Watson .... Michael Williams

Reginald Musgrave .... Robert Daws

Brunton .... David Bannerman

Rachel .... Eluned Jones

Sgt Harris .... Michael Kilgariff

Violinist: Leonard Friedman

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.

**SAT 01:45 The Poison Belt by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (m002hn0m)**

5. Is It The End?

Professor Challenger and his friends arrive in London.

Has anyone survived or is it really the end?

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle - a sequel to The Lost World - first published in The Strand Magazine in 1913.

Concluded by Peter Pacey.

Abridged by Donald Bancroft.

Producer: Maurice Leitch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1983.

**SAT 02:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b5pg3)**

The Case of the Deranged Botanist

Baker Street's Great Detective Sherlock Holmes is on the case in a monstrous tale of cross-bred plants and humans.

Roy Hudd spoofs the famous sleuth in Tony Hare's detective sitcom.

Sherlock Holmes .... Roy Hudd

Dr Watson .... Chrs Emmett

Mrs Hudson .... June Whitfield

Inspector Lestrade .... Jeffrey Holland

Musical accompaniment: Ian Smith.

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1999.

**SAT 02:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007s5dn)**

The Great Sermon Handicap

Can Bertie Wooster beat the odds of disaster in an unusual betting syndicate?

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

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster ..... Richard Briers

Reverend Heppenstall ..... Maurice Denham

Bingo Little ..... Jonathan Cecil

Eustace ..... David Jason

Claude ..... Jonathan Lynn

Cynthia ..... Carol Marsh

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

**SAT 03:00 Skeletons in the Cupboard (m000rwwc)**

Series 2

Killing David

Sisters Maureen and Lesley return from an idyllic life in rural France to dispose of David's body.

It's been left in the cellar of their mother's empty house - but where is it?

They're convinced David is alive and planning to kill them and steal their house.

The duo arm themselves and attempt to lure him back for a final showdown, but the confrontation is interrupted by the sound of a doorbell.....

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 February 2021.

**SAT 03:30 John Buchan (b00lh5tt)**

Sick Heart River

5. Discovery

Sir Edward Leithen and Johnny pick up Lou and Francis' tracks which head down to the Sick Heart river.

The terrain is cold and icy, leaving Leithen tired.

The tracks show Lou has gone on alone and left his companion behind. Johnny fears for Francis' welfare.

What' could have happened?

John Buchan's last novel set in the Canadian wilderness.

Abridged by Trevor Royle.

Read by Paul Young.

Director: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1990.

**SAT 03:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c0rms)**

5. Proposal

Will Flex Carbury have the bottle to ask Ghassan Mehmoud for his daughter's hand?

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty - updated by Jonathan Myerson.

Ghassan Mehmoud ..... Henry Goodman

Felix 'Flex' Carbury ..... Dexter Fletcher

Anthony Trollope ..... John Rowe

Paul Montague ..... Nyasha Hatendi

Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff ..... David bamber

Georgiana Longstaff ..... Lucy Montgomery

Ruby Ruggles ..... Sheridan Smith

Marie Mehmoud ..... Chipso Chung

Roger Lloyd-Montague ..... Ben Crowe

Hetta Carbury ..... Emily Wachter

Tilly Carbury ..... Annette Badland

Helen Croll ..... Liza Sutherland

Nick Brroune ..... Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by:

Chris Pavlo

Beth Chalmers

Dan Starkey

Joan Walker

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

**SAT 04:00 Whispers (b00cbszf)**

Series 2

Episode 6

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:

Charles Collingwood

Simon Fanshawe

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

**SAT 04:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b50kxk)**

Series 3

Milton's Boot Camp

When a famous baker comes to the gym, Milton decides it's time to show off his nice buns.

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 June 2018.

**SAT 05:00 Mateo Falcone by Prosper Merimee (m002hn0v)**

For Mateo Falcone, a living legend among Corsican bandits, honour is sacred - and dishonour carries a terrible price.

Written by Prosper Merimee and first published in 1829.

Starring Jonathan Adams and Jack Klaff.

Dramatised by Peter Mackie.

Mateo .... Jonathan Adams

Saupiero .... Jack Klaff

Guiseppe .... Natasha Pyne

Fortunato ... Tom Bevan

Gamba .... Andrew Wincott

Sergeant .... Ian Masters

Varicello ... David Antrobus

Maldini .... Tom Knight

Capello .... Joshua Towb

Prisoner .... Andrew Branch

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

**SAT 06:00 The Greengage Summer by Rumer Godden (m002hwbz)**

The Grey children are left to fend for themselves during a long, hot summer in France.

But they soon become caught up in a tense, evocative adult world of duplicity and lies that finally leads to tragedy.

Rumer Godden's coming of age novel, first published in 1958.

Dramatised by Dawn Lowe Watson.

Cecil .... Ellie Beaven

Joss .... Abigail Docherty

Hester .... Ciara Janson

Willmouse .... Luke Newbury

Eliot .... Michael Maloney

Zizi .... Claire Marchionne

Madame Corbet .... Rachel Atkins

Paul .... Theo Fraser Steele

Monsieur Joubert/Uncle William ... Sean Baker

Mother .... Jenny Lee

Dufour .... Brian Parr

Inspector Cailleux .... Christopher Wright

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**SAT 07:30 The Cure for Good Intentions by Sophie Harrison (Omnibus) (m002hwc1)**

This is the story of a life-changing decision.

Aged 28, Sophie Harrison left her job as an editor at a prestigious literary magazine, and put herself through medical school and hospital training before eventually becoming a GP. From peaceful office days spent writing tactful comments on manuscripts, she entered a world that spoke an entirely different language.

The scenes were familiar from TV and books – long corridors, busy wards, stern consultants, anxious patients – but what was her part in it all? Back in the community as a new GP, the question became ever more pressing.

After leaving publishing for medicine, Sophie discovers there are a surprising number of skills that can be used in both professions.

She offers useful insights into how challenging it can be for doctors to interpret the public. And her background also gives her a literary appreciation - she refers to medicine in literature and contrasts it with her own experiences.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Anna Magnusson.

Read by Tamsin Greig.

Producer: Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2022

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**SAT 08:45 Come Back With The Wind by Les Dawson (b03b55dn)**

5. For the Love of Roo

Britain must unite to deal with the kangaroo problem.

Will Cara leap into the arms of her man?

Much-loved comedian Les Dawson concludes his own bodice-ripping novel.

It's a humorous tale of Britain's North/South divide.

Five-part spoof epic novel.

Piano "played" by Les Daws

Producer Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1993.

**SAT 09:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b007zgqw)**

Series 1

Episode 5

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel tries to swing a prize fight. Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli. Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.

Groucho Marx as Waldorf T Flywheel ..... Michael Roberts

Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravellias ..... Frank Lazarus

With:

Lorelei King

Graham Hoadly

Written by Nat Perrin and Athur Sheekman. Adapted by Mark Brisenden.

Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

**SAT 09:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000pmdr)**

Series 1

The Bishop Goes to Town

The Bishop hopes to buy an ancient book at auction to display at St. Ogg's.

Ecclesiastical sitcom which started life on BBC TV.

Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline

Devaney and Edwin Apps.

The Archdeacon .... Robertson Hare

The Bishop .... William Mervyn

The Bishop's Chaplain .... Derek Nimmo

The Dean .... John Barron

With:

Betty Baskcomb

Nigel Lambert

Patrick Tull

'All Gas And Gaiters' started life as a TV pilot in Comedy

Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971.

Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.

**SAT 10:00 Poetry Puh-lease (m0008htp)**

2: Hancock & Hamilton

Comedy and poetry have always had strong links, with many

comics and poets blurring the boundaries.

Comedian Kevin Eldon continues his peek either side of the

fine line that divides them.

The second of three programmes features:

POECIA TREE

HANCOCK'S HALF HOUR: The Poetry Society

Special guest Paul Hamilton.

Along the way there is a rich mix of poetry that might be funny,

sometimes cringe-worthy, occasionally absurd, sporadically

nonsensical, but often brilliant.

Producer: Luke Doran

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January

2015.

**SAT 11:00 The Greengage Summer by Rumer Godden**

**(m002hwbz)**

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**SAT 12:30 The Cure for Good Intentions by Sophie**

**Harrison (Omnibus) (m002hwc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 13:45 Come Back With The Wind by Les Dawson**

**(b03b55dn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 14:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and**

**Flywheel (b007zggw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000pmdr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 Poetry Puh-lease (m0008htp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Doctor Who (m001bq6z)**

Tenth Doctor Adventures

Death and the Queen

Donna falls madly in love with handsome Prince Rudolph of

Gorataria.

Little does she suspect that on her wedding day, the line 'till

death do us part' has a more literal and deadly meaning...

One of six adventures featuring the tenth incarnation of The

Doctor.

Starring David Tennant and Catherine Tate.

Written by James Goss.

The Doctor .... David Tennant

Donna Noble .... Catherine Tate

Hortense .... Beth Chalmers

Death .... Alan Cox

The Queen Mum .... Alice Krige

Rudolph .... Blake Ritson

Original music by Howard Carter.

Director: Nicholas Briggs

A Big Finish production.

\* Cover artwork by Tom Webster \*

**SAT 17:00 The Greengage Summer by Rumer Godden**

**(m002hwbz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 18:30 The Cure for Good Intentions by Sophie**

**Harrison (Omnibus) (m002hwc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 19:45 Come Back With The Wind by Les Dawson**

**(b03b55dn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 20:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and**

**Flywheel (b007zggw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000pmdr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 Poetry Puh-lease (m0008htp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 The Bearded Ladies (m002j1ry)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Sexing up DIY, going on a not very scary local ghost tour - and

visiting a first-time tattooist...what could possibly go wrong?

The sketch show in which everyday situations are taken to new

heights - and then a bit further....

Written and performed by

Susie Donkin

Charlotte McDougall

Oriane Messina

Fay Rusling

Featuring Ewan Bailey

Additional material by

Chris Bartlett, Colin Birch, Richard Ward, Terry Newman, Dan

Hobson, John Bridle, Rufus Jones and Robin Kelly.

Music by Steve Burton.

Script Editor: Marcus Powell

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

**SAT 22:30 Start/Stop (b07m7z0t)**

Series 3

2. Therapy

All three couples end up seeing the same therapist.

Evan and Fiona are already in therapy to tackle their issues with

conflict - mostly over where they should keep the keys.

Cathy wants Barney to go to a therapist too, as he keeps calling

out Alice's name in his sleep.

And during their session, David tries to distract the therapist,

who he suspects is having his own lustful thoughts about Alice.

Jack Docherty's sitcom about three marriages in various states

of disrepair.

Starring:

Couple 1:

Barney ..... Jack Docherty

Cathy ..... Kerry Godliman

Couple 2:

Evan ..... John Thomson

Fiona ..... Fiona Allen

Couple 3:

David ..... Charlie Higson

Alice ..... Laura Aikman

With guest star Sanjeev Bhaskar as the Therapist.

Producer: Claire Jones

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

August 2016.

**SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002j7wj)**

Christopher Douglas 1/3

From **10pm** to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy

Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Lou Conran chats

with Christopher Douglas about his comic creation, Ed

Reardon.

**SAT 23:00 Ross Noble Goes Global (b01d8gvs)**

Series 2

Milan

Ross discovers graffiti, beggars and lycra-clad couriers in the

Italian style capital of Europe.

A series of travelogues from globe-trotting comedian Ross

Noble.

Producer: Danny Wallace

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

**SAT 23:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01rszqj)**

Series 1

Claire and Leigh

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.

This time, Isy looks for signs as to whether her relationship with

a poet can survive despite semantic differences, while she lends

a helping hand to Matlock's new chef Claire and her Elvis

impersonator admirer Leigh.

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.

Produced by Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

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**SUN 00:00 Doctor Who (m001bq6z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

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**SUN 05:00 Poetry Puh-lease (m0008htp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002hwdy)**

From Fringe to Fame

James Graham

Playwright James Graham is castaway by Lauren Laverne..

James is an award-winning dramatist whose plays include This

House, Ink and Dear England starring Joseph Fiennes as the

England football manager Gareth Southgate.

His acclaimed TV productions include Sherwood and Quiz,

based on the story of the so-called coughing Major Charles

Ingram who was found guilty of cheating on the game show

Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

James was born in Kirkby-in-Ashfield in Nottinghamshire in

1982. He was a shy boy who was encouraged to perform in

school plays by his teachers. He went on to study drama at Hull

University where he wrote his first play Coal Not Dole! He took

the play to the Edinburgh fringe and the reception it received

from audiences encouraged him to carry on writing.

After graduating he worked as a stage doorkeeper at the

Theatre Royal in Nottingham where one of his personal

highlights was looking after Danny La Rue, the star of the

Christmas panto.

His first London premiere came in 2005 at the Finborough

Theatre in London with Albert's Boy, which explored the

arguments for and against nuclear weapons.

In 2020 James was awarded an OBE for services to drama and

young people in British theatre.

This is an extended version of a programme first broadcast on

Sunday 10 March 2024.

DISC ONE: Disco 2000 - Pulp

DISC TWO: Chatanooga Choo Choo - Glenn Miller

DISC THREE: Up In Arms - Foo Fighters

DISC FOUR: Syncope - Gabriel Yared

DISC FIVE: Your Disco Needs You - Kylie Minogue

DISC SIX: Where Are We Now? - David Bowie

DISC SEVEN: If You Came To See Me Cry - Katie Brayben

(from Tammy Faye: The Musical)

DISC EIGHT: Going To A Town - Rufus Wainwright

BOOK CHOICE: A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking

LUXURY ITEM: A keg of Single Malt Scotch Whisky

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Where Are We Now? - David

Bowie

Presenter: Lauren Laverne

Producer: Paula McGinley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2024.

**SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002hwt0)**

Poetry Please - The End of Summer

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

Poetry Please: The End of Summer.

Roger McGough presents poems on themes reflecting summer's

end such as enjoying the garden, working the land and

preparing for the inevitable return to school.

He also looks at a collection of artwork drawn especially for

him by a class of primary school pupils who were inspired by

one of his own poems.

Poems included:

\* The Writer of This Poem by Roger McGough

\* Warning by Kate Scott

\* Arithmetic by Carl Sandburg

\* Scenes from Childhood by Charles Causley

\* First Day by Charles Causley

\* From The Land by Vita Sackville-West

\* The Wishing Tree by Kathleen Jamie

\* Garden in Progress by Berthold Brecht, translated by John

Willett

\* Towards the End of Summer by Jenny Joseph

\* First Day at School by Roger McGough

Producer: Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**SUN 07:30 Sick Heart River by John Buchan (Omnibus)**

**(m002hwt2)**

Episode 1

Sir Edward Leithen is drawing his career to a close when he's

asked if he'll undertake one last mission...

John Buchan's final novel is set in the Canadian wilderness.

He completed writing it days before his death. It was published

posthumously in 1941.

Buchan's rich descriptions of the rugged Canadian Northwest

Territories are influenced by his real-life voyage down the

Mackenzie River in 1937. At that time, Buchan was Governor-

General of Canada.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts abridged by Trevor Royle.

Read by Paul Young.

Director: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1990.

**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (p01j9jr2)**

Fearne Cotton

Broadcaster Fearne Cotton chooses 'Dreams' by Fleetwood Mac

and 'Campfire Day Four' by Ludovico Einaudi.

**SUN 08:50 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony**

**Trollope (Omnibus) (m002hwt6)**

Episode 1

Former British tennis number two, Felix 'Flex' Carbury once

had a career.

Anthony Trollope .... John Rowe  
Paul Montague .... Nyasha Hatendi  
Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff .... David Bamber  
Georgiana Longstaff .... Lucy Montgomery  
Ruby Ruggles .... Sheridan Smith  
Marie Mehmod .... Chipu Chung  
Roger Lloyd-Montague .... Ben Crowe  
Hetta Carbury .... Emily Wachter  
Tilly Carbury .... Annette Badland  
Helen Croll .... Liz Sutherland  
Nick Broune .... Stephen Crichtlow  
Other parts played by:  
Chris Pavlo  
Beth Chalmers  
Dan Starkey  
Joan Walker  
Director: Jonquil Panting  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.  
**SUN 10:00 Ray's a Laugh (b007jrtp)**  
From 08/11/1949  
Ted's wife Kitty buys a dog, while George interviews a double-octogenarian.  
Starring Ted Ray.  
Ray's a Laugh - the successor to ITMA - follows the comedy exploits of Ted's life at home with his 'radio' wife Kitty, as well as in a variety of jobs. It ran from 1949-1961.  
Written by Eddie Maguire and Ted Ray.  
With:  
Kitty Bluett  
Peter Sellers  
Patricia Hayes  
Fred Yule  
Leslie Perrins.  
Music from Bob and Alf Pearson and The Beaux and The Belles.  
BBC Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.  
Producer: George Inns  
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1949.  
**SUN 10:30 Home to Roost (m001b3cq)**  
Series 2  
Competition Corner  
Much to William's annoyance Olive, Kath and Nev get the competition bug.  
Stars Molly Sugden and Deryck Guyler.  
Olive and William Wheeler are a crusty old married couple, who call each other 'Mother' and 'Father'.  
He's still adapting to his retirement after 40 years in the same office, while she's trying to cope with him being under her feet all day.  
Sitcom written by Anne Jones.  
William Wheeler .... Deryck Guyler  
Olive Wheeler .... Mollie Sugden  
Jack Bailey .... Norman Rossington  
Kath .... Patricia Greene  
Nev .... John Baddeley  
Ange .... Ysanne Churchman  
Theme music composed and played by Alex Walsh and his Band.  
Producer: Trafford Whitelock.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.  
**SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002hwdy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m002hfwf0)**  
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**SUN 16:00 Hothouse by Brian Aldiss (b00mdx7n)**  
2. Fusion  
The tribal elders have gone, leaving the children to face the Earth's dense jungle alone.  
The Earth has stopped rotating and the Sun's output has increased.  
Plants are engaged in a constant tropical forest-style frenzy of growth driving other life forms to extinction...  
Brian Aldiss's sci-fi fantasy novel, first published in 1962.  
Abridged by Lu Kemp.  
Read by Gareth Thomas.  
Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in August 2009.  
**SUN 16:30 The Man in Black (b017prn7)**  
Series 4  
2. The Punt by Christina Balit  
An ex-alcoholic is on the run from more than just his buddy from Alcoholics Anonymous.  
The Man in Black introduces Christina Balit's dark tale.  
Mark Gatiss stars as the sinister raconteur.  
Jimmy ..... Ian Hogg  
Derek ..... James Lailey  
The Voice ..... Victoria Inez Hardy  
Jak ..... Adjoa Andoh

Priest ..... Adam Billington  
More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.  
Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.  
Director: Selina Ream  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2011.  
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**SUN 21:00 Ray's a Laugh (b007jrtp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SUN 21:30 Home to Roost (m001b3cq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b0089j0c)**  
Series 1  
Babysitter  
Work colleague Helen has a date for the first time in eight years.  
So Clare gets roped into looking after a 16-year-old delinquent Gareth for the evening....  
Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker with all the right jargon but never a practical solution. Bugged down with her own issues, she's not so good at listening to others and often manages to put her foot in it with her views.  
A control freak, Clare likes nothing more than bossing others around. She's in her 30s, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.  
Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.  
Clare ..... Sally Phillips  
Brian ..... Alex Lowe  
With:  
Richard Lumsden  
Genma Craven  
Ellen Thomas  
Nina Conti  
Paul Chequer  
Emily Wachter  
Producer: Katie Tyrell  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.  
**SUN 22:30 King Cutler (b008s3cc)**  
King Cutler II  
A succulent batch of poems, songs and stories from Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler.  
With wood-carver's words from Craig Murray-Orr.  
Translation by Dylan Edwards and page-turning by David Lloyd.  
Producer: Neil Cargill  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in January 1990.  
**SUN 23:00 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b08y2b70)**  
Series 2  
Time Travel  
After Phil blows a fortune on a spanking new time machine, the Daphne boys must use it to embark on a treacherous adventure in a desperate attempt to recoup their losses.  
Written by and starring:  
Jason Forbes  
Phil Wang  
George Fouracres  
With:  
Lewis Mcleod  
Elizabeth Tan  
Sir Willard White  
Original music composed by Jeff Carpenter  
Orchestrator: Simon Nathan  
The London Musical Theatre Orchestra:  
Musical Director - Freddie Tapner  
Violin - Debs White  
Cello - Nick Squires  
Trumpet - Michael Maddocks  
Trombone - Elliot Pooley  
Tenor Sax - Joe Atkin Reeves  
Drum Kit - Ben Hartley  
Percussion - Ben Burton  
Piano - Jon Ranger  
Bass - Jack Cherry  
Producer: Matt Stronge.  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.  
**SUN 23:30 The Mark Steel Solution (b007k111)**  
Series 3  
Charity  
What are the motives behind mankind's fundraising efforts for good causes?  
Comedian Mark Steel provides alternative solutions to our everyday problems  
Written by Mark Steel and Pete Sinclair.

With  
Debbie Isitt  
Kim Wall  
Producer: Phil Clarke  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

## MONDAY 01 SEPTEMBER 2025

**MON 00:00 Hothouse by Brian Aldiss (b00mdx7n)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 00:30 The Man in Black (b017prn7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002hwdy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002hfwf0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 02:30 Sick Heart River by John Buchan (Omnibus) (m002hwf2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lj9jr2)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:50 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (Omnibus) (m002hfwf6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:00 Ray's a Laugh (b007jrtp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:30 Home to Roost (m001b3cq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm66)**  
The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes Series 1  
The Reigate Squires  
Burglary and violent death breaks out among the Surrey gentry, just as the sleuth is trying to convalesce from overwork.  
From a collection of short stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about the immortal Baker Street detective - first published in 1893.  
Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.  
Dramatised by Robert Forrest.  
Sherlock Holmes .... Clive Merrison  
Dr Watson .... Michael Williams  
Inspector Forrester .... Peter Davison  
Mr Cunningham .... Roger Hammond  
Alec Cunningham .... Struan Rodger  
Mr Acton .... Terence Edmond  
Violinist: Leonard Friedman  
Director: Patrick Rayner  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.  
**MON 06:45 A Glowing Future by Ruth Rendell (m002hwhr)**  
Betsy watches her ex-lover Maurice packing up ready to embark on a new life in Australia with his new lover Patricia.  
But Betsy feels she needs to share a few thoughts with her replacement.  
Ruth Rendell's short story read by Elizabeth Bell.  
Producer: Pat Pryor  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.  
**MON 07:00 In the Red (b007k0qh)**  
Episode 6  
Reporter George is due in court - while BBC controllers keep on plotting to axe the Director General.  
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  
Controller BBC 1 ..... Ian McNiece  
Prosecution ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Fortescue's PA ..... Jane Slavin  
With Alice Arnold, Eva Stuart, Gavin Muir, Annabel Mullion and Richard Turner.  
Music by Paul Mottram.  
Producer: Paul Schlesinger  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.  
**MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jlcs)**  
Series 1  
The Enemy Within the Gates  
As their new uniforms arrive, Captain Mainwaring's platoon try to capture Germans - for a cash reward.  
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-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 Walker ..... James Beck  
 Private Godfrey ..... Arnold Ridley  
 Private Pike ..... Ian Lavender  
 Captain Winogrodzki .... Carl Jaffe,  
 Other parts ..... David Sinclair  
 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 (m0003ctx)**  
 Series 1  
 The Last Woman Killed In The War  
 In 1960s Liverpool, Mary's parents whisk her away from their working class community to hide her illegitimate pregnancy. Returning 40 years later to confront them, she discovers that attitudes have shifted somewhat.  
 Alexei Sayle narrates his series of dark comic plays adapted from his original short stories.  
 Starring:  
 Adi Alfa  
 Katy Carmichael  
 Shaun Mason  
 Jan Ravens  
 Paislie Reid  
 Adapted by Graham Duff.  
 Producer: Joe Nunnery  
 A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2019.  
**MON 08:30 John Buchan (b001jxx8)**  
 Sick Heart River  
 6. Searching  
 A confused and feverish Galiard is found, but Sir Edward Leithen must now search for Lou.  
 But disaster strikes...  
 John Buchan's last novel set in the Canadian wilderness  
 Abridged by Trevor Royle  
 Read by Paul Young.  
 Director Hamish Wilson  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1990.  
**MON 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53p7)**  
 6. Old Friend  
 Paul Montague gets a visit from an old friend.  
 Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty - updated by Jonathan Myerson.  
 Ghassan Mehmoud ..... Henry Goodman  
 Felix 'Flex' Carbury ..... Dexter Fletcher  
 Anthony Trollope ..... John Rowe  
 Paul Montague ..... Nyasha Hatendi  
 Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff ..... David Bamber  
 Georgiana Longstaff ..... Lucy Montgomery  
 Ruby Ruggles ..... Sheridan Smith  
 Marie Mehmoud ..... Chipo Chung  
 Roger Lloyd-Montague ..... Ben Crowe  
 Hetta Carbury ..... Emily Wachter  
 Wynford Hurtle ..... Corey Johnson  
 Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz ..... Nadim Sawalha  
 Helen Croll ..... Liz Sutherland  
 Other parts played by:  
 Chris Pavlo  
 Beth Chalmers  
 Stephen Critchlow  
 Dan Starkey  
 Joan Walker  
 Director: Jonquil Panting  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.  
**MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002hkw9)**  
 Series 95  
 2. Where's the live, laugh, love?  
 Sue Perkins challenges Tony Hawks, Desiree Burch, Gyles Brandreth and Emma Sidi to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation. Subjects include the perfect pair of pyjamas, checking one's moles and getting the 'ick'.  
 Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls  
 Sound Editor: Marc Willcox  
 Producer: Georgia Keating  
 Executive Producer: James Robinson  
 Additional material by Eve Delaney  
 An EcoAudio certified production.  
 A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.  
**MON 09:30 Lies My Teacher Told Me (m000dq2b)**  
 1. All is Revision  
 The school history textbook is often used to tell the story of a nation when young minds are unlikely to question the content - or even pay much attention to it.  
 What do we want children to make of their own national past?  
 Historian Priya Atwal, explores the global issues in telling textbook national history - from Lebanon to Japan to Northern Ireland and India.  
 She explores history's uses as pedagogy and sometimes even propaganda.  
 Producer: Mark Burman  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.  
**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002hwhw)**  
 New challenges - A right time  
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
 Theme: New challenges - A right time  
 Presenter: Lyndall Bywater

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8  
 Music:  
 Build my life - Rivers and Robots  
 A day of new beginnings - Sasha Johnson Manning & Holly Marland  
 Come now is the time to worship - Brian Doerkson  
**MON 10:00 Frankly Speaking (b0812twl)**  
 Jean Renoir  
 French film director, Jean Renoir is quizzed about his life and career by a panel of two.  
 \* Dilys Powell - film critic  
 \* Andrew Forge - painter and critic  
 Jean reveals the problems of having a famous father - artist Auguste Renoir - and his motivation for making films.  
 Launched in 1952, Frankly Speaking was a novel, ground breaking BBC series. Unrehearsed and unscripted, the traditional interviewee/interviewer pairing was initially jettisoned for three interviewers - later two - firing direct questions. Early critics demanded it was axed, but the format won out and eventually won over detractors.  
 Only 40 or so of the original 100 programmes survive.  
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in June 1962.  
**MON 10:45 Short Works (m000ms09)**  
 Post by Elaine Feeney  
 On the morning of her 80th birthday, Joan bumps into her 12 year old neighbour Fionn at the post box.  
 The story of an unlikely friendship between two neighbours in rural Ireland.  
 Elaine Feeney's short story read by Maggie Cronin.  
 Elaine is an Irish poet, novelist, and playwright. She has published three collections of poetry, Where's Katie?, The Radio was Gospel, Rise, and a drama piece, WRoNGHEADED, commissioned by Liz Roche Company. She teaches at The National University of Ireland, Galway and St Jarlath's College.  
 Her work has been widely published and anthologised in Poetry Review, The Stinging Fly, The Irish Times and others.  
 Her fiction debut 'As You Were' was featured in the Observer's Ten Best Debut Novelists of 2020.  
 Producer: Michael Shannon.  
 A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.  
**MON 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm66)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 11:45 A Glowing Future by Ruth Rendell (m002hwhr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]  
**MON 12:00 In the Red (b007k0qh)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jlcs)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 13:00 Alexei Sayle's The Absence of Normal (m0003ctx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 13:30 John Buchan (b001jxx8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 13:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53p7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**MON 14:00 Booked (b08mkkxr)**  
 Series 5  
 Episode 3  
 From Just William to The Archers.  
 The panel game where Ian McMillan rules the roost.  
 Doing their best to lay some fresh and tasty literary gems:  
 Helen Lederer  
 Roger McGough  
 Miles Kington  
 David Stafford  
 Producer: Viv Beeby  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.  
**MON 14:30 The Party Line (b00sythm)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 6  
 Beleaguered MP Duncan Stonebridge goes on a date - with The Opposition.  
 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  
 Tom ..... Simon Greenall  
 Roger ..... Geoffrey McGivern  
 Jane Stonebridge ..... Rachel Atkins  
 With:  
 Jennie Cox  
 Sue Elliott-Nichols  
 Dominic Coleman  
 Producer: Adam Bromley  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2005.  
**MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000mbq0)**  
 Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
 1. Coup  
 Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's remarkable novel is set during the Nigeria-Biafra War of the late 1960s.  
 Sisters Olanna and Kainene are the daughters of a "nouveau riche" tribal chief turned businessman and part of the Igbo elite.

Olanna's lover Odenigbo is a revolutionary university professor. Richard is a British writer who's in love with Kainene. Ugwu is a young man employed as a houseboy for Odenigbo. All of their lives are drastically changed as they become swept up in the brutal civil war.  
 This is a powerful, compassionate depiction of the human tragedy of those caught up in Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic and the chilling violence and trauma that followed  
 Dramatised by Janice Okoh.  
 Narrator ..... Ben Onwukwe  
 Okeoma ..... Sule Rimi  
 Odenigbo ..... Adetomiwa Edun  
 Ugwu ..... Valentine Olukoga  
 Miss Adebayo/ Mama/ Amala ..... Gbemisola Ikumelo  
 Olanna ..... Susan Wokoma  
 Richard ..... Blake Ritson  
 Kainene ..... Nikki Amuka-Bird  
 Madu ..... Okezie Morro  
 Director: Nadia Molinari  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.  
**MON 16:00 Frankly Speaking (b0812twl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**MON 16:45 Short Works (m000ms09)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]  
**MON 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm66)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 17:45 A Glowing Future by Ruth Rendell (m002hwhr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]  
**MON 18:00 In the Red (b007k0qh)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jlcs)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 19:00 Alexei Sayle's The Absence of Normal (m0003ctx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 19:30 John Buchan (b001jxx8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 19:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53p7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**MON 20:00 Booked (b08mkkxr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**MON 20:30 The Party Line (b00sythm)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
**MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000mbq0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002hkw9)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 22:30 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04hz62m)**  
 Series 3  
 About Paranoia  
 Nathan Caton illustrates how watching too much TV can make you paranoid - and that can have serious repercussions for your family.  
 A mix of stand-up and re-enacted family life - written by Nathan Caton and James Kettle  
 After becoming the first in his family to graduate from University, Nathan opted not to use his architecture degree but instead to try his hand at being a full-time stand-up comedian, much to his family's horror and disgust. They desperately want him to get a 'proper job.'  
 Janet a.k.a. Mum is probably the kindest and most lenient of the disappointed family members. At the end of the day she just wants the best for her son. However, she'd also love to brag and show her son off to her friends, but with Nathan only telling jokes for a living that's kind of hard to do.  
 Martin a.k.a. Dad works in the construction industry and was looking forward to his son getting a degree so the two of them could work together in the same field. But now Nathan has blown that dream out of the window. Martin is clumsy and hard-headed and leaves running the house to his wife (she wouldn't allow it to be any other way).  
 Shirley a.k.a. Grandma cannot believe Nathan turned down architecture for comedy. She can't believe she left the paradise in the West Indies and came to the freezing United Kingdom for a better life so that years later her grandson could 'tell jokes!' How can her grandson go on stage and use foul language and filthy material... it's not the good Christian way!  
 So with all this going on in the household what will Nathan do? Will he persevere and follow his dreams? Or will he give in to his family's interference? Or will he finally leave home?!!  
 Nathan ..... Nathan Caton  
 Mum ..... Adjoa Andoh  
 Dad ..... Curtis Walker  
 Grandma ..... Mona Hammond  
 Tyree ..... Alhaji Fofano  
 Reverend Williams ..... Rudolph Walker  
 Mercedes ..... Chizzy Akudolu  
 Optician ..... Damian Lynch  
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.  
**MON 23:00 Too Long; Didn't Read (m002hmrB)**  
 Series 2  
 Computer says no  
 Is AI taking over? And if so, how should we treat our new robot overlords? Catherine Bohart investigates, with the help of Olga Koch, Professor Kate Devlin, and our regular roving correspondent Sunil Patel.

Written by Catherine Bohart, with Madeleine Brettingham, Rose Johnson 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 Old Harry's Game (b00c6jfr)**  
 Series 5  
 Moral Leadership  
 Mankind is now so sinful that they're all coming to Hell and the place is full to bursting.  
 The only way to stop the flow is to persuade humanity to be good - but that's quite a tall order for the Prince of Darkness.  
 Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.  
 Satan ..... Andy Hamilton  
 Scumspawn ..... Robert Duncan  
 Thomas ..... Jimmy Mulville  
 God ..... David Swift  
 The Professor ..... James Grouit  
 Other characters played by:  
 Philip Pope  
 Nick Revell  
 Michael Fenton Stevens  
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

## TUESDAY 02 SEPTEMBER 2025

**TUE 00:00 Frankly Speaking (b0812twl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:45 Short Works (m000ms09)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jm66)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:45 A Glowing Future by Ruth Rendell (m002hwhr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:00 In the Red (b007k0qh)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jlcs)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:00 Alexei Sayle's The Absence of Normal (m0003ctx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:30 John Buchan (b001jxx8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53p7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:00 Booked (b08mkkxr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:30 The Party Line (b00sythm)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000mbq0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b00sms54)**  
 Paul Temple and Steve  
 1. The Notorious Dr Belasco  
 Enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard, Paul Temple and his wife Steve to help track down the mysterious Dr Belasco. The suave couple search for clues by day, then dance the night away in louche Latin American night clubs.  
 A faithful 2010 re-creation of the 1947 detective serial 'Paul Temple and Steve', the original of which was lost from the Radio Archive.  
 Written by Francis Durbridge.  
 Paul Temple .... Crawford Logan  
 Steve .... Gerda Stevenson  
 Sir Graham Forbes .... Gareth Thomas  
 Nelson .... Jimmy Chisholm  
 Mary Hamilton .... Eliza Langland  
 Kaufman .... Nick Underwood  
 Charlie/Worth .... Greg Powrie  
 Producer: Patrick Rayner  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010  
**TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b069ww2b)**  
 Miss Marple's Final Cases  
 1. Tape-Measure Murder  
 Gossip spreads through St Mary Mead of a murdered wife and a husband under suspicion.  
 Then Miss Marple is called as an alibi...  
 June Whitfield returns as Miss Marple.  
 Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1941.  
 The first of three dramatisations of the best short stories by Joy Wilkinson.  
 Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield  
 Bunch ..... Rosie Cavaliero  
 Inspector Slack ..... Stephen Crichtlow  
 Miss Hartnell ..... Jessica Turner  
 Miss Pollitt ..... Alison Pettit  
 Mr Spenlow ..... Sam Dale  
 Ted Gerard ..... Chris Pavlo  
 Director: Gemma Jenkins  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.  
**TUE 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00sz46w)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 3  
 Parish Council leader Mrs Roberts must tackle a supermarket

boycott.  
 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.  
 Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman.  
 Starring:  
 Jo Kendall  
 Michael Troughton  
 John Baddeley  
 Bernadine Corrigan  
 Daniel Strauss  
 Jon Glover  
 Producer: Lissa Evans  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1989.  
**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jpkrr)**  
 Series 8  
 The String Robberies  
 Ace investigator Neddie Seagoon must solve a crime, and the link to Moriarty's sock.  
 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.  
 Starring:  
 Peter Sellers  
 Harry Secombe  
 Spike Milligan  
 George Chisholm  
 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: Pat Dixon  
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1958.  
**TUE 08:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (m0005tpb)**  
 Mrs Sidhu's Deadly Highland Game  
 1. A Pie To Die For  
 When a Scottish billionaire disappears on his Highland estate, nosy Mrs Sidhu stews in her own suspicions.  
 A murder mystery with a quirky touch written by Suk Pannu and starring Meera Syal. The Indian Auntie from Slough gets mixed up in Highland homicide.  
 Mrs Sidhu (Meera Syal) is the interfering Indian chef with a taste for murder. Since her husband's death, she has built a successful reputation as a caterer in Slough, and has snagged a billionaire client at a Scottish shooting estate. But when she is threatened by a mysterious Russian, she drags in Inspector Burton (Justin Edwards).  
 Supported by hotshot trainee PC Williamson (Okorie Chukwu), they pry into the dark corners of Castle Tannoch, its eccentric laird (John Sessions) and his gruff niece Jane (Hilary Maclean). Meanwhile, handsome Gamekeeper Callum (Gordon Kennedy) makes her heart skip a beat, while her wayward son Tez (Hamza Jeetoa) causes more of a heart attack with his incendiary distractions.  
 Mrs Sidhu ..... Meera Syal  
 Inspector Burton .... Justin Edwards  
 Tez .... Hamza Jeetoa  
 Sir Alex / Zukhov .... John Sessions  
 Jane / Kirsty ..... Hilary Maclean  
 Robert / PC Williamson .... Okorie Chukwu  
 Callum .... Gordon Kennedy  
 Written by Suk Pannu.  
 Recorded at Soundhouse Studios.  
 Edited by Leon Chambers.  
 Studio Managers: Wilfredo Acosta and Leon Chambers  
 Production Manager: Sarah Tombling  
 Directed by Marilyn Imrie.  
 Producer: Gordon Kennedy  
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2019.  
**TUE 08:30 John Buchan (b001jz6k)**  
 Sick Heart River  
 Episode 7  
 A weakened Sir Edward Leithen is himself rescued by Lou, who has a positive effect on his flagging spirit. Read by Paul Young.  
**TUE 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53nd)**  
 7. Elope  
 Marie is plotting to elope, but is it worth Flex's while?  
 Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty - updated by Jonathan Myerson.  
 Ghassan Mehmoud ..... Henry Goodman  
 Felix 'Flex' Carbury ..... Dexter Fletcher  
 Anthony Trollope ..... John Rowe  
 Paul Montague ..... Nyasha Hatendi  
 Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff ..... David Bamber  
 Georgiana Longstaff ..... Lucy Montgomery  
 Ruby Ruggles ..... Sheridan Smith  
 Marie Mehmoud ..... Chipu Chung  
 Roger Lloyd-Montague ..... Ben Crowe  
 Hetta Carbury ..... Emily Wachter  
 Wynford Hurtle ..... Corey Johnson  
 Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz ..... Nadim Sawalha  
 Helen Croll ..... Liz Sutherland

Other parts played by:  
 Chris Pavlo  
 Beth Chalmers  
 Stephen Crichtlow  
 Dan Starkey  
 Joan Walker  
 Director: Jonquil Panting  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.  
**TUE 09:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m002hkq4)**  
 Series 3  
 Richard Ayoade  
 Paul asks Richard Ayoade what he would like to put into Room 101.  
**TUE 09:30 Lies My Teacher Told Me (m000dpjx)**  
 2. Lebanon-History Interrupted  
 Lebanon has suffered sectarian violence, invasion, civil war and turmoil for much of its history. Nothing that has led to this struggle - or indeed much of anything else relevant to Lebanon's modern existence - can be found in the classroom itself.  
 Children must learn a history that is frozen at 1943, the year Lebanon achieved independence and it has been this way for generations.  
 Priya Atwal explores the global pitfalls in telling textbook national history  
 Producer Mark Burman  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.  
**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002hwnl)**  
 New challenges - A guiding hand  
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
 Theme: New challenges - A guiding hand  
 Presenter: Bishop Joe Aldred  
 Reading: Psalm 139: 1-10  
 Music:  
 Guide me o thou great Jehovah - Rachel John  
 O God, you search me and you know me - Oregon Catholic Press Session Choir  
 Love theory - Kirk Franklin  
**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m0006zv7)**  
 Pam Hogg and Mark Billingham  
 Fashion designer Pam Hogg and crime writer Mark Billingham and Harriett Gilbert discuss favourite books by Katherine Dunn, Dashiell Hammett and Lucy Mangan.  
 Geek Love by Katherine Dunn  
 Publisher: Abacus  
 The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett  
 Publisher: Orion  
 Bookworm by Lucy Mangan  
 Publisher: Vintage  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.  
**TUE 10:30 How to Write a Power Ballad (b08y0t5l)**  
 Love it or loathe it, the power ballad is the musical genre that never went away. Superfan and ex-Communist Rev. Richard Coles dusts off his song writing skills and goes back to the 1980s to explore an era of inflated emotions, big production and even bigger hair.  
 Power ballads hit their height in the 1980s – a time of excess and strife – when big music budgets, huge concert arenas and new synthesiser technology made it possible and necessary for these massive tunes to be constructed.  
 They still permeate popular culture from TV talent shows, to Disney films, to musicals like The Bodyguard and Bat Out of Hell. There's even a club, now in its eleventh year, which plays back-to-back power ballads to a sing-along crowd who know every word of every Whitney, Meatloaf, Celine and Bonnie hit. But can Richard write a new power ballad to rival 'Total Eclipse of The Heart' and set the world singing with lighters aloft? With help from the man who invented the eighties', record producer Trevor Horn and singer Lynda Hayes, nothing's gonna stop him now.  
 Producer: Debbie Kilbride  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.  
**TUE 11:00 Paul Temple (b00sms54)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**TUE 11:30 Whodunnits (b069ww2b)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**TUE 12:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00sz46w)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jpkrr)**  
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**TUE 13:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (m0005tpb)**  
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**TUE 13:30 John Buchan (b001jz6k)**  
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**TUE 13:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53nd)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**TUE 14:00 Guess What? (b0627zhy)**  
 Episode 3  
 Animal, vegetable or mineral?  
 Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.  
 On the panel:  
 Geoffrey Durham  
 Jeremy Hanley  
 Helen Atkinson-Wood  
 Written by Michael Dines.  
 Producer: Andy Aliffe  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

**TUE 14:30 Trapped (m001nmzw)**

Series 2

1. Throw the Book

Having got themselves locked in a bookshop overnight, odd couple cons Eddie and Mouse have plenty of time to work out what went horribly wrong with the robbery they have just failed to pull off.

With the help of a highly inquisitive and unpredictable security guard, they discover rather more about each other in the process.

More one-off comedy dramas written by, and sometimes featuring, Daniel and Mark Maier

Eddie .... Philip Jackson

Mouse .... William Ash

Sunday .... David Webber

Feathers .... Daniel Maier

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

**TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000mlbc)**

Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

2. On the Run

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's stirring novel is set during the Nigeria-Biafra War of the late 1960s, dramatised by Janice Okoh.

With the continued bombing of Biafra and the danger coming ever closer, Olanna, Odenigbo, Ugwu, and Baby are forced to flee again. They move forward with courage even when living conditions get progressively worse and their food and money run out. An unexpected visit from Kainene brings some hope for their future.

A powerful, compassionate depiction of the human tragedy of those caught up in Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic and the chilling violence and trauma that followed.

Narrator..... Ben Onwukwe

Olanna..... Susan Wokoma

Odenigbo..... Adetomiwa Edun

Mrs Muokelu/Eberechi.....Adeyinka Akinrinade

Ugwu.....Valentine Olukoga

Richard.....Blake Ritson

Kainene.....Nikki Amuka-Bird

Madu.....Okezie Morro

Sound Design by Sharon Hughes

Directed by Nadia Molinari

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**TUE 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000mlbc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m002hkq4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d0sjl)**

Series 2

Patience

Mark Watson examines the importance of holding your horses.

Part of the comedian's continuing quest to delve into six virtues.

Biding their time in order to provide poetry and music:

Tim Key

Tim Minchin

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002j7wl)**

Christopher Douglas 2/3

The Comedy Club keeps the laughs coming from **10pm** to midnight, every night of the week. Tonight, Lou Conran continues her chat with Christopher Douglas – star of Ed Reardon's Week.

**TUE 23:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (b06ns1bg)**

Pilot

It's the pilot for a chat show with a twist.

Tim Vine brings you half an hour of daft exuberance and stand up comedy.

The twist is that Tim's guests are the Great British public in a celebration of ordinary people.

Join Tim as we hear the entertaining and diverse life stories of:

\* Kevin Hall, an automotive design engineer

\* Debs Green, a speech and language therapist

\* Amber Ash, a student of English

\* Paul Hunt, who teaches computer science

Tim also sings his much-loved songs and showcases the world famous one-liners that have made him a global comedy star. This pilot proved to be a winner with Tim's following series broadcast on BBC Radio 4.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 2, first broadcast in November 2015.

**TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007jscz)**

Series 2

Stately Home

The sketch show team take their audience on a posh day out.

Precision comedy written and performed by:

Tim Firth

Tim de Jongh

Michael Rutger

William Vandyck

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1991.

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**WED 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000mlbc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Paul Temple (b00sq2n3)**

Paul Temple and Steve

2. 27a Berkeley House Place

The Temples' hunt takes them from London's Soho to a dangerous rendezvous on the Great North Road.

Enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard, Paul Temple and his wife Steve to help track down the mysterious Dr Belasco. The suave couple search for clues by day, then dance the night away in louche Latin American night clubs.

A faithful 2010 re-creation of the 1947 detective serial 'Paul Temple and Steve', the original of which was lost from the Radio Archive.

Written by Francis Durbridge.

Paul Temple .... Crawford Logan

Steve .... Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Forbes .... Gareth Thomas

Kaufman .... Nick Underwood

Charlie/Worth .... Greg Powrie

Nelson .... Jimmy Chisholm

Insp. Perry .... Michael Mackenzie

Sergeant .... Richard Greenwood

Billie .... Emma Currie

Mrs Forester .... Candida Benson

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

**WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b06bp2vp)**

Miss Marple's Final Cases

2. The Case of the Perfect Maid

Miss Marple uncovers a mystery when she looks into the curious sacking of a lady's maid.

Her investigative skills are also required when her nephew, crime writer Raymond West, arrives on the doorstep with a severe case of writer's block...

June Whitfield stars as Miss Marple

Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1942.

Short story dramatised by Joy Wilkinson.

Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield

Raymond West ..... Raymond Coulthard

Lavinia Skinner ..... Claudie Blakley

Emily Skinner ..... Tracy Wiles

Inspector Slack ..... Stephen Critchlow

Miss Hartnell ..... Jessica Turner

Edna ..... Alex Tregear

Director: Gemma Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.

**WED 07:00 Smelling of Roses (b00dp3pn)**

Series 3

The Queen of Song

Rosie is asked to arrange a showcase concert for a new potential rival to Celine Dion.

The girl has plenty of money, but what about talent?

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

Cath Unger ..... Felicity Goodson

Terry ..... Colin Sell

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002.

**WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jsvk)**

Series 5

The Election Candidate

The electioneering Lad battles to represent East Cheam in the Houses of Parliament.

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 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b043xqxy)**

Series 1

Grain

Simon looks at commodities markets in grain.

How moral is it to trade in food? How much of it is animal feed and what is the future of food?

Simon Evans has the answers in this series which asks us to get involved in the funny side of investment.

Rather than being cowed by an apparently complicated and overwhelming system, Simon jumps right in. He takes as his focus four commodities which are so intrinsic to our lives they have an almost elemental significance - land, gold, oil and grain.

Yet, despite the fact we encounter them everywhere we look, very few people have been able to build a fortune on them.

All that's about to change as, Simon enlists help from the experts to help brings us closer to understanding of how global economic forces have a far-reaching and often surprising impact on our lives.

Performed by Simon Evans, with regular guests Tim Harford and Merryn Somerset-Webb, and to talk about grain markets, Kanes Rajah and Jim Rogers.

Written by Simon Evans with Benjamin Partridge, Guy Venables and Andy Wolton.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

**WED 08:30 John Buchan (b00lk2cb)**

Sick Heart River

Episode 8

Gaillard opens up to Leithen to reveal the reasons for him moving to America, and his disappearance. Read by Paul Young.

**WED 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53nl)**

8. Freedom?

For both Paul and Marie, freedom is so close, and yet so far away.

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty - updated by Jonathan Myerson.

Ghassan Mehmoud ..... Henry Goodman

Felix 'Flex' Carbury ..... Dexter Fletcher

Anthony Trollope ..... John Rowe

Paul Montague ..... Nyasha Hatendi

Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff ..... David Bamber

Georgiana Longstaff ..... Lucy Montgomery

Ruby Ruggles ..... Sheridan Smith

Marie Mehmoud ..... Chipso Chung

Roger Lloyd-Montague ..... Ben Crowe

Hetta Carbury ..... Emily Wachter

Wynford Hurtle ..... Corey Johnson

Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz ..... Nadim Sawalha

Helen Croll ..... Liz Sutherland

Other parts played by:

Chris Pavlo

Beth Chalmers

Stephen Critchlow

Dan Starkey

Joan Walker

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

**WED 09:00 The Edinburgh Comedy Awards Gala 2025 (m002hkct)**

Best Newcomer

Comedy fans can catch the Best Newcomer nominees for The Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2025 in this showcase for BBC Radio 4.

The prestigious Awards turns 45 this year and in this gala, hosted by 2024 Best Show winner Amy Gledhill, we'll hear from all the Best Newcomer nominees - plus the winner Ayoadé Bamgboye.

This gives listeners around the UK the chance to hear from the future of comedy. The gala was recorded at the Gilded Balloon, one of the Edinburgh Fringe's iconic comedy venues.

The winner for Best Newcomer 2025 is Ayoade Bamgboye. Nominated for Best Newcomer are:

Molly McGuinness, Touissant Douglass, Ada & Bron, Elouise Eftos, Ayoade Bamgboye, Kate Owens and Roger O'Sullivan.

Host: Amy Gledhill

Producer: Georgia Keating

Production Co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

Edited by Giles Aspen

Recorded by Sean Kerwin

Recorded at Gilded Balloon in Edinburgh.

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

**WED 09:30 Lies My Teacher Told Me (m000dqgs)**

3. Saffronising History

India began its new independent life with its history textbooks still coloured by a colonial telling of the past. A new generation of historians like Romila Thapar brought both academic rigour and historical enquiry to the creation of new texts for the classroom. However, increasingly, the 'saffronisation' of history - Hindu nationalist narratives - have begun to impact on both the facts of history and the struggle for the story of India.

Priya Atwal explores the global pitfalls in telling textbook national history

Producer: Mark Burman

First broadcast in January 2020.

**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002hwx4)**

New challenges - Strength for the task

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

Theme: New challenges - Strength for the task

Presenter: Ann Easter

Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-2, 11-13

Music:

Psalms 121 - St Martin's Voices

Wake up Jesus - St Martin's Voices

God is our strength and refuge - Daily Service Service

**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000mcch)**

Spitfire: From the Ashes

Historian Victoria Taylor looks back at the Spitfire, and the men and women who built it, against all odds.

In September 1940, in two factories in Southampton, one of the most iconic planes of the Second World War was being painstakingly assembled, piece by piece.

This sleek and beautiful fighter, with record breaking top speeds and a deadly reputation for precision, was to be Britain's most notorious weapon against the Nazi air invasion. But, the factory making them was about to be destroyed by devastating German bombing raids.

How could the Battle of Britain be fought without the Spitfire? With the factory a smoking ruin, a plan was hatched to keep the planes coming, against some pretty extraordinary odds.

Reconstructed from letters, autobiographies, oral histories and contemporary interviews, historian Victoria Taylor pieces it all together.

This isn't the usual story, about the plane that saved Britain.

This is a story about the ordinary men and women, in church-halls, bus depots, laundries and garages, who saved the Spitfire.

Historical Advisor: David Key

Produced in Bristol by Emily Knight for BBC Audio.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.

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**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b0bqdrwz)**

Series 13

Episode 2

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Lee Mack welcome:

- \* Comedian Athena Kugblenu
- \* Writer and podcaster Dolly Alderton
- \* Artificial Intelligence expert Sir Nigel Shadbolt

The Museum's Guest Committee opt for the cheapest item on a wedding list, celebrate the triumph of a machine over the best chess player in the world and feel vegetarian nostalgia for corned beef.

Researched by QI and Mike Turner.

Producers: Richard Turner and Anne Miller.

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

**WED 14:30 The Circle (m001c6yg)**

People's Choice

The babysitting circle members debate the education issue and headmistress Carla gets to grips with naughty Crystal

Meanwhile Geoff develops his connections via his daughter's school.

Starring John McArdle and Sherrie Hewson.

Six-part sitcom by Elizabeth Baines.

Set on an estate – described as an 'exclusive village development' – in Whittlesham, 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

Vanessa Percival .... Melissa Sinden

Doug Lewis .... Shaun Parkes

Carla McInman .... Maxine Burth

Emma .... Tara Prendergast

Jessica .... Gemma Salusbury

Tim (Teenager) .... Ciaran Griffiths

Elliot (News Boy) .... Gregg Baines

Crystal ... Holly Grainger

Edmund .... Christopher Limond

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1999.

**WED 15:00 Secret Lives by EF Benson (b014r622)**

1. A Most Desirable Address

A Most Desirable Address is how Durham Square is unerringly described by its inhabitants.

But is this treasured status soon to be eroded by the arrival of Miss Susan Leg?

Starring Pauline Collins.

EF Benson's comedy novel, first published in 1932.

Dramatised in three parts by Aubrey Woods.

Susan Leg ..... Pauline Collins

Margaret Mantrip ..... Margot Boyd

Jimmie Mason ..... Ronald Herdman

Elizabeth Conklin ..... Rachel Gurney

Lady Eva Lowndes ..... Pauline Letts

Mr Cartwright ..... Peter Howell

Arthur Armstrong MP ..... Edward de Souza

Bosanquet ..... John Church

Vicar ..... Tim Reynolds

Miss Ascham ..... Sheila Grant

Mr Woodstock ..... Manning Wilson

Figus ..... George Parsons

Ellen ..... Jennifer Piercey

Foreman ..... Gordon Reid

Receptionist ..... Jonathan Tafler

Dealer ..... Andrew Branch

Narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Assorted dogs played by the cast.

Music by John Owen Edwards.

Producer: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987

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**WED 22:00 The Edinburgh Comedy Awards Gala 2025 (m002hktc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076qm0)**

Series 2

Pavlov's Last Dog

Retired to the wastelands of Siberia, the scientist who discovered conditioning, Ivan Pavlov, is conducting his final experiment when a stranger arrives, enquiring about a dog.

Written and performed by Simon Munnelly.

With:

Kevin Eldon

Sally Phillips

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

**WED 22:45 Athena's Cancel Culture (m000v2r3)**

Episode 2

Comedian Athena Kugblenu turns the icy hand of cancel culture justice on herself, examining an incident where she experienced a workplace grilling.

Can we all receive a cancel?

Over the last few years, if a celebrity has ever said or done anything remotely controversial, then they've probably been cancelled.

Largely performed through social media, some describe it as

necessary evil to help democratise the internet and reflect the expectancy of an artist's audience, for others it's just a chance to shut up gobby celebs!

Whatever your view, it certainly helps empower fans by diminishing celebrity cultural capital and helping keep their egos and opinions in check. It's a growing phenomenon that's left almost no one unscathed, from comedians and actors to musicians and TV hosts.

It's also happening to the not so famous - remember the bin cat lady?

With stand up and sketch comedy, Athena explores cancel culture and the world of offence in modern times.

Athena helps to explain the phenomenon of cancel culture among celebrities, look at the history of offence, and offer up some cancel rules for guidance. Athena then puts all that cancel knowledge to the test on her own social media activity from 10 years ago.

There's just no escape from cancel culture justice, even for Athena!

Written and performed by Athena Kugblenu.

With:

James McNicholas

Jamie-Rose Monk

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Gusman production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.

**WED 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (m001g2mq)**

Series 5

Episode 2

Chernobyl five years on, the Middle East and life insurance. Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on radio.

Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell.

With:

Jasper Jacob

Felicity Montagu

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

**WED 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b00vkycj)**

Series 1

Dolly the Sheep

Comedian Richard Herring is reclaiming those things we've grown to hate.

In the final show of the series Richard reclaims Dolly the sheep as he examines why we are fearful and suspicious of the idea of cloning without really understanding it.

Richard talks to a genetics professor about how cloning works and what it was like to meet Dolly.

He also asks science writer Dr Ben Goldacre whether evil scientists exist and whether he is allowed to clone Doctor Who assistant Amy Pond.

With:

Emma Kennedy

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

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**THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b00ss4tc)**

Paul Temple and Steve

3. Presenting Ed Bellamy

The Temples have an evening of intrigue at one of London's most fashionable nightspots.

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Sir Graham Forbes .... Gareth Thomas

Kaufman .... Nick Underwood

Worth .... Greg Powrie  
Nelson .... Jimmy Chisholm  
Inspector Perry .... Michael Mackenzie  
Joseph .... Richard Greenwood  
Mrs Forester .... Candida Benson  
Ed Bellamy .... Robin Laing  
Producer: Patrick Rayner  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.  
**THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b06d8h0y)**  
Miss Marple's Final Cases  
3. Sanctuary  
Miss Marple and her god-daughter, Bunch, arrive at the local church to discover a dying man.  
His last words provide the clues to unlock an unsolved crime.  
June Whitfield stars as Miss Marple  
Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1954.  
Short story dramatised by Joy Wilkinson.  
Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield  
Bunch ..... Rosie Cavaliero  
Inspector Slack ..... Stephen Critchlow  
Edna ..... Alex Tregear  
Mrs Eccles ..... Sally Orrock  
Edwin Moss ..... Michael Shelford  
Director: Gemma Jenkins  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.  
**THU 07:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)**  
Episode 4  
Edgar and young Robert have been kidnapped - but is it a case of mistaken identity?  
Starring Richard Griffiths as shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar Finchley.  
Edgar Finchley .... Richard Griffiths  
Lawrence Hume .... Piers Gibbon  
Robert Gillespie .... James Cohen  
Mr Hammerton .... Nicky Henson  
Michel .... Jeffrey Holland  
Jerome Giraud .... Simon Roberts  
Robert Gillespie .... James Cohen  
Marie Peters .... Serena Evans  
Jacques .... David Howarth  
Baptiste Mignard .... Albert Welling  
Madame Mignard .... Jacqueline Tong  
Narrated by James Villiers.  
Written by Victor Canning and 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 (m002hwqx)**  
Baby Talk  
Wires in the house-share get crossed over talk of a new arrival.  
More exploits of flatmates Ken and Bill and their upstairs neighbours Angela and Caroline.  
They all live under the watchful gaze of their landlady, Mrs Platt.  
Written by Richard Matthews and John Davis.  
Ken .... Peter Cleall  
Bill .... Derek Seaton  
Angela .... Susanne Curtis  
Caroline .... April Walker  
Mrs Platt .... Patricia Hayes  
Helen/The Baby .... Pat Coombs  
Two series ran on BBC Radio 2 between 1972 and 1975.  
Producer: Edward Taylor  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1975  
**THU 08:00 Guilt Trip (b07m7833)**  
2. Walking Worries  
It's day 6 of the walk and Ros is concerned that they aren't doing enough to revive the bond between them, while Laura is worried that she doesn't have a passion and focus in her life.  
Will they both find what they are looking for?  
Comedy drama written by Katherine Jakeways with Felicity Montagu and Olivia Nixon.  
A mother and daughter are undertaking a two week sponsored walk along The Thames Path to raise money for the dead father's charity.  
But the mother and father divorced nine years ago and he'd re-married, so relationships between them all have been strained.  
Things come to a head at any mention of the French Oak gable table that Ros and her now dead ex bought together in Camden.  
This has somehow ended up in the step-mother's house, much to Ros's annoyance: "I mean she sits at it! It's my table and she sits at it."  
Ros ..... Felicity Montagu  
Laura ..... Olivia Nixon  
Stepmother ..... Katherine Jakeways  
Boyfriend ..... Tim Key  
With:  
Javone Prince  
Evie Killip  
Amelia Lowdell  
Producer: Jane Berthoud  
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.  
**THU 08:30 John Buchan (b00lk9c4)**  
Sick Heart River  
Episode 9  
Deep in the wilds of Canada, Sir Edward Leithen fantasises about returning to the comforts of home. Read by Paul Young.  
**THU 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony**

**Trollope (b00c53ns)**  
9. Big Plans  
Mehmoud plans to triumph at the Powercure Ball.  
Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty - updated by Jonathan Myerson.  
Ghassan Mehmoud ..... Henry Goodman  
Felix 'Flex' Carbury ..... Dexter Fletcher  
Anthony Trollope ..... John Rowe  
Paul Montague ..... Nyasha Hatendi  
Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff ..... David Bamber  
Georgiana Longstaff ..... Lucy Montgomery  
Ruby Ruggles ..... Sheridan Smith  
Marie Mehmoud ..... Chipo Chung  
Roger Lloyd-Montague ..... Ben Crowe  
Hetta Carbury ..... Emily Wachter  
Wynford Hurtle ..... Corey Johnson  
Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz ..... Nadim Sawalha  
Helen Croll ..... Liz Sutherland  
Other parts played by:  
Chris Pavlo  
Beth Chalmers  
Stephen Critchlow  
Dan Starkey  
Joan Walker  
Director: Jonquil Panting  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.  
**THU 09:00 The Edinburgh Comedy Awards Gala 2025 (m002hky8)**  
Best Show  
Comedy fans can catch the Best Show nominees for The Edinburgh Comedy Awards 2025 in this showcase for BBC Radio 4.  
The prestigious Awards turns 45 this year and in this gala, hosted by 2024 Best Show winner Amy Gledhill, we hear from all of the Best Show nominees - plus the winner Sam Nicoresti.  
This gives listeners around the UK the chance to hear from some of the best shows at the Fringe this year. The gala was recorded at the Gilded Balloon, one of the Edinburgh Fringe's iconic comedy venues.  
The winner for Best Show 2025 is Sam Nicoresti.  
Nominated for Best Show are:  
Ian Smith, Katie Norris, Ed Night, Sam Jay, John Tothill, Creepy Boys and Dan Tiernan  
Host: Amy Gledhill  
Producer: Georgia Keating  
Production Co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow  
Edited by Giles Aspen  
Recorded by Sean Kerwin  
Recorded at Gilded Balloon in Edinburgh.  
A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.  
**THU 09:30 Lies My Teacher Told Me (m000dgyx)**  
4. Japan - Revising the past  
Japan's 20th century Imperial past and war in South East Asia, has often been a fault line at home and abroad. Within Japan itself, the American occupation left a confusing legacy of freedom from direct government interference as to what should be told in the history textbook and a system of opaque censorship.  
Internal disputes over textbook accounts of the war and their possible distortions, provoked diplomatic rows with China and South Korea over the legacy of the past and Japanese contrition.  
Presenter Priya Atwal  
Producer: Mark Burman  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.  
**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002hwr1)**  
New challenges - One step enough for me  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: New challenges - One step enough for me  
Presenter: Laura Darrall  
Reading: Psalm 37: 7-11, 39-40  
Music  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
St Philip's Boy's Choir  
CD: Angel Voices at Christmas (Demon Music Group)  
I waited for the Lord - Mendelssohn  
St Paul's Cathedral Choristers  
CD: The World of Sacred Music (Decca)  
Wait for the Lord - Taize  
St Martin's Voices  
BBC recording  
Be still and know  
St Martin's Voices  
BBC recording  
Spiegel im Spiegel  
Tamsin Little & Martin Roscoe  
CD: The Very Best of Arvo Part (Warner)  
**THU 10:00 Great Lives (m000hfyf)**  
Ursula Le Guin nominated by Kate Stables  
Ursula le Guin was born in California in 1929. Her books - including A Wizard of Earthsea and The Left Hand of Darkness - have been described as masterpieces but she battled prejudice all her life from the literary elite.  
British musician Kate Stables speaks to Matthew Parris from Paris about her love of le Guin's books. Plus, on the line from San Francisco is Arwen Curry - she knew the author and made the film The Worlds of Ursula K Le Guin with the strapline 'A Wizard's Work is Never Done'.  
Presenter: Matthew Parris

Guest: Kate Stables  
Guest: Arwen Curry  
Producers: Toby Field and Miles Warde  
A BBC Bristol production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.  
**THU 10:30 Sibelius: A Symphony that Burned (b01kj7h)**  
The story of Jean Sibelius's Eighth Symphony - with extracts from new musical fragments performed exclusively for the programme.  
One morning in 1945, Jean Sibelius, took the pages of a symphony that had brought him to the brink of despair and burned the lot. The composer wanted to destroy the work before it destroyed him.  
His Eighth Symphony became the most notorious 'lost work' in classical music. Not a single note could be traced. And then, in 2011, three, short, fragments of music were revealed - the culmination of years of painstaking research through piles of manuscript sketches. The only evidence of any orchestral work by Sibelius during the 'silence of Ainola'. And almost certainly the only tantalising glimpse we may ever have of his fabled Eighth Symphony.  
Writer and broadcaster Peggy Reynolds visits Sibelius's home near Helsinki to unpick - for the first time - the riddle of Sibelius's Eighth Symphony, with contributions from the British conductor and Sibelius expert Sir Mark Elder. Peggy also presents a performance of newly-discovered musical fragments, performed exclusively for the programme by the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra under John Storgards. After nine decades, this may be the closest we ever get to experiencing the most infamous lost work in 20th century music.  
Producer Steven Rajam  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012  
**THU 11:00 Paul Temple (b00ss4tc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b06d8h0y)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 12:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)**  
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**THU 13:00 Guilt Trip (b07m7833)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 13:30 John Buchan (b00lk9c4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 13:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53ns)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**THU 14:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008pbnv)**  
Episode 4  
Party pieces - and the worst possible people to be a British astronaut.  
Clive Anderson hosts the famed improvisation game.  
Regular team captains:  
Stephen Fry  
John Sessions  
With:  
Kate Robbins  
Griff Rhys-Jones  
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 (b007jpnw)**  
Series 6  
Episode 4  
The residents await news from New York, while the Hawthornes are fretting. It's 1956 in the sleepy Irish town. Stars TP McKenna.  
**THU 15:00 Secret Lives by EF Benson (b014sh4w)**  
2. A Most Salubrious Seaside Resort  
'A most salubrious seaside resort' is an apt description of Brighton.  
But will the arrival of Mr Arthur Armstrong - critic, poet, novelist and Labour Member of Parliament - make it even more attractive to Miss Susan Leg?  
Starring Pauline Collins.  
EF Benson's comedy novel, first published in 1932.  
Dramatised by Aubrey Woods.  
Miss Susan Leg ..... Pauline Collins  
Margaret Mantrip ..... Margot Boyd  
Jimmie Mason ..... Ronald Herdman  
Elizabeth Conklin ..... Rachel Gurney  
Lady Eva Lowndes ..... Pauline Letts  
Mr Cartwright ..... Peter Howell  
Arthur Armstrong MP ..... Edward de Souza  
Bosanquet ..... John Church  
Vicar ..... Tim Reynolds  
Minnie Mimps ..... Sheila Grant  
Head Waiter..... Manning Wilson  
Mr Puffy ..... George Parsons  
Doctor ..... Gordon Reid  
Receptionist ..... Jonathan Tafler  
Augustus ..... Andrew Branch  
Vicar ..... Tim Reynolds  
Narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Music by John Owen Edwards.

Producer: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987

**THU 16:00 Great Lives (m000hfyf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:30 Sibelius: A Symphony that Burned (b01kjt7h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**THU 17:00 Paul Temple (b00ss4tc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 17:30 Whodunnits (b06d8h0y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 18:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 18:30 I'm Ken, He's Bill (m002hwqx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 19:00 Guilt Trip (b07m7833)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 John Buchan (b00lk9c4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 19:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53ns)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 20:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008pbnv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**THU 20:30 Ballylenon (b007jpnw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Secret Lives by EF Benson (b014sh4w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**THU 22:00 The Edinburgh Comedy Awards Gala 2025 (m002hky8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 22:30 Hearing with Hegley (b00b7c59)**

Series 1

Episode 4

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

With:

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 (b00hdbgz)**

Episode 4

A manic anger management facilitator tackles road rage.

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

With:

Anna Crilly

Colin Houlit

Producer Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009

**THU 23:00 Kevin Eldon Will See You Now (b08n2wt4)**

Series 3

Some Owls Were Harmed During the Making of This

Programme

A love song, a dead scarecrow, a Jiffy Bag and Kylie Minogue.

Some owls were harmed during the making of this programme.

Comedy's best kept secret ingredient, Kevin Eldon hosts his very own sketch show.

Also starring:

Amelia Bullmore

Julia Davis

Paul Putner

Justin Edwards

David Reed

Rosie Cavaliero

Written by Kevin Eldon.

With additional material by Jason Hazeley and Joel Morris.

Original music by Martin Bird.

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

**THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b01m6cr8)**

Series 3

The Broad Fit Footglove

Beauty looks after Ray, an ex-footballer who is young at heart.

Or is it Beauty who is aging up from spending so much time with the elderly?

Beauty becomes protective of Ray when a long-lost relative appears out of the blue.

Beauty of Britain is about one woman's progress through a foreign country as she searches for personal fulfilment, a sense of belonging and a pair of Jimmy Choos she can walk to church in.

Beauty works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency, which is based in Stoke. She sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to live the dream in Britain.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Beauty ..... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Ray ..... Duncan Preston

Linda ..... Janine Duvitski

Sally ..... Felicity Montagu

Karen ..... Nicola Sanderson

Anil ..... Phaldut Sharma

Mrs. Gupte ..... Indira Joshi

Shawn, Bouncer ..... Don Gilet

Yvonne ..... Rachel Atkins

Neil ..... Christopher Douglas

Producer : Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

**FRIDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**FRI 00:00 Great Lives (m000hfyf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 Sibelius: A Symphony that Burned (b01kjt7h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Paul Temple (b00ss4tc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (b06d8h0y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k00f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 I'm Ken, He's Bill (m002hwqx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 Guilt Trip (b07m7833)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:30 John Buchan (b00lk9c4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53ns)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008pbnv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 Ballylenon (b007jpnw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 Secret Lives by EF Benson (b014sh4w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Paul Temple (b00svt6h)**

Paul Temple and Steve

4. Mrs Forester Is Surprised

Trailing the ruthless Dr Belasco, the sleuth faces danger on leaving the Machicha Club.

Enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard, Paul Temple

and his wife Steve to help track down the mysterious Dr

Belasco. The suave couple search for clues by day, then dance

the night away in louche Latin American night clubs.

A faithful 2010 re-creation of the 1947 detective serial 'Paul

Temple and Steve', the original of which was lost from the

Radio Archive.

Written by Francis Durbridge.

Paul Temple .... Crawford Logan

Steve .... Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Forbes .... Gareth Thomas

Kaufman .... Nick Underwood

Joseph .... Richard Greenwood

Mrs Forester .... Candida Benson

Ed Bellamy .... Robin Laing

Sergeant O'Day .... John Paul Hurley

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

**FRI 06:30 Mr Ledbetter's Vacation by HG Wells (m002hxyy)**

Schoolmaster Mr Ledbetter's dreams of restoring personal

courage in the modern age are put to the test.

Short story written by HG Wells, first published in 1898.

Adapted for radio by Lance Sieveking.

Ledbetter .... Robertson Hare

Crabtree .... Richard Williams

Bingham .... Godfrey Kenton

Marrow .... John Gabriel

Abdul .... Manning Wilson

Mr Martin .... Rolf Lefebvre

Producer: Ayton Whitaker

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1955.

**FRI 07:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b9ftc)**

Sherlock Holmes and the Glorious Doppelganger

Baker Street's great detective investigates when Queen Victoria suffers a severe personality change.

The ghastly truth is revealed at Buckingham Palace garden party.

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

series.

Sherlock Holmes .... Roy Hudd

Dr Watson .... Chris Emmett

Mrs Hudson .... June Whitfield

Professor Moriarty .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Musical accompaniment by Ian Smith.

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1999.

**FRI 07:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007sxvp)**

The Purity of the Turf

After the syndicate disaster, Bertie Wooster ponders what he

should bet on next.

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard

Briers.

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster .... Richard Briers

Reverend Heppenstall .... Maurice Denham

Bingo Little .... Jonathan Cecil

Steggles ..... Edwin Apps

Harold ..... Denise Bryer

Charles ..... John Samson

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

**FRI 08:00 Teatime (m000fghv)**

Episode 1

Newlyweds Vicky and Rav have just got back from their honeymoon and are looking forward to their first quiet night in as a married couple.

But a quiet night in proves impossible when Vicky's family invite themselves round. Vicky's parents Donna and Joe have separated, but Joe has is keen to rekindle the old spark.

Vicky's sister Lisa is scandalised by what she thinks she remembers happening at the wedding.

And Uncle Bob makes a spirited attempt at breaking the world record for most spoons balanced on the face. 31 spoons to beat.

So much for a quiet night in.

Comedy by Katherine Jakeways about a chaotic but loving family.

Vicky ..... Aimee-Ffion Edwards

Rav ..... Prasanna Puwanarajah

Donna ..... Samantha Spiro,

Joe ..... Philip Glenister

Lisa ..... Katie Redford

Uncle Bob ..... Steven Brandon

Producer: Sam Ward

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

**FRI 08:30 John Buchan (b00lk0v)**

Sick Heart River

10. Helping Out

When the men arrive at the Hare Indians' camp, they hear dreadful news about war and starvation - which effects them in different ways.

John Buchan's last novel set in the Canadian wilderness.

Abridged in ten parts by Trevor Royle

Read by Paul Young

Director: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.

**FRI 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53nz)**

10. Powercure Ball

Who will be seen at the Powercure Ball - now the Mehmoud name is toxic?

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty - updated by Jonathan Myerson.

Ghassan Mehmoud ..... Henry Goodman

Felix 'Flex' Carbury ..... Dexter Fletcher

Anthony Trollope ..... John Rowe

Paul Montague ..... Nyasha Hatendi

Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff ..... David Bamber

Georgiana Longstaff ..... Lucy Montgomery

Ruby Ruggles ..... Sheridan Smith

Marie Mehmoud ..... Chipo Chung

Roger Lloyd-Montague ..... Ben Crowe

Hetta Carbury ..... Emily Wachter

Wynford Hurtle ..... Corey Johnson

Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz ..... Nadim Sawalha

Helen Croll ..... Liz Sutherland

Other parts played by:

Chris Pavlo

Beth Chalmers

Stephen Critchlow

Dan Starkey

Joan Walker

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

**FRI 09:00 Icklewick FM (m002hswz)**

Series 2

1. The Comeback

We return to Icklewick one year after the explosive events of Mischief Night. With Amy's whereabouts still unknown and the rest of the team scattered, Chris has been struggling to keep

Icklewick FM on the air from his home studio.

Things are deffo looking bleak until he receives a mysterious call from Mainland Europe...

Icklewick FM is created and written by Chris Cantrill and Amy Gledhill, with additional material from the cast.

Starring:

Amy Gledhill

Chris Cantrill

Mark Silcox

Colin Houlit

Janice Connolly

Phil Ellis

Tom Lawrinson

Tom Burgess

Nicola Redman

Tai Campbell

Em Humble

James Carbutt

Series Artwork by Sam O'Leary

Music, sound design and additional material by Jack Lewis Evans.

Line Produced by Laura Shaw

Produced by Benjamin Sutton.

A Daddy's Superyacht production for BBC Radio 4

**FRI 09:30 Lies My Teacher Told Me (m000drmg)**

5. Northern Ireland-Healing History?

Northern Ireland, where pupils were educated in a

transformation in the ways history could detoxify partisan narratives.

Concluding part of an examination of textbook history presented by Priya Atwal

Producer: Mark Burman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.

**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002hxx4)**

New Challenges - And finally

A time of spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and Christian music led by Fr Matt Roche-Saunders.

Theme:

New Challenges - And finally

Reading:

Revelation 21:1-4

Music:

Be Still My Soul

New Reality by Sarah Kroger

Now The Green Blade Riseth

**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b0075z8x)**

Elgar's Cello Concerto

Cellist Julian Lloyd Webber, Michael Kennedy and Tim

Dinsley reflect on the special impact of Elgar's Cello Concerto.

Julian Lloyd Webber talks about what it's like to play this work.

Tim Dinsley shares the way in which he and his daughter Jo used this music to support them as she was dying.

And music writer Michael Kennedy explores why this piece has such an impact on people.

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

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2000.

**FRI 10:30 Jack Jackson: Rhythm and Radio Fun Remembered (b0169255)**

Exploring the legacy of musician and broadcaster Jack Jackson, who died in 1978, through the eyes of three generations of his family.

Kenny Everett said of him 'He was the first person to have fun on radio', but even though he inspired many broadcasters and musicians it is the incredible impact Jackson still has on his family.

This programme uncovers another Jackson dynasty overflowing with musicians, record producers and artists all striving to preserve his memory and make their own impression on the world. His two sons established a recording studio, used by artists such as Elton John, Tom Robinson and Motorhead. His daughter is a successful artist and designer and several of his grandchildren are forging effective careers in the music business - one of which co-founded production group 'Bimbo Jones' which has taken numerous number ones to the top of the dance charts. His great grand children are all encouraged to be musical.

Jackson's career in entertainment spanned fifty years. Jackson formed his band in the thirties and was a regular at London's Dorchester Hotel. He became a disc jockey in 1948 on the BBC Light Programme and his programmes featured a mix of linking his voice with comedy clips and popular music. According to his grandson Marc he was the first broadcaster in Britain to introduce the technique of sampling and to present a "clip show" programme.

He is also often cited as the man who gave the BBC the nickname 'Auntie' and the first voice heard on ITV.

Producer: Stephen Garner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

**FRI 11:00 Paul Temple (b00svt6h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 John Buchan (b00lkk0v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53nz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 14:00 The Motion Show (b00762c8)**

Series 4

Episode 1

Debates galore from getting old – to whether the Devil has the best tunes?

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

With:

Hugh Dennis

Arthur Smith

Gyles Brandreth

Henry Naylor

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

**FRI 14:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b1r3hv)**

Series 3

The Genealogist

Milton becomes an expert genealogist and gets stuck up a rather unexpected family tree.

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 Secret Lives by EF Benson (b014tcljb)**

3. A Most Treasured Home

A most treasured home is exactly what 25 Durham Square has become for Miss Susan Leg.

But will its treasure turn to dross with the threatened unravelling of the mystery surrounding her secret life?

Starring Pauline Collins.

Conclusion of EF Benson's comedy novel, first published in 1932.

Dramatised by Aubrey Woods.

Miss Susan Leg ..... Pauline Collins

Margaret Mantrip ..... Margot Boyd

Jimmie Mason ..... Ronald Herdman

Elizabeth Conklin ..... Rachel Gurney

Lady Eva Lowndes ..... Pauline Letts

Mr Cartwright ..... Peter Howell

Bosanquet ..... John Church

Vicar ..... Tim Reynolds

Minnie Mimps ..... Sheila Grant

Head Waiter..... Manning Wilson

Mr Gandish ..... George Parsons

Ellen ..... Jennifer Piercey

Doctor ..... Gordon Reid

Mr Salt ..... Jonathan Taffler

Augustus ..... Andrew Branch

Vicar ..... Tim Reynolds

Narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Music by John Owen Edwards.

Producer: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 John Buchan (b00lkk0v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c53nz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 The Motion Show (b00762c8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b1r3hv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Secret Lives by EF Benson (b014tcljb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Icklewick FM (m002hswz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 22:30 Dial M for Pizza (b009y1q0)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Sharp comedy sketches featuring from 'The Sauna Novices' to 'Batman in his dotage'.

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.

Starring:

Robert Bathurst

Brenda Blethyn

Mike Grady

Jonathan Kydd

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002j7wt)**

Christopher Douglas 3/3

Two hours of comedy, every night from **10pm**. Tonight, Lou Conran wraps up her three-part chat with Christopher Douglas, the creator and star of Ed Reardon's Week.

**FRI 23:00 Desolation Jests (b0858k3l)**

Episode 2

David Jason stars with John Bird, Rory Bremner and Jan Ravens in David Renwick's dark sketch comedy that takes a post-apocalyptic and distinctly counter-factual look at the history of laughter....

JP Doom interviews Viktor Schmelling about his career in comedy from his humble beginnings as a joke writer for the Queen through to his current role as Emeritus Professor of

Princeton University's Faculty of Laughter. His message - life is horrible - you better learn to see the funny side.

Among the classic comedy sketches Schmelling singles out for posterity are the atheist episode of Sunday Worship; an old lag and his pet orang-utan; and 1950's cult The Demob Mob's remarkable episode on Hitler, liquorish allsorts and the awesome power of the non-sequitur.

With:

David Jason

John Bird

Jan Ravens

Rory Bremner

Christopher Timothy

Adie Allen

James Lailey

Nick Underwood

Producer: Gareth Edwards

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

**FRI 23:30 Mitch Benn Specials (b068xdrj)**

Mitch Benn Has Left the Building

Elvis is one of the most impersonated men in history. But it's a surprising complex persona to inhabit.

Mitch Benn explores the man behind the phenomenon called 'Elvis'...

Humble Southern boy or bejewelled megalomaniac emperor?

Fearless rebel or gormless yes-man?

Pioneer and innovator or showbiz sell-out?

Rock and roll's greatest triumph or its most tragic waste?

From the early rock and roll years, to Mr. Presley post-army;

food addiction; and his Las Vegas residency in THE

SUIT...With a glorious mix of musical parodies and trivia,

Mitch Benn is going to find out.

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/Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.