

SATURDAY 06 SEPTEMBER 2025

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:30 Jack Jackson: Rhythm and Radio Fun Remembered (b0169255)

Exploring the legacy of musician and broadcaster Jack Jackson, 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's the incredible impact Jackson still has on his family.

There's 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.

Several of his grandchildren are forging effective careers in the music business - one of which co-founded production group 'Bimbo Jones' topping the dance charts with numerous number ones. His great grandchildren are all encouraged to be musical. Jackson's own career in entertainment spanned 50 years. He formed his band in the 1930s 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 October 2011.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b00svt6h)

Paul Temple and Steve

4. Mrs Forester Is Surprised

On the trail of a ruthless criminal mastermind, Paul Temple faces danger on leaving the Machicha Club.

Another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest amateur sleuth and his glamorous wife.

The duo face more dramatic peril after being enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard to help track down the mysterious Dr Belasco.

Starring Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson.

Lovingly rebooted 1947 mystery thriller written by Francis Durbridge, but never saved in the BBC archive.

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.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00b9fte)

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.

SAT 02:30 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 Sanson

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

SAT 03:00 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. .

SAT 03:30 John Buchan (b00lkk0v)

Sick Heart River

10. Helping Out

When the men arrive at the Hare Indians' camp, they hear dreadful news about war and starvation.

This affects them in different ways.

Conclusion of 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 March 1990.

SAT 03:45 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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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.

SAT 05:00 Secret Lives by EF Benson (b014tcjb)

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.

SAT 06:00 Joby by Stan Barstow (m002j5fm)

Summer 1939, and the harsh realities of adult life are brought painfully home to 11 year old Joby.

Stan Barstow's classic debut novel, first published in 1964.

Moving rites of passage story starring Oliver Peace, Jim Carter and Gillian Bevan.

Dramatised by Diana Griffiths.

Joby Oliver Peace

Mr Weston Jim Carter

Mrs Weston Gillian Bevan

Snap Anthony Lewis

Mollie Elizabeth Binns

Gus Michael Jowett

Tommy John McCoy

Auntie Daisy Susan Brown

Mona Alison Pettitt

With:

Gerard McDermott

Tracy Ann Oberman

Christopher Scott

Sean Baker

Shirley Dixon

Danielle McCormack

James Muir.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997.

SAT 07:30 Black Gold by Jeremy Paxman (Omnibus) (m002j5fp)

Jeremy Paxman's vivid and compelling social history of how coal 'made' Britain.

This was thanks to rich seams of anthracite, plus the ambition and hard labour of the inhabitants to turn it into the nation's powerhouse.

From Roman times to the late 20th century, Paxman explores the stories of the engineers and inventors, landowners,

entrepreneurs and industrialists who saw the potential for innovation and wealth.

For centuries it was the driving force behind our economy and trade and the preoccupation of politicians.

It fuelled the industrial revolution producing everything from carriage wheels to needles, it warmed and lit the nation's homes and powered our steam trains and ships.

Underpinning all of this and central to Paxman's book is the history of the miners themselves who toiled in appalling conditions to hack the coal from the underground seams and the mining communities that formed around the pitheads.

He also explores the terrible human cost of coal with the filthy, polluting air it produced as it burned and the inevitable and multiple accidents that happened to those working underground. Omnibus of five parts abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Read by Adrian Scarborough.

Producer: Julian Wilkinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2022.

SAT 08:45 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqv9)

Tales From the Brigadier

1. Stumped!

Umpires, commodes and the glory days of English cricket

All the way from Witney Scrotum, the first of five

reminiscences from the crusty old brigadier.

Starring Richard Wilson.

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.
SAT 09:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0080Inf)
Series 1
Episode 6
Judgement day dawns for the shady lawyer, Waldorf T Flywheel.
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 Hoad
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 July 1990.
SAT 09:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp89)
Series 1
Give a Dog a Bad Name
Confusion reigns when Noote does his aunt a favour - behind the Bishop's back.
The ecclesiastical sitcom started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971.
Adapted from their TV script 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
Mrs Pugh-Critchley Joan Sanderson
Miss Stephenson Tania Robinson
Producer: David Hatch.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.
SAT 10:00 Poetry Puh-lease (m0008prk)
3. Presley, Stanza & Cooper Clarke
Comedy and poetry have always had strong links, with many comics and poets blurring the boundaries.
Comedian Kevin Eldon concludes his peek at either side of the fine line that divides them.
Last of three programmes featuring:
'SIR RALPH STANZA'S LETTER FROM SALFORD' [Series. 2 6/6]
Special guest John Cooper Clarke.
'Hovis Has Left the Building'
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.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Doctor Who (m001bylk)
Tenth Doctor Adventures
Infamy of the Zaross
The infamous Zaross have come to take over the Earth.
Or have they?
When the Doctor and Rose arrive, it quickly becomes clear that this is a very unusual invasion indeed.
One of six adventures featuring the tenth incarnation of The Doctor.
Starring David Tennant and Billie Piper.
Written by John Dorney.
The Doctor David Tennant
Rose Tyler Billie Piper
Jackie Tyler Camille Coduri
Leader George Asprey
Marge Ellmore Rosie Cavaliero
Ikron Guy Henry
Jess Ellmore Beth Lilly
Tanan/Steve George Watkins
Original music by Howard Carter.
Director: Nicholas Briggs
A Big Finish production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2022.
SAT 16:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0026sry)
Peter Capaldi
Doctor Who and The Thick of It star Peter Capaldi picks 'That's Life' by Frank Sinatra and 'Waterloo Sunset' by The Kinks.

SAT 17:00 Joby by Stan Barstow (m002j5fm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 Black Gold by Jeremy Paxman (Omnibus) (m002j5fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqv9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0080Inf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp89)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Poetry Puh-lease (m0008prk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Bearded Ladies (m002jil3)
Series 1
Episode 3
The joy of competitive friends, negotiating creative driving instructions and achieving that fresh start after a divorce.
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
Mark Blakewell, James Harris, Luke Foster, Rufus Jones and Lucy Porter.
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 (b07myyr1)
Series 3
3. Tinder
Barney and Cathy come up with a plan to find out which of them is the most attractive. What could possibly go wrong?
Meanwhile Alice has joined a life drawing class but husband David is jealous and wants to replace the person sitting for it.
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
Producer: Claire Jones
A BBC Studio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002jil5)
Bob Sinfield 1/1
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp speaks to the "Peter Sellers At Sea" writer Bob Sinfield.
SAT 23:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b0156jzr)
Series 1
Episode 1
John Finnemore, (Cabin Pressure, The Now Show) returns with a series of his own sketches, each funnier than the last.
Although, hang on, that system means starting the whole series with the least funny sketch. Might need to rethink that. OK, it's a new show filled with sketches written and performed by John Finnemore, but now no longer arranged in strict order of funniness.
Also, he's cut the sketch that would have gone first.
The opening show show sees a big job, a small job, the career path of the average TV executive, and a tiger with a gun.
Written in random order by and starring John Finnemore.
With:
Carrie Quinlan
Lawry Lewin
Simon Kane
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.
SAT 23:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (b01s259m)
Series 1
Bob and Marie
Isy Suttie presents some unique tales, recounting a series of love stories affecting people she's known throughout her life, told partly through song.
Sometimes Isy has merely observed other people's love lives; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse. Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from Isy's own, often disastrous, love life.
In this final episode, Isy returns to Matlock to take driving lessons from instructor Bob, who she learns has a crush on another pupil, the mysterious Marie. While Isy tries to master an impeccable 3 point turn, she attempts to unite Bob with the girl of his dreams and discovers some important lessons in love of her own.
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 (m001bylk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Joby by Stan Barstow (m002j5fm)
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SUN 02:30 Black Gold by Jeremy Paxman (Omnibus) (m002j5fp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]
SUN 03:45 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqv9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]
SUN 04:30 All Gas and Gaiters (b007jp89)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]
SUN 05:00 Poetry Puh-lease (m0008prk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000ydvx)
Just A Minute
Sue Perkins
Comedian and TV presenter Sue Perkins is castaway by Kirsty Young.
She and her friend Mel Giedroyc first appeared as a comedy duo at the Edinburgh Fringe over 20 years ago and together they presented the first seven series of The Great British Bake Off.
Born at the end of the 1960s, Sue grew up in Croydon, the eldest of three siblings. By her own description a "shy and awkward" child, she nonetheless made it to Cambridge University to study English.
She and Mel met at a Footlights open mic gig soon after she'd arrived. Their first joint high-profile success was landing a new live daytime programme on Channel 4 called Light Lunch, which turned them into household names.
Sue also formed a second presenting partnership, making historical food programmes with Giles Coren.
When she was 38 she was diagnosed with a benign brain tumour which left her unable to have children. Sue was in a relationship with the TV presenter Anna Richardson.
DISC ONE: Sylvester - You Make Me Feel (Mighty Real)
DISC TWO: Lonnie Donegan - Rock Island Line
DISC THREE: The Smiths - How Soon Is Now?
DISC FOUR: T. Rex - 20th Century Boy
DISC FIVE: Kate Bush - Moments of Pleasure
DISC SIX: Emma Kirkby, James Bowman and the Academy of Ancient Music, conducted by Christopher Hogwood - Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's Stabat Mater
DISC SEVEN: Nick Drake - Northern Sky
DISC EIGHT: Philip Glass - Opening (from Glassworks)
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Kate Bush - Moments of Pleasure
BOOK CHOICE: "How to Clone A Dog"
LUXURY CHOICE: Her deceased dog's hair
Produced by Cathy Drysdale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39)
Series 1
Collecting
Why do we collect things? Is it a male response to ancient hunting instincts to provide food for the family?
Today, collecting by children is in decline, and with it the development of an early fascination with the natural world around them.
Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002j5mn)
Tell Me the Truth About Love and Deaths of the Poets
Daljit Nagra selects two highlights from the archives:
* Tell Me the Truth About Love
* Deaths of the Poets
* Plus Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month - a recently published new book of poetry: Beast by Pascale Petit.
TELL ME THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
In conversation with other love poets, Carol Ann Duffy focuses on poems exploring the highs and lows of a long-term relationship.
'John Anderson, my Jo' performed by Cast, from the album, Colours of Lichen (Greentrax Recordings)
Readings by Robert Blythe, Michael Shelford and Nicholas Murchie
Producer: Emma Harding.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.
DEATHS OF THE POETS
What is the cost of poetry?
The post-Romantic myth of the dissolute drunken poet has fatally skewed the image of poets in our culture.
Novelists can be stable, savvy, politically adept and in control, but poets should be melancholic, doomed and self-destructive. Is this just a myth, or is there some essential truth behind it?
In this programme, award-winning poets Michael Symmons

Roberts and Paul Farley explore the lives - and tragic deaths - of Thomas Chatterton and Dylan Thomas.

Written and read by the authors. Abridged by Lauris Morgan Griffiths

Producer: Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017

SUN 07:30 Sick Heart River by John Buchan (Omnibus) (m002j5ms)

Episode 2

Sir Edward Leithen is drawing his career to a close, so he has taken on one last mission.

Paul Young concludes John Buchan's final novel 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 last five of ten parts abridged by Trevor Royle. Director: Hamish Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1990.

SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lkmy29)

Limahl

Actor and singer Limahl chooses 'Move Over Darling' by Doris Day and 'Four Brothers' by Manhattan Transfer.

After a short spell as a punk rocker, Limahl found fame with the band Kajagoogoo after responding to an advert in a music magazine in 1982, where the then named Art Noveau were looking for a new lead singer.

The following year he left the band – but quickly went onto find his own success as a solo artist with his hit “The Never Ending Story”. His early ambitions, growing up in Wigan, were for a career as an actor and he even toured in production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Inherited: Move Over Darling by Doris Day

Passed on: Four Brothers by Manhattan Transfer

Producers: Catherine Powell and Anna Bailey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2025.

SUN 08:50 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (Omnibus) (m002j5mz)

Episode 2

Paul Montague is visited by an old friend. Marie starts plotting. But has the Mehmoud name become toxic?

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty, first published in 1875.

Omnibus of the next five of 15 episodes - updated for the 21st century 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.

SUN 10:00 Ray's a Laugh (b00ssp46)

From 15/11/1949

Ted and Kitty quarrel over her frock - and reporter George gets festive.

Starring Ted Ray.

Ray's a Laugh 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 & 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 (m001bb6g)

Series 2

Father's Little Problems

William's hypochondria results in a visit to the hospital.

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

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 (m000ydvx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39)

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SUN 16:00 Hothouse by Brian Aldiss (b00mj3gd)

3. Yattmur

The manipulative Morel fungus guides Gren and Poyly's lives without their tribe.

Millions of years in the future, a colossal banyan tree covers much of the Earth. In its boughs, the last remnants of humanity are fighting for survival, terrorized by carnivorous plants and grotesque insect life.

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 1962 sci-fi fantasy read by Gareth Thomas.

Abridged by Lu Kemp.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2009.

SUN 16:30 The Man in Black (b0180hnl)

Series 4

3. The Beaten Track by Dawn King

A young couple ignore warnings on a New Zealand getaway.

The Man in Black introduces Dawn King's tale of ignorance.

Mark Gatiss stars as the sinister raconteur.

Aaron Adam Billington

Louise Kirsty Oswald

Motel Owner Jonathan Forbes

Sandy Clare Corbett

James Christopher Webster

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: Jeremy Mortimer

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2011.

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SUN 18:30 Sick Heart River by John Buchan (Omnibus) (m002j5ms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lkmy29)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SUN 19:50 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (Omnibus) (m002j5mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

SUN 21:00 Ray's a Laugh (b00ssp46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:30 Home to Roost (m001bb6g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b008cy0w)

Series 1

Adoption

The social worker gets noisy new neighbours - but what is her rich sister Emma after?

Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her 30s, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life

In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Starring Sally Phillips and Alex Lowe.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

With:

Richard Lumsden

Gemma Craven

Ellen Thomas

Nina Conti

Andrew Wincott

Nicholas Boulton

Helen Longworth

Producer: Katie Tyrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2004.

SUN 22:30 King Cutler (b008vr1b)

King Cutler III

Another zesty batch of poems, songs and stories from Phyllis

King and Ivor Cutler.

Interrupting from beyond the harmonium are:

Dylan Edwards

David Lloyd

Craig Murray-Orr

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in January 1990.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002jj11)

Temi Wilkey 1/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp speaks to the writer and performer Temi Wilkey.

SUN 23:00 Daphne Sounds Expensive (b08yqccf)

Series 2

Atlantis

World-renowned opera singer Sir Willard White has an

ingenious plan to solve the boys' money woes.

They must travel to the lost city of Atlantis in pursuit of a

legendary precious metal.

Written by and starring:

Jason Forbes

Phil Wang

George Fouracres

With:

Celeste Dring

Will Seaward

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

Produced by Hayley Sterling.

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

SUN 23:30 The Mark Steel Solution (b007k191)

Series 3

Crime

A proposal that would solve punishments for criminal acts, once and for all.

Comedian Mark Steel provides alternative solutions to our everyday problems

Written by Mark Steel and Pete Sinclair.

With

Kim Wall

Maria McErlane

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

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MON 00:00 Hothouse by Brian Aldiss (b00mj3gd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Man in Black (b0180hnl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000ydvx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n5w39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002j5mn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Sick Heart River by John Buchan (Omnibus) (m002j5ms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lkmy29)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (Omnibus) (m002j5mz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Ray's a Laugh (b00ssp46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Home to Roost (m001bb6g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Paul Temple (b00sy3lc)

Paul Temple and Steve

5. David Nelson Explains

Paul Temple's probe leads him from a London murder scene to

a country house on Romney Marsh

Another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest amateur sleuth and his glamorous wife.

The duo face more dramatic peril after being enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard to help track down the mysterious Dr Belasco.

Starring Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson.

Lovingly rebooted 1947 mystery thriller written by Francis Durbridge, but never saved in the BBC archive.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas

Kaufman Nick Underwood

Worth/Charlie Greg Powrie

Nelson Jimmy Chisholm

Joseph Richard Greenwood

Mrs Forester Candida Benson

Ed Bellamy Robin Laing

Waitress Lucy Paterson

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010

MON 06:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m000mktn)

BBC National Short Story Award 2020

The Grotesques by Sarah Hall

On her 30th birthday, Dilly explores truths about her family, her relationship with her overbearing mother, and the masking of identity.

Sarah Hall's story won the 15th BBC National Short Story Award in 2020.

Read by Lydia Wilson.

The BBC National Short Story Award with Cambridge

University is one of the most prestigious for a single short story.

The stories are broadcast on Radio 4 and published in an anthology.

Sarah Hall also won the award in 2013, and is a four-time nominee.

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.

MON 07:00 In the Red (b007js7t)

Episode 7

Plotting at the BBC reaches a climax, while reporter George edges closer to nailing the serial killer.

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

Carstairs Jeffrey Holland

Caroline Susie Brann

Jemma Alice Arnold

With Geoffrey Whitehead, Paul Shearer and Tim Hope.

Music by Paul Mottram

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jlfS)

Series 1

The Battle of Godfrey's Cottage

Summer, 1940: Convinced a German invasion has begun,

Captain Mainwaring and his men mount a gun placement at Godfrey's cottage.

Chaos, inevitably, ensues...

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

Private Frazer John Laurie

Cissie Godfrey Nan Brawntton

Percy the Parrot Percy Edwards

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1974.

MON 08:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b49248)

Episode 1

An astonishing tour de force of comic imagination and satire.

Martin Jarvis directs Michael Frayn's masterly comic series.

Featuring an outstanding cast led by Ian McKellen, Joanna Lumley, Stephen Fry, Alfred Molina, Alex Jennings and Jarvis

himself.

Michael Frayn - author of Noises Off - is the most comic philosophical writer of our time.

Each episode reveals his infectious delight in writing between the lines of theatre, fiction, TV and the media, the church, relationships - life in general.

* Joanna Lumley opens the series with "assembly instructions"

* Alex Jennings is a subversive theatre director

* Ian McKellen meets Mozart (George Blagden)

* Alfred Molina has security problems with packaging

* Lisa Dillon and Edward Bennett are Gainsborough's Mr and

Mrs Andrews National Gallery portrait

* Stephen Fry conducts a weird press interview with Martin

Jarvis

* Ian McKellen and Joanna Lumley are Mr and Mrs God.

Director: Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

MON 08:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j5s4)

1. The Ghost

The half-crazed Phantom lurks in the labyrinth of the Paris

Opera House.

He is obsessed with Christine, a beautiful young opera singer...

Gaston Leroux's novel, first published in 1909.

Classic horror entwined with a passionate love story translated by Peter Haining.

Abridged in ten parts by Andrew Simpson.

Read by Jack Klaff.

Producer: Harriet Lang

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

MON 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cf9m6)

11. Peerage

Now that Ghassan Mehmoud's a peer, can he save his business empire and his name?

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

Jason Crumb Chris Pavlo

Other parts played by:

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 (m002hxsx)

Series 95

3. It's what Emily Brontë would have wanted

Sue Perkins challenges Paul Merton, Julian Clary, Paterson Joseph and Rachel Parris to speak for 60 seconds without

repetition, deviation or hesitation. Subjects include my perfect first date, when I was staying at The White Lotus and I'm in a

WhatsApp group with Sue Perkins.

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 Self Drives (b06pt0bp)

Maxwell's Equations

1. Maxwell's Edinburgh

Will Self embarks on a road trip from Edinburgh to Cambridge on the trail of a Scottish physicist.

In 1865 James Clerk Maxwell pioneered the theory of electromagnetic waves which made mobile phones, radio, radar and GPS all possible.

In a bid to understand Maxwell and his achievements, Will plans to drive 600 miles in an electric car.

He's planning to stop off at locations relevant to the much-neglected 19th century boffin.

Will's trip starts promisingly enough when he has a chance encounter with Nobel prize-winning physicist Professor Peter

Higgs on an Edinburgh back street - not far from Maxwell's birthplace.

But things then start to go awry as Will has a rather less welcome run-in in a multi-storey car park...

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002j5s9)

Sacred Expressions: The Arts in Worship

In this week-long series of Daily Services, different voices

reflect on how the arts - music, painting, sculpture, and more - can deepen our spiritual lives. Each day, a different piece of art

will be introduced, with the speaker sharing how it has shaped their faith, inspired their ministry, or opened new understandings of the divine. Through scripture, story, and sacred art, they explore the ways God speaks to us not just in words, but in colour, sound, and form.

Monday 8/9 - Revd Dr Victoria Johnson reflects on Handel's Messiah

MON 10:00 Archive on 4 (b00t32rs)

Sellers in the Attic

An in-depth examination of rare and lesser-known recordings of actor Peter Sellers, which offers a deep insight into the life of the comic legend.

After Sellers died in July 1980, the initial rush of glowing eulogies swiftly made way for often highly condemnatory accounts of his personality and behaviour.

Some of these are, admittedly, accurate, others take incidents in isolation without regard for context. Other instances are based on inaccuracies and misassumptions.

There was more perspective among subsequent chronicles but the trend continued to portray Sellers's personal life as one with few, if any, redeeming features.

As regards his work, many accounts have concentrated on the obvious aspects - the 'Panther' films, 'Dr Strangelove' and 'The

Goon Show' - but Peter Sellers left far more than that.

Comedy writer and historian Glenn Mitchell, collected the actor's material from an early age.

In this personal take on the subject, he chronicles Sellers' career in parallel with his own lifelong interest in the actor's work.

Glenn also explores the softer, compassionate side to the actor's nature, the aspect of the man which once led to him talking a

complete stranger - who was perched on a high bridge - out of committing suicide.

Among personal finds is a private recording Sellers made for a TV producer whose daughter lost her sight. The recording, not broadcast prior to this documentary, reveals a remarkable and malleable side to his personality, catching him at a very relaxed moment in his life contrasting with his often cited volatile nature.

Mitchell's focus is on the lesser-known Sellers material he has amassed, including home-movie prints, soundtracks, rare interviews and out-takes.

Originally made to mark the 30th anniversary of Sellers death, the programme also features written archives from his first

BBC TV and Radio auditions.

Plus gems like his 1970 performance of the macabre music-hall monologue 'The Ballad of Sam Hall', recorded at Wilton's Music Hall in East London.

Producer: Stephen Garner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2010.

MON 11:00 Paul Temple (b00sy3lc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m000mktn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 In the Red (b007js7t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jlfS)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b49248)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j5s4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cf9m6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Booked (b0075t8p)

Series 5

Episode 4

Ian McMillan hosts the literary game where everyone on the panel gets to do their party piece.

And hoping to win a goody bag:

Helen Lederer

David Stafford

Roger McGough

Miles Kington

Producer: Viv Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

MON 14:30 Married (b00cpw6)

Series 2

Churlish

Confirmed bachelor Robin Lightfoot wakes up to find himself married and living in a parallel universe.

Here the Lib Dems are in power, the Richard Whiteley

Experience has just opened in London - and alcohol is a class-A drug.

Now Robin's life is about to change again.

He's about to be divorced from the woman he was never married to in the first place...

Hugh Bonneville stars in the return of Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Dame Jenny Hyde Stephanie Cole

Dirk Steve Frost

Murdo Lewis MacLeod

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

MON 15:00 Three Men on the Bummel by Jerome K Jerome (b01d8ny7)

1. Getaway

"I have it!" explained Harris, "what say you to a bicycle tour?" George looked doubtful. "There's a lot of uphill about a bicycle tour," said he, "and the wind is against you."
"So there is downhill and the wind behind you," said Harris. "I've never noticed it," said George.
After their adventure afloat. George, Harris and J decide to take a tour of Germany by bicycle.
Adapted and performed in three episodes by Jeremy Nicholas. Music by Jeremy Nicholas.
Performed by The Grimethorpe Colliery Band
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1984.
MON 15:30 Peter Sellers at Sea (m002j5sc)
1. Dreams
In 1973, Peter Sellers persuaded his friend, film director Peter Medak to direct a pirate comedy he'd developed with Spike Milligan.
Yet he went on to sabotage the production with tantrums and cancelled shoots.
Not forgetting the terrible weather, drunken captains, near fatal illness and missing actors.....
Starring Jack Klaff and Kerry Shale.
Bob Sinfield's two-part comedy drama about a disaster movie that wasn't meant to be a disaster.
Peter Medak Kerry Shale
Peter Sellers Jack Klaff
Carolyn Kathryn Haywood
Spike Milligan Bob Sinfield
Other characters played by members of the cast.
Producer: Julian Mayers
A Yada Yada production.
MON 16:00 Archive on 4 (b00t32rs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 17:00 Paul Temple (b00sy3lc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m000mktn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 In the Red (b007js7t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jlf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b49248)
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MON 20:00 Booked (b0075t8p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Married (b00cpw6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 Three Men on the Bummel by Jerome K Jerome (b01d8ny7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 21:30 Peter Sellers at Sea (m002j5sc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 today]
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002hxsr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Can't Tell Nathan Caton Nothing (b04jm36p)
Series 3
About Bad Boys
Nathan Caton tries to be a good role model for his younger brother Tyree.
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 all desperately want him to get a 'proper' job.
Will Nathan persevere and follow his dreams?
Or will he give in to his family's interference?
Or will he finally leave home..?!
Nathan Nathan Caton
Grandma Mona Hammond
Mum Adjoa Andoh
Dad Curtis Walker
Tyree Alhaji Fofano
Ms Carter Chizzy Akudolu
Lethal Damager Damian Lynch
Year 11 Boy Kavern Batchelor
Year 11 Boy Oscar Wilkinson
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002jj19)
Temi Wilkey 2/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp speaks to the writer and performer Temi Wilkey.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002hv77)
Series 118
1. Flags out, stamp duty. Stamped out, off duty.
Andy Zaltzman is joined by Alasdair Beckett-King, Andrew Maxwell, Lucy Porter and Coco Khan to break down the week in news. Topics include Angela Rayner skipping out on stamp duty, Xi Jinping's summit, the decline in cement, a new leader for the Green Party, and the rapid multiplication of St George's

flags.
Written by Andy Zaltzman.
With additional material by: Rebecca Bain, Milo Edwards, Ruth Husko and Mike Shephard.
Producer: Rajiv Karia
Executive Producer: Richard Morris
Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman
Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4
MON 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00cbpy7)
Series 5
The Crusade
Satan starts a quest to improve mankind by infiltrating the world's great religions.
Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.
Satan Andy Hamilton
Thomas Jimmy Mulville
Scumspawn Robert Duncan
Other characters played by:
Philip Pope
Nick Revell
Michael Fenton Stevens
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

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TUE 00:00 Archive on 4 (b00t32rs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Paul Temple (b00sy3lc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m000mktn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 In the Red (b007js7t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jlf)
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TUE 03:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b49248)
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TUE 03:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cf9m6)
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TUE 04:00 Booked (b0075t8p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 Married (b00cpw6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Three Men on the Bummel by Jerome K Jerome (b01d8ny7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Peter Sellers at Sea (m002j5sc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Paul Temple (b00tjcn)
Paul Temple and Steve
6. Steve's Intuition
Paul Temple and Sir Graham Forbes make a surprise discovery in a remote cottage, but are no nearer to identifying Belasco. Should they have listened more attentively to Steve?
Another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest amateur sleuth and his glamorous wife.
The duo face more dramatic peril after being enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard to help track down the mysterious Dr Belasco.
Starring Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson.
Lovingly rebotored 1947 mystery thriller written by Francis Durbridge, but never saved in the BBC archive.
Paul Temple Crawford Logan
Steve Gerda Stevenson
Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas
Kaufman Nick Underwood
Worth/Charlie Greg Powrie
Nelson Jimmy Chisholm
Joseph Richard Greenwood
Mrs Forester Candida Benson
Ed Bellamy Robin Laing
Insp. Perry Michael Mackenzie
Producer: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010
TUE 06:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m000zsf7)
BBC National Short Story Award 2021
All the People were Mean and Bad by Lucy Caldwell
A woman makes a heart-breaking decision on a flight back to London from Toronto.
A story about love, lust and the kindness of strangers.
Lucy Caldwell's story won the 16th BBC National Short Story Award in 2021.
Read by Laura Pyper.
The BBC National Short Story Award with Cambridge University is one of the most prestigious for a single short story. The stories are broadcast on Radio 4 and published in an anthology.
Abridged and produced by Justine Willett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2021.
TUE 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b007jxd2)
Series 2
Episode 4

Troubles abound in the village boatyard and surgery - followed closely by the local sleazy press.
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
Jonathan Kydd
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1989.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jpp1)
Series 8
The Moriarty Murder Mystery
Inspector Neddie Seagoon turns sleuth and meets a creepy undertaker.
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy.
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.
Written by Spike Milligan, Larry Stephens and Maurice Wiltshire.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: Charles Chilton
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1958.
TUE 08:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (m000614j)
Mrs Sidhu's Deadly Highland Game
2. Loch, Meat Stock And Two Smoking Kippers
Mrs Sidhu's hunt for the truth about Willie Kendrick's death leads to a tough choice.
Meera Syal stars as the catering sleuth from Slough hunting down a Highland killer.
With Castle Tannoch cut off by snowfall, Mrs Sidhu is - as usual - finding "clues" that give Inspector Burton stress headaches. Pills, a game pie and blood that turns out to be quite something else.
Mrs Sidhu soon has her nose in everyone's business on the highland estate, but it's their leisure pursuits that raise her eyebrows. Big Willie Kendrick's use of the old estate cottage certainly wasn't for corporate entertainment. And she is sure the maid knows more than she's letting on.
Meanwhile, Mrs Sidhu's son Tez proposes he needs a gun to protect her. And if that doesn't fluster her, hunky gamekeeper Callum has her heart fluttering with a proposal of a different kind.
As Mrs Sidhu probes deeper into the death of Willie Kendrick and the secrets of the troubled hunting lodge, she faces a difficult choice between her heart and her head for crime.
Suk Pannu's four-part comedy-drama murder mystery.
Mrs Sidhu Meera Syal
Inspector Burton Justin Edwards
Tez Hamza Jeetooa
Sir Alex / Zukhov John Sessions
Jane / Kirsty Hilary Maclean
Robert / PC Williamson Okorie Chukwu
Callum Gordon Kennedy
Recorded at Soundhouse Studios.
Edited by Leon Chambers.
Studio Managers: Wilfredo Acosta and Leon Chambers
Production Manager: Sarah Tombling
Director: Marilyn Imrie.
Producer: Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2019.
TUE 08:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j7ww)
2. The Angel
Following her gala singing triumph, Christine has disappeared... Her childhood friend Raoul battles to find her.
The half-crazed Phantom lurks in the labyrinth of the Paris Opera House.
He is obsessed with Christine, a beautiful young opera singer... Gaston Leroux's novel, first published in 1909.
Translated by Peter Haining.
Abridged by Andrew Simpson.
Producer: Harriet Lang
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.
TUE 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00c8yc6)
12. Crumb's Wrath
Flex faces the wrath of Jason Crumb.
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 Mehmond Chipu Chung
 Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe
 Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter
 Wynford Hurtle Corey Johnson
 Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz Nadim Sawalha
 Helen Croll Liz Sutherland
 Jason Crumb Chris Pavlo
 Other parts played by:
 Beth Chalmers
 Stephen Critchlow
 Dan Starkey
 Joan Walker
 Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.
TUE 09:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m002htvh)
 Series 3

Rachel Parris
 Paul Merton asks Rachel Parris what she would put into Room 101.

TUE 09:30 Self Drives (b06pttqr)

Maxwell's Equations

2. Maxwell at Glenlair

Will Self continues his road trip from Edinburgh to Cambridge on the trail of a Scottish physicist.

In 1865 James Clerk Maxwell pioneered the theory of electromagnetic waves which made mobile phones, radio, radar and GPS all possible.

In a bid to understand Maxwell and his achievements, Will is driving 600 miles in an electric car.

This time Will arrives at Glenlair, Maxwell's country estate.

Here he attempts to get to grips with what inspired the physicist's scientific imagination.

Will's electric car, on the other hand, is proving somewhat less than inspirational...

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002j5v3)

Sacred Expressions: The Arts in Worship

In this week-long series of Daily Services, different voices reflect on how the arts - music, painting, sculpture, and more - can deepen our spiritual lives. Each day, a different piece of art will be introduced, with the speaker sharing how it has shaped their faith, inspired their ministry, or opened new understandings of the divine. Through scripture, story, and sacred art, they explore the ways God speaks to us not just in words, but in colour, sound, and form.

Tuesday 9/9 - Revd Richard Carter reflects on the baptism of Christ by Piero della Francesca

TUE 10:00 Peter Sellers on The Goons (m002j5v7)

"I miss doing The Goon Show on Sundays....if anyone asks....when did you have the most fun, what were your happiest days....well....they were the Sundays".

Actor Peter Sellers looks back to his pioneering days starring in the BBC's ground-breaking classic comedy with Spike Milligan and Harry Secombe.

He chats to Barry Took as he looks back over some of his career highlights.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio in November 1971.

TUE 10:15 I'm Alright Jack (m002j5vc)

David Putnam looks back to the impact of big-screen film satire, 'I'm All Right, Jack'.

Making its UK cinema debut in August 1959 - Peter Sellers stars as bolshie shop steward Fred Kite.

Made by the Boulting Brothers, it humorously helped to reflect the nation's anxieties about growing industrial conflict in the late 1950s.

Featuring film extracts and contributions from:

* Christopher Frayling

* Peter Hennessey

* Simon Heffer

* Alan Hockney

* Roy Boulting

* Sir Bill Morris

* Sir Richard Attenborough

From a series in which film producer David Putnam looks at films with political themes.

Producers: Martin Rosenbaum and Jane Ashley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

TUE 10:30 Dad Made Me Laugh (b007k0n4)

Michael Sellers

Peter Sellers' son Michael chats about the ups and downs of growing up with his legendary, multi-talented dad.

Sally Magnusson hosts the series where the sons and daughters of famous comedians talk about life with their funny fathers.

Producer: Mike Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in September 2005.

***** Nine months after the first broadcast on 24th July 2006, Michael sadly died aged 52 from a heart attack, just like his Dad.

Strangely his death occurred on the 26th anniversary of Peter's death aged 54 on 24th July 1980.

TUE 11:00 Paul Temple (b00t0jcn)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Guess What? (b062r3z9)

Episode 4

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

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

On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Neil Innes

Jan Ravens

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

TUE 14:30 Trapped (m001ns7g)

Series 2

2. Hole Lot of Love

Debs, a 40 year-old, north London nanny is stuck in a rut.

On her quest to find love, she agrees to go on a Jewish activity weekend in the Lake District.

There, amongst an intriguing mix of like and not so like-minded singletons, Debs finds what she least expected. 160 feet below ground.

More one-off comedy dramas written by, and sometimes

featuring, Daniel and Mark Maier

Debs Daniela Denby-Ashe

Helen Tracy-Ann Oberman

Mrs Levine Rebecca Front

Mrs Levine Davis de Keyser

Janet Tilly Vosburgh

Graham Steve Furst

Michael David Gillespie

Rebecca Debra Tammer

Herb Steve Jameson

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

TUE 15:00 Three Men on the Bummel by Jerome K Jerome (b01dhlhx)

2. Travels by Bike

"In Prague we did our sightseeing with the aid of a guide. His English was decidedly weak. Indeed it was not English at all.

For the first hour it was difficult to rid oneself of the conviction that the man was choking."

George, Harris and J attempt to navigate Germany by bicycle,

but find their sense of direction sorely tested.

Adapted and performed by Jeremy Nicholas.

Music by Jeremy Nicholas.

Performed by The Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1984.

TUE 15:30 Peter Sellers at Sea (m002jjlf)

2. Disaster

It's 1973. Will Peter Sellers - or the ship - make it to the end of filming?

The actor has persuaded his friend, film director Peter Medak to direct a pirate comedy developed with Spike Milligan – only to sabotage production with tantrums and cancelled shoots.

Sellers and Milligan attended a private screening and left in total silence:

"We all just wanted to kill ourselves."

Starring Jack Klaff and Kerry Shale.

Conclusion of Bob Sinfield's comedy-drama about a disaster movie never meant to be a disaster.

Peter Medak Kerry Shale

Peter Sellers Jack Klaff

Carolyn Kathryn Haywood

Spike Milligan Bob Sinfield

Other characters played by members of the cast.

Producer: Julian Mayers

A Yada Yada production.

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TUE 22:00 Room 101 with Paul Merton (m002htvh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00d45ny)

Series 2

Generosity

Mark Watson examines generosity.

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

Liberally spoiling us with poetry and music:

Tim Key

Tim Minchin

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

TUE 23:00 Nick Revell: BrokenDreamCatcher (b0bh5yb1)

Series 1

The Treasure of the Illuminati Leprechauns

Some sinister goings-on at The Vatican can all be safely explained.

A series of contemporary comic tales that could almost be true.

Anything can happen when this master storyteller combines comedy with magical realism – and it probably will.

Written and performed by Nick Revell.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2018.

TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b007yrwf)

Series 2

Colourthon

The sketch show team attempt their own radio charity fundraiser.

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 06:00 Paul Temple (b00t2xwp)

Paul Temple and Steve

7. The Suspects

The net is closing on Dr Belasco, but Paul Temple and his wife Steve now face danger from an unexpected quarter.

Another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest amateur sleuth and his glamorous wife.

The duo face more dramatic peril after being enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard to help track down the mysterious Dr Belasco.

Starring Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson.

Lovingly rebooted 1947 mystery thriller written by Francis

Durbridge, but never saved in the BBC archive.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas

Kaufman Nick Underwood

Worth/Charlie Greg Powrie

Nelson Jimmy Chisholm

Joseph Richard Greenwood

Mrs Forester Candida Benson

Ed Bellamy Robin Laing

Insp. Perry Michael Mackenzie

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010

WED 06:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m001c6gg)

BBC National Short Story Award 2022

Blue 4Eva by Saba Sams

A tense family holiday on the Balearic islands is interrupted by the arrival of Jasmine's friend, Blue.

Saba Sams' story won the 17th BBC National Short Story Award in 2022.

Read by Tuppence Middleton.

The BBC National Short Story Award with Cambridge

University is one of the most prestigious for a single short story.

The stories are broadcast on Radio 4 and published in an anthology.

Abridged and produced by Anne Isger.

A BBC Books production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2022.

WED 07:00 Star Terk II (m002j6xl)

Series 1

Janet Street Porter's Bedroom

'Star Terk II' is the quickfire sketch show that brazenly goes where no comedy has gone before!

Taking in just about everybody from Janet Street-Porter to Humphrey Bogart.

Six-part sketch show series written by Terry Ravenscroft.

Starring:

Jeffrey Holland

Susie Blake

Fred Harris

Christopher Godwin

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jntz)

Series 5

Hancock's Car

Parked outside for ten years - the Lad is forced to move his motor car, but soon hits snags galore.

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 April 1958.

WED 08:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b044j94d)

Series 1

Gold

Simon looks at why we buy and sell gold all around the world. When did that begin? Why do we continue now we have paper money?

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 Somers Evans, with regular guests Tim Harford and Merryn Somerset-Webb, and to talk about the trade in gold, Dominic Frisby.

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 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j7wy)

3. Red Death

Raoul is fearing for Christine's life.

Will she not tell him who the terrible figure in the scarlet cloak is?

The half-crazed Phantom lurks in the labyrinth of the Paris Opera House.

He is obsessed with Christine, a beautiful young opera singer... Gaston Leroux's novel, first published in 1909.

Translated by Peter Haining.

Abridged by Andrew Simpson.

Producer: Harriet Lang

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

WED 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cbn17)

13. Wounded

Flex may be wounded, but it's his sister who's really hurting.

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 Croye

Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter

Wynford Hurtle Corey Johnson

Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz Nadim Sawalha

Helen Croll Liz Sutherland

Jason Crumb Chris Pavlo

Other parts played by:

Beth Chalmers

Stephen Critchlow

Dan Starkey

Joan Walker

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

WED 09:00 Do Gooders (m002hv3n)

Series 2

1. The Boxing

Lauren finds a new beau. Clive makes enemies with other

charities at the pub. Achi can't sleep. There's only one place for all this to come to a head - a charity boxing match.

Garrett Millerick's ensemble sitcom Do Gooders returns for another series. The show takes us back behind the curtain of fictional mid-level charity. The Alzheimers Alliance, as the fundraising events team continue their struggle for survival. Cue more office feuds, more workplace romances and more catastrophic fundraising blunders – all par for the course when trying to 'do good' on an industrial scale.

Cast

Gladys – Kathryn Drysdale

Lauren – Ania Magliano

Clive – Garrett Millerick

Harriett – Fay Ripley

Achi – Ahir Shah

Ken – Frank Skinner

Guest star

Darren – Red Richardson

Writer – Garrett Millerick

Additional Material – Katie Storey

Sound Engineer – David Thomas

Editor – David Thomas

Production Assistant – Jenny Recaldin

Producer – Jules Lom

Executive Producers – Richard Allen-Turner, Daisy Knight,

Julien Matthews, Jon Thoday

An Avalon Television production for BBC Radio 4

WED 09:30 Self Drives (b06pv0gz)

Maxwell's Equations

3. Maxwell and a Chinese Dinner

Will Self continues his road trip from Edinburgh to Cambridge on the trail of a Scottish physicist.

In 1865 James Clerk Maxwell pioneered the theory of electromagnetic waves which made mobile phones, radio, radar and GPS all possible.

In a bid to understand Maxwell and his achievements, Will is driving 600 miles in an electric car.

He's accompanied by Akram Khan, Professor of Particle Physics at Brunel University.

Over a Chinese meal in Manchester, Will expresses fundamental concerns about the nature and value of scientific progress.

Akram is troubled by Will's misgivings.

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002j6xx)

Sacred Expressions: The Arts in Worship

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Wednesday 10/9 - led by Revd Phillip Dawson

WED 10:00 Peter Sellers Sings (m002j6xv)

Peter Sellers made a number of musical comedy records.

Ed Stewart talks to producer George Martin, and musical director Ron Goodwin, about the process for recording.

Featuring classic performances like:

* Balham - Gateway to the South

* Goodness Gracious Me

* A Hard Day's Night - the Beatle classic with Sellers as

Lawrence Olivier's Richard III

Producer: Elizabeth Funning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1997.

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WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000qw4)

Series 13

Episode 3

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

* Comedian and writer Karen Dunbar

* Metallurgist Professor John Wood

* Breakfast radio host Shaun Keaveny.

The Museum's Guest Committee steel themselves for some deadly karaoke, use a massive machine to show off a single atom of iron and experience the unalloyed joy of opening an old-fashioned tube of toothpaste.

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 (m001cgjw)

Holding The Baby

As Mike's big snooker match approaches and a variety of underhand dealings come to a head, a childcare crisis occurs for the babysitting circle.

Who will be left holding the baby?

Starring John McArdle and Sherrie Hewson.

Six-part sitcom by Elizabeth Baines.

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

Vanessa Percival Melissa Sinden

Doug Lewis Shaun Parkes

Carla McInnan Maxine Burth

Trish Abbas Jane Hazelgrove

Mike Quigley Andrew Whymant

Emma Tara Prendergast

Crystal Holly Grainger

Hayley Jane Cawdron

Benedict Oliver Hamilton

Edmund Christopher Limond

Jessica Gemma Salusbury

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1999.

WED 15:00 Three Men on the Bummel by Jerome K Jerome (b01dtj7q)

3. Every Englishman is Mad

"On the Continent they do sincerely believe that every Englishman is mad. They are as convinced of it as is every English peasant that Frenchmen live in frogs".

Approaching the end of their epic journey by bike, George,

Harris and J attempt to contemplate the Germans as a nation.

Adapted and performed in three episodes by Jeremy Nicholas.

Music by Jeremy Nicholas. Performed by The Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

WED 15:30 Roots by Ava Pickett (m0000drn0)

Craig Shields (Justin Brady) is a rich, successful businessman who decides to go back to where it all began - the Workshop in Nottingham that transformed his life - to help similarly disadvantaged kids make something of their own lives.

Two problems - they don't want his help and he's got the wrong keys to unlock their potential.

It stars Line of Duty's Vicky McClure and the extraordinary talents of the BAFTA Award winning Television Workshop. Craig's altruistic homecoming is not what he envisaged. Support he was relying on from old friends and colleagues doesn't materialise. While Craig would prefer to forget most of his troubled Notts past, there is one person that will always have a place in his heart - his long time ex Sandra (Vicky McClure). A spark that was lit 15 years ago is rekindled with Craig's reappearance in Nottingham.

Over the years the Nottingham Television Workshop has produced This is England, Samantha Morton, Vicky McClure and Jack O'Connell, among many others. Anyone who wants to cast funny, authentic, young, working-class actors goes to the Workshop. Fittingly the show is directed by the person that helped launch the careers of the actors mentioned above and who ran the Workshop for 30 years, Ian Smith.

The show was created by Love In Recovery's Pete Jackson and Mario Stylianides.

It is written by a brand new writer, Ava Pickett.

Craig Justin Brady

Lisa Kelly Jagers
 Ben Ben Welch
 Sandra Vicky McClure
 Sadie Ella O'Brien
 Spike Spike Fearn
 Harpal Harpal Hayter
 Narisha Narisha Lawson
 Jordan Jordan Myrie
 Rochelle Simpson
 Steve Joel Morris
 Punter Ian Smith
 Created by Pete Jackson and Mario Stylianides.
 Written by Ava Pickett.
 Producer: Mario Stylianides
 Director: Ian Smith
 A Golden Path production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.
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WED 22:30 Where Did It All Go Wrong? (b0076qq2)
 Series 2
 The Legend of Billy Buckethead
 An investigation into the phenomena of bucket-wearing, sweeping the globe.
 Written by and starring Simon Munnelly.
 With:
 Kevin Eldon
 Sally Phillips
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.
WED 22:45 Athena's Cancel Culture (m000v8xd)
 Episode 3
 Athena Kugblenu looks at the history of cancel culture, exploring how celebrity justice may have been meted out back in the day.
 Were some historical figures unfairly cancelled?
 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
 William Frazer
 Producer: Gus Beattie
 A Gusman production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.
WED 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (m001g9v0)
 Series 5
 Episode 3
 Logical problems on Desert Island Discs and movie scene niggles.

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 August 1991.
WED 23:30 Henry Normal: A Normal... (m0018x47)
 Community
 Henry Normal: A Normal... Community
 "Shove up National Treasures. We need to make room for Henry Normal"
 Simon O'Hagan - Radio Times
 The ninth instalment in this acclaimed, occasional series in which acclaimed, occasional writer Henry Normal uses poetry, stories and comedy to tackle those subjects so big only radio can possibly contain them.
 So far Henry has covered 'Family', 'Life', 'Love', 'Imagination', 'Nature', 'The Universe', 'Communication' and 'Ageing'; in this new episode, recorded in front of a live audience in his home city of Nottingham, he will be talking about 'Community'.
 Henry Normal is a multi-award winning writer, producer and poet. Co-writer of award winning TV programmes such as The Royle Family, The Mrs Merton Show, Coogan's Run and Paul Calf, and producer of, amongst many others, Oscar-Nominated Philomena, Gavin and Stacey and Alan Partridge.
 Praise for previous episodes in this series:
 "It's a rare and lovely thing: half an hour of radio that stops you short, gently demands your attention and then wipes your tears away while you have to have a little sit down"
 "It's a real treat to hear a seasoned professional like Henry taking command of this evening comedy spot to deliver a show that's idiosyncratic and effortlessly funny"
 "Not heard anything that jumps from hilarious to moving in such an intelligent, subtle way as Henry Normal's show"
 Written and performed by Henry Normal
 Production Coordinator - Katie Baum
 Production Coordinator - Beverly Tagg
 Sound manager - Jerry Peal
 Produced by Carl Cooper
 A BBC Studios production

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THU 03:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cbn17)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000qw4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 The Circle (m001cgjw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Three Men on the Bummel by Jerome K Jerome (b01dtj7q)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Roots by Ava Pickett (m000drn0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Paul Temple (b00t4tps)
 Paul Temple and Steve
 8. The Final Curtain
 Belasco is close to capture and being unmasked.
 But the criminal mastermind still has a trick or two up their sleeve...
 Another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest amateur sleuth and his glamorous wife.
 The duo face more dramatic peril after being enlisted by Sir Graham Forbes of Scotland Yard to help track down the mysterious Dr Belasco.
 Starring Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson.
 Lovingly rebooted 1947 mystery thriller written by Francis Durbridge, but never saved in the BBC archive.
 Paul Temple Crawford Logan
 Steve Gerda Stevenson
 Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas
 Kaufman Nick Underwood
 Worth/Charlie Greg Powrie
 Nelson Jimmy Chisholm
 Joseph Richard Greenwood
 Ed Bellamy Robin Laing
 Insp. Perry Michael Mackenzie
 Producer: Patrick Rayner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010
THU 06:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m001qdm)

BBC National Short Story Award 2023
 Comorbidities by Naomi Wood
 After the realisation that their sex life isn't exactly on fire, a couple with two young children decide they must take action. But how to spice things up?
 Naomi Wood's story won the 18th BBC National Short Story Award in 2023.
 Read by Charlotte Ritchie.
 The BBC National Short Story Award with Cambridge University is one of the most prestigious for a single short story. The stories are broadcast on Radio 4 and published in an anthology.
 Producer: Justine Willett
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2023.
THU 07:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k087)
 Episode 5
 Back in London, Robert gets into trouble and the solicitor's clerk receives an unlikely visitor.
 Starring Richard Griffiths as shy solicitor's clerk, Edgar Finchley.
 Written by Victor Canning.
 Robert Gillespie James Cohen
 Mrs Crantell Anna Cropper
 Marie Peters Serena Evans
 Mr Barker John Bird
 Narrated by James Villiers.
 Adapted for radio by Andy and Eric Merriman.
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1994.
THU 07:30 I'm Ken, He's Bill (m002jjh)
 Thoroughly Modern Billy
 Can Ken transform Bill so they can both be successful in the game of love?
 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
 Angella Suzanne Kerchiss
 Caroline April Walker
 Mrs Platt Patricia Hayes
 The Policeman David Ryall
 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 (b07mxt9d)
 3. Getting Afloat
 On day 10 of the walk, they spot a narrow boat that reminds Laura of the Rosie and Jim boat she remembers from the children's TV show.
 But when the owner invites them aboard, it doesn't all go quite as they might have expected.
 Comedy drama written by Katherine Jakeways.
 Starring 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 remarried, 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 stepmother'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
 Boat Owner Juliet Cowan
 Producer: Jane Berthoud
 A BBC Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.
THU 08:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j7x0)
 4. Tears
 Christine finally reveals to Raoul why she must continue to sing for the terrifying cloaked composer.
 The half-crazed Phantom lurks in the labyrinth of the Paris Opera House.
 He is obsessed with Christine, a beautiful young opera singer...
 Gaston Leroux's novel, first published in 1909.
 Translated by Peter Haining.
 Abridged by Andrew Simpson.
 Producer: Harriet Lang
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.
THU 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cbv6)
 14. Run
 Where can Ghassan Mehmoud run?
 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 Mehmod Chipu Chung
 Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe
 Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter
 Tilly Carbury Annette Badland
 Helen Croll Liz Sutherland
 Nick Broune 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.
THU 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002ht2m)
 Glenn Moore's Almanac Series 2
 Russian Spy
 Comedian Glenn Moore looks in his almanac at world events and what he was doing at the time. In this episode, a deadly spy operation causes Glenn to suspect his completely innocent Russian flatmate who just happens to have a novelty cigarette lighter in the shape of a gun. And not a novelty gun in the shape of a cigarette lighter.
 Perhaps best-known for his outrageously brilliant one-liners on *Mock The Week*, Glenn delivers a tale of comic mishaps and extraordinary scenes interwoven with a big event in history – and looks back through his almanac to find out other strange connections to the day as well.
 Written by Glenn with additional material by Katie Storey (Have I Got News For You, *Mock The Week*, *The Last Leg*) and produced and directed by David Tyler (Cabin Pressure, Armando Iannucci's *Charm Offensive*, etc)
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
THU 09:30 Self Drives (b06pxp39)
 Maxwell's Equations
 4. Maxwell in Space
 Will Self continues his road trip from Edinburgh to Cambridge on the trail of a Scottish physicist.
 In 1865 James Clerk Maxwell pioneered the theory of electromagnetic waves which made mobile phones, radio, radar and GPS all possible.
 In a bid to understand Maxwell and his achievements, Will is driving 600 miles in an electric car.
 He's accompanied by Akram Khan, Professor of Particle Physics at Brunel University.
 Will and Akram clash views over the value of scientific progress
 So they drive to Jodrell Bank Observatory in a bid to understand more about the application of Maxwell's equations.
 Producer: Laurence Grissell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002j736)
 Sacred Expressions: The Arts in Worship
 In this week-long series of Daily Services, different voices reflect on how the arts - music, painting, sculpture, and more - can deepen our spiritual lives. Each day, a different piece of art will be introduced, with the speaker sharing how it has shaped their faith, inspired their ministry, or opened new understandings of the divine. Through scripture, story, and sacred art, they explore the ways God speaks to us not just in words, but in colour, sound, and form.
 Thursday 11/9 - led by Sammi Tooze
THU 10:00 Great Lives (m001qmcy)
 Chi-chi Nwanoku on Jessye Norman
 On the 11th June 1988, Jessye Norman performed a spine-tingling rendition of 'Amazing Grace' to a packed Wembley Stadium in London.
 This was the climax of a concert marking the 70th birthday of Nelson Mandela.
 By this point her career Jessye was a global icon of opera, best-known for her performances in works by Wagner, Verdi and Mozart.
 She refused to take the parts traditionally offered to Black singers and once said that pigeonholes were only for pigeons. She would sing, in fact, whatever she liked.
 Double-bassist and founder of the Chineke! Orchestra Chi-chi Nwanoku was driving back from a concert when she first heard Jessye Norman singing on the radio.
 She remembers being so struck by her voice that she had to pull over and wait until the performance had finished before continuing her journey.
 Chi-chi and presenter Matthew Parris explore some of Jessye Norman's work and recordings, and her views on what it means to be a Black woman in classical music.
 They're joined by Kira Thurman, Associate Professor of Musicology at the University of Michigan to help map out the key moments and decisions in Jessye Norman's extraordinary life.
 Produced for BBC Audio Bristol by Toby Field.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2023.
THU 10:30 When Yorkshire Played New York (b08y198z)
 Cricket was once the most popular sport played in America. To begin this story, Geoff Boycott and veteran New York cricketer Clarence Modeste recall an extraordinary attempt to revive cricket.
 Yorkshire's county team set out to play at Staten Island Cricket Club in the midst of social unrest during 1964.
 At that time, America was a turbulent place following President Kennedy's assassination. The Civil Rights movement was under attack and there was rioting in the streets.

As The Beatles took to the stage of the Paramount Theatre in New York for their US debut, across town the Brylcreem boys of Yorkshire were beginning their attempt to bring cricket back to the USA.
 Gamesmanship, partying, and psychological warfare are recounted here by some of the survivors.
 In the 1800s, before the American Civil War, cricket was the dominant sport in America.
 Cricket fanatic David Prest visits the home of US cricket in Haverford, Philadelphia, to hear about the social history of the game and how it's surviving now - largely organised and played along ethnic team lines.
 Award winning-author Joseph O'Neill recounts the origins of his bestselling novel about cricket in the USA, Netherland, and describes how the police organise cricket facilities in New York for young Muslim players in poorer areas in an attempt to keep them from becoming isolated and succumbing to extremist ideology.
 By contrast, we also visit the exclusive surroundings of Merriam Cricket Club in Haverford, Philadelphia, where millionaires take tea on the pavilion.
 Finally, the programme asks if America could ever become a cricketing nation once again.
 Producer: Peter Curran
 A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.
THU 11:00 Paul Temple (b004tpps)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m001qdmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 12:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k087)
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THU 13:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j7x0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cbvc6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 14:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008s32f)
 Episode 5
 From landing a plane in a crisis to a trip to the dentist. Clive Anderson hosts the famed improvisation game.
 Regular team captains:
 Stephen Fry
 John Sessions
 With:
 John Bird
 Jimmy Mulville
 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 (b008751g)
 Series 6
 Episode 5
 Following Guard Gallagher's successful performance in New York, Phonsie's lured back a tourist executive to promote the town...
 Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in 1956. Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.
 Phonsie Doherty TP McKenna
 Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy
 Vera McConkey Stella McCusker
 Vivienne Hawthorne Aine McCartney
 Reverend Hawthorne Gerard Murphy
 Packie McGoldrick Charlie Bonnar
 Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley
 Guard Gallagher John Hewitt
 Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.
 Directed at BBC Belfast by Peter Kavanagh.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1998.
THU 15:00 Goodbye, Mr Chips by James Hilton (m002j738)
 1. Memories
 Mr Chipping lives in comfortable retirement at Mrs. Wickett's, just across the way from Brookfield.
 The gentle old schoolmaster has a thousand tangled memories of more than 60 years at his beloved school.
 Starring John Church.
 James Hilton classic heart-warming novella, first published in 1934.
 Dramatised in two parts by Margaret Simpson.
 Mr. Chipping John Church
 Mrs. Wickett Katherine Parr
 Kathie Lolly Cockerell
 Dr. Merivale Lewis Stringer
 Wetherby Godfrey Kenton
 Lucy Hilda Schroder
 Rowden Alaric Cotter
 Barker John Bott
 Whitby John McAndrew

Meldrum John Forbes-Robertson
 Bryce Haydn Wood
 Brookfield boys Adrian Breeze, Matthew Emerson, and Ian Land
 Mission boys Paul Beardshaw, Colin McDonagh, and Stuart Sampson
 Director: Graham Gauld
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1980.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (m001qmcy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:30 When Yorkshire Played New York (b08y198z)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
THU 17:00 Paul Temple (b004tpps)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 17:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m001qdmq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 18:00 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris (b007k087)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:30 I'm Ken, He's Bill (m002jjlh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 19:00 Guilt Trip (b07mxt9d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j7x0)
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THU 19:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony Trollope (b00cbvc6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 20:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b008s32f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
THU 20:30 Ballylenon (b008751g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 Goodbye, Mr Chips by James Hilton (m002j738)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002ht2m)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 Hearing with Hegley (b00bbnvw)
 Series 1
 Episode 5
 The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley, presents another selection of his work.
 With:
 Keith Moore
 Susan Norton
 Andrew Bailey
 Nigel Piper
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.
THU 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b007jnz1)
 Series 1
 Normal Love
 Cartoonist Steven Appleby takes a distinctly abnormal look at everyday life in the 21st century by looking each week at one of life's fundamental topics.
 When his wife leaves him for a kettle, the cartoonist looks for love elsewhere..
 Six-part comedy written by Steven Appleby
 Steven Appleby Paul McCrink
 Lauren Maroon/Constable/Wife Rachel Atkins
 Mr Two/Video Narrator/Fluffman/Salesman/Judge Ewan Bailey
 Steven's Dad/Doctor/Roger Nigel Betts
 Steven's Mum/Desk Sergeant Rosalind Paul
 Producer: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.
THU 23:00 Kevin Eldon Will See You Now (b08nq6ft)
 Series 3
 The Haunted Ghost of the Scary Studio of Terror
 Get ready for bunnies, Beethoven, Dylan Thomas and olives. And discover a use for avant-garde German film director Werner Herzog.
 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.
 Director: David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.
THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b01mf7ng)
 Series 3
 The New Best Friend
 Beauty, our outspoken African careworker has a new best friend who encourages her to branch out.
 Jay charms Karen and Sally in the office too, but are they all ready to go with Jay's ambitious schemes?
 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 Chooes 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
Jay Colin Houlst
Mrs. Pleat Anne Reid
Sally Felicity Montagu
Karen Nicola Sanderson
Mrs. Gupte Indira Joshi
Anil Phaldut Sharma
WPC White Llewella Gideon
Shop Assistant Rachel Atkins
Producer : Tilusha Ghelani
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

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FRI 00:00 Great Lives (m001qmcy)

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FRI 00:30 When Yorkshire Played New York (b08y198z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Paul Temple (b00t4tps)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

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FRI 04:30 Ballylenon (b008751g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Goodbye, Mr Chips by James Hilton (m002j738)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 A Severe Chill by Jack Gerson (m002j77y)

'Kauffman came across some computer tapes... he was doing some auditing of this particular firm's accounts. He ran the tapes through by accident. He got detailed political and private information on every important person in this city. Now Kauffman is dead and I'm scared.'

Mark fulfils a promise to a dead friend. But has he picked the right man to confide in?

Starring Martin Cochrane and Bryden Murdoch.

Mystery thriller written by Jack Gerson.

Mark Barron Martin Cochrane

Louise Martins Clare Richards

Peter Martins Bryden Murdoch

Produced at BBC Scotland by Gordon Emslie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1976.

FRI 06:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m002309d)

BBC National Short Story Award 2024

Ghost Kitchen by Ross Raisin

A journey into the the gig economy's dark underbelly in an unnamed city.

Ross Raisin's story won the 19th BBC National Short Story Award in 2024.

Read by Ashley Margolis.

The BBC National Short Story Award with Cambridge University is one of the most prestigious for a single short story. The stories are broadcast on Radio 4 and published in an anthology.

Ross Raisin is the author of four novels: A Hunger, A Natural, Waterline and God's Own Country (2008).

He won the Sunday Times Young Writer of the Year award in 2009, and in 2013 was named on Granta's once a decade Best of Young British Novelists list. He has written short stories for various publications, including Granta, Prospect, the Sunday Times, Esquire, BBC Radio 3 and 4.

Abridged by Rowan Routh.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2024.

FRI 07:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00bf016)

Holmes Strikes a Happy Medium

Baker Street's Great Detective Sherlock Holmes tries to unravel murderous goings-on at a séance.

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

Sherlock Holmes Roy Hudd

Dr Watson Chris Emmett

Mrs Hudson June Whitfield

Moriarty Geoffrey Whitehead

Inspector Lestrade Moriarty

Musical accompaniment: Ian Smith

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1999.

FRI 07:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007tdnm)

The Metropolitan Touch

Bingo Little is in love again, so Bertie Wooster and his valet

Jeeves are summoned to help.

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

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster Richard Briers

Bingo Little Jonathan Cecil

Steggles Edwin Apps

Kid Denise Bryer

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

FRI 08:00 Teatime (m000fq41)

Episode 2

Sensing he might be in with a chance to win her back, Joe decides to ambush his ex-wife Donna with an impromptu date night.

Donna isn't sure what to think, and neither are Vicky and Rav – Joe's decided to stage this ambush in their kitchen.

Meanwhile, Vicky's sister Lisa is #livingherbestlife as a single lady about town.

Now that she's got nothing to look forward to except a lifetime of married routine, is Vicky just a little jealous?

And Uncle Bob has some excellent advice for Rav.

Comedy by Katherine Jakeways about a chaotic but loving family.

Joe Philip Glenister

Donna Samantha Spiro

Vicky Aimee-Ffion Edwards

Rav Prasanna Puwanarajah

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 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j7x2)

5. Blazing Eyes

Raoul is determined to save Christine, but will he be able to overcome Erik's hold on her.

The half-crazed Phantom lurks in the labyrinth of the Paris Opera House.

He is obsessed with Christine, a beautiful young opera singer...

Gaston Leroux's novel, first published in 1909.

Translated by Peter Haining.

Abridged by Andrew Simpson.

Producer: Harriet Lang

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

FRI 08:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony

Trollope (b00ccd29)

15. Mended Hearts

In the glare of scandal, some hearts are mended.

Conclusion of 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

Tilly Carbury Annette Badland

Helen Croll Liz Sutherland

Nick Broune 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.

FRI 09:00 Icklewick FM (m002j5k4)

Series 2

2. The Tenner

Icklewick comes down with a bout of Royal fever when the town's first King Charles tenner is discovered by serial hotline botherer, Pat. When the patriotism inevitably turns sour, Chris and Amy are forced to intervene in order to prevent Simon from leading a home invasion. The gang also speak to Icklewick's unluckiest resident.

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 Houlst

Janice Connolly

Phil Ellis

Lucy Beaumont

Shivani Thussu

Jin Hao Li

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 Self Drives (b06pxyt2)

Maxwell's Equations

5. Maxwell's Genius

Will Self concludes his road trip from Edinburgh to Cambridge on the trail of a Scottish physicist.

In 1865 James Clerk Maxwell pioneered the theory of electromagnetic waves which made mobile phones, radio, radar and GPS all possible.

In a bid to understand Maxwell and his achievements, Will has driven 600 miles in an electric car.

So was Maxwell really a genius?

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2015.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002j782)

Sacred Expressions: The Arts in Worship

In this week-long series of Daily Services, different voices reflect on how the arts - music, painting, sculpture, and more - can deepen our spiritual lives. Each day, a different piece of art will be introduced, with the speaker sharing how it has shaped their faith, inspired their ministry, or opened new understandings of the divine. Through scripture, story, and sacred art, they explore the ways God speaks to us not just in words, but in colour, sound, and form.

Friday 12/9 -

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b07z43fm)

Jerusalem

"Jerusalem" has become a quintessentially middle-class and very English song, but it's also held in the hearts and memories of people from different backgrounds and cultures.

There is a bit of cricket - commentator Jonathan Agnew (Aggers) discusses England's stunning and unexpected victory in the 2005 Ashes. Jerusalem reminds him of that extraordinary summer.

Pamela Davenport is the daughter of a man who felt that the words of Jerusalem highlighted inequality in society; lack of money prevented him fulfilling his academic potential and he died in a care home that didn't care well enough for him.

For American poet, Ann Lauterbach, the unusual and little-known Paul Robeson version was the theme-tune to her escape from the difficult years of Nixon and Vietnam to 1960s London.

Singer, Janet Shell, recalls the burial of her Great Uncle who was killed during World War One, but whose body was only discovered in 2009.

Susanne Sklar - a scholar of William Blake - discusses the inspiration behind the words of the poem. Probably, she says, he wrote them while awaiting his trial for sedition; he was in trouble for fighting with a soldier who had urinated in his garden.

Composer and writer, Paul Spicer, plays, sings and talks through the tune which was composed by Sir Hubert Parry. Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.

Producer: Karen Gregor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.

FRI 10:30 The Concrete and the Divine (b01rqnf3)

Under the umbrella of Glasgow architects Gillespie Kidd & Coia, Isi Metzstein and Andrew MacMillan seized on the momentary experimentalism of the Catholic Church after the Second World War to revolutionise church design.

This was a brave new world and the Catholic Church wanted their places of worship to meet the needs of a new era.

In a culture never quite comfortable with the high modern influences of Europe and America, Metzstein and MacMillan drew on the ideas of Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright with unparalleled freedom.

Their masterpiece was St Peter's Seminary at Cardross, which stood out like a spaceship in the modest construction yards of British architecture. It's a ghost space now, abandoned in 1980 just 14 years after completion.

While most of their churches are still in use, their Modernist design and location means they stand like monuments to a very different time; a time when Catholicism in Scotland was expected to spread its wings.

Jonathan Glancey explores Scotland's physical and spiritual landscape to discover more about the extraordinary lives of two of Britain's most talented architects.

Producer: Caitlin Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

FRI 11:00 A Severe Chill by Jack Gerson (m002j77y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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Trollope (b00ccd29)

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FRI 14:00 The Motion Show (b00762gh)

Series 4

Episode 2

Debates galore, from banning email and mobiles to who's the winner in the battle of the sexes?

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

With:

Gyles Brandreth

Sue Perkins

Steve Punt

Marcus Brigstocke

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

FRI 14:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b2jg2y)

Series 3

Milton Prime

Special offer! Sign on with Milton Prime, the pioneering audio comedy delivery service and listen to this week's programme completely free.

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

Written by Milton with James Cary and Dan Evans

With:

Tom Goodman-Hill

Josie Lawrence

Ben Willbond

Music by Guy Jackson.

Directed by David Tyler

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

FRI 15:00 Goodbye, Mr Chips by James Hilton (m002j784)

2. The Surprise

Although considered a confirmed bachelor by his colleagues and pupils, Mr Chipping has surprised them all by marrying Kathie, a girl 20 years younger than himself.

He's looking forward to a long and happy union.

Starring John Church.

Written by James Hilton.

Conclusion dramatised by Margaret Simpson.

Mr. Chipping John Church

Mrs. Wickett Katherine Parr

Kathie Lolly Cockerell

Dr. Merivale Lewis Stringer

Sutton Gordon Reid

Ralston Nigel Anthony

Chatteris Walter Hall

Staefel Graham Faulkner

Wetherby Godfrey Kenton

Williams Christopher Scott

Wadham Harold Reese

Barker John Bott

Deakin John Gray

Midwife Sonia Fraser

Linford Arthur Haycraft

Brookfield boys Adam Bass, Matthew Emerson, Ian Land,

and Adam Landor

Director: Graham Gauld

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1980.

FRI 15:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0001w10)

Brian Eno

Musician Brian Eno with 'Jerusalem' from Rex Lawson on pianola and 'Peace Be Still' by Rev James Cleveland and the Angelic Choir.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b07z43fm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 The Concrete and the Divine (b01rqnf3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 A Severe Chill by Jack Gerson (m002j77y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 BBC National Short Story Award (m002309d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00bf016)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007tdnm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Teatime (m000fq41)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002j7x2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 The Way We Live Right Now by Anthony**Trollope (b00ccd29)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 The Motion Show (b00762gh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b2jg2y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Goodbye, Mr Chips by James Hilton (m002j784)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:55 Inheritance Tracks (m0001w10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:55 today]

FRI 22:00 Icklewick FM (m002j5k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Dial M for Pizza (b007k1k9)

Series 1

Episode 4

The sketch show takes to the rails for Dr Terror's House of Pizza.

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.

Sketch comedy 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 (m002jjln)

Temi Wilkey 3/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp speaks to the writer and performer Temi Wilkey.**FRI 23:00 Desolation Jests (b085wjb8)**

Episode 3

David Jason stars with Jan Ravens, Rory Bremner and John Bird in David Renwick's dark and original comedy.

Interviewer JP Doom asks cultural icons of our times what sketches would bring a smile to their faces with oblivion just around the corner.

Lucian Bile, aka Rot Caries, Britain's first and only punk dentist chooses his favourite moments from a not-altogether-accurate history of comedy, including most of an announcement from the Ministry of Unfinished Business, a clock shop with a Rabbi in the window, and a sinister case from the files of Offcom Squad.

With:

David Jason

John Bird

Jan Ravens

Rory Bremner

Producer: Gareth Edwards

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

FRI 23:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007s5g7)

Series 1

1. Boothby Graffoe

From the Bonzo Dog Band to Spike Jones and the City Slickers. Musical comedian Mitch Benn presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs by other performers.

With his guest Boothby Graffoe.

Producer: Ed Morrish

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in July 2005.