

## SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m0001r7h)**

Shine On You Crazy Diamond

Shine On You Crazy Diamond discussed by voices, including David Gilmour of Pink Floyd.

Understood to have been written about Syd Barrett, their former band member, it's both a tribute, and a call for him to 'shine on' despite suffering serious mental health issues.

David Gilmour of Pink Floyd recalls the legendary day that Syd Barrett unexpectedly appeared in the studio where they were recording Wish You Were Here, the album bookended by Shine On.

Nobody recognised Syd at first; once handsome and slender, he'd gained weight and shaved his head and eyebrows.

Anna Gascoigne talks about the pain of losing her son, Jay. He was a gentle boy, a talented musician, who eventually succumbed to the multiple mental health problems he'd battled for years. Shine On You Crazy Diamond, for Anna, speaks directly to her of Jay; he loved Pink Floyd and Shine On was played at his memorial service.

Anna, herself, was driven to the brink of suicide by her son's death. It was the support of her family – including her brother, Paul Gascoigne – that helped her to carry on.

Ed Steelefox, a DJ based in Worcester, describes a New Year's Eve house party from a few years ago. As guests gradually fell asleep, he chose to slip out the door leaving a non-stop playlist of different, live, versions of Shine On You Crazy Diamond to penetrate their dreams.

And regular Soul Music contributor, Professor Allan Moore takes to the grand piano to play and talk about what it is in the track that is so directly reminiscent of Syd Barrett. Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.

Details of organisations offering information and support are available at [bbc.co.uk/actionline/](http://bbc.co.uk/actionline/)

Producer: Karen Gregor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

**SAT 00:30 Crackerjack! (m002jhvp)**

On 12th September 1955, BBC TV's children's programme Crackerjack! was born.

It started with, amongst other things, an idea for a game by Eamonn Andrews, and ended nearly 30 years later having entertained generations of children along the way.

Janet Ellis presents this affectionate look back with the help of former presenters and performers from the series.

Plus there's lots and lots of enthusiastic children shouting "Crackerjack!".

Produced at BBC Manchester by Angela Sherwin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

**SAT 01:00 Doctor Finlay (b008kxdq)**

The Further Adventures of a Black Bag - Series 1

5. The Golden Fishbone

Finlay is distracted from medicine by a fishbone that brings the promise of a fast fortune!

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish Highland town of Levenford.

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about Scotland's most celebrated doctor

Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay .... John Gordon Sinclair

Dr Cameron .... Brian Pettifer

Janet .... Celia Imrie

Nurse Angus .... Stella Gonet

Maggie Dallas .... Maureen Beattie

McKellor .... David Tennant

Produced and directed at BBC Bristol by Jeremy Howe and Viv Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

**SAT 01:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rn07)**

1. Lady's Invitation

A jeweller attends a party where he discovers his beautiful hostess is in danger...

Suspense-packed vintage thriller serial in six-parts.

Written by the co-creator of Dick Barton and The Archers - Edward J Mason.

Starring:

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Dudley Rolph

Gerik Schelderup

June Spencer

Peter Wilde

Producer: Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in October 1954.

**SAT 02:00 The Newly Discovered Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (b00brb8n)**

The Demon Cobbler of Greek Street

Mrs Hudson takes her shoes to a Soho shop to be repaired and finds herself in grave danger.

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 Barry Bignold

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1999.

**SAT 02:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007v1df)**

The Delayed Exit of Claude and Eustace

Trouble looms for Bertie Wooster when his wild cousins arrive. PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster ..... Richard Briers

Eustace ..... David Jason

Claude ..... Jonathan Lynn

Aunt Agatha ..... Joan Sanderson

Marianne ..... Bridget Armstrong

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

**SAT 03:00 Teatime (m000fx1w)**

Episode 3

In an attempt to prove to Donna (and to himself) that he's got his life back on track, Joe starts a new business venture,

working from home as a Wellness Coach.

He knows nothing about 'wellness' and the home he wants to work from belongs to Vicky and Rav.

Despite obvious misgivings, the family get sucked into Joe's new idea.

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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.

**SAT 03:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (m002jhvj)**

10. Fate

Christine's made the awful decision that Erik forced her to make.

Will she, Raoul and the Persian survive?

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.

Read by Jack Klaff.

Producer: Harriet Lang

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

**SAT 03:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017mwz6)**

5. Matrimony

Gilbert has been reading Helen's journal about her tempestuous courtship and marriage with the "wildish" Mr. Huntingdon.

Now he is worried about how the story will proceed.

Anne Bronte's second and final novel, first published under a pseudonym in 1848.

Dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

Gilbert.....Robert Lonsdale

Helen.....Hattie Morahan

Huntingdon.....Leo Bill

Arthur.....Samuel Bridger

Mrs. Markham.....Carolyn Pickles

Rose.....Leah Brotherhead

Annabella.....Emerald O'Hanrahan

Hargrave.....Stephen Critchlow

Lowborough.....Chris Webster

Miss Myers.....Alex Rivers

Lawrence.....Carl Prekopp

Eliza.....Victoria Inez Hardy

Rev. Millward.....Gerard McDermott

Mrs. Maxwell.....Tracy Wiles

Boarham.....James Lailey

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**SAT 04:00 The Motion Show (b00762kw)**

Series 4

Episode 3

Debates galore from returning to nature - to joining Big Brother.

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

With:

Marcus Brigstocke

Steve Punt

Stuart Maconie

Jenny Eclair

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

**SAT 04:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b0pwn)**

Series 3

The University of Milton

Trigger warning! This week Milton gets to the bottom of things by founding a seat of learning.

Written by Milton Jones with James Cary and Dan Evans

With:

Tom Goodman-Hill

Josie Lawrence

Dan Tetsell

Music by Guy Jackson

Director: David Tyler

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

**SAT 05:00 The Water Babies by Charles Kingsley (b007wqd5)**

The Other End of Nowhere

Tom sets off for the Other-End-of-Nowhere.

Conclusion of Charles Kingsley's novel dramatised by Bertie Doherty.

Starring Julia McKenzie and Timothy West.

Mrs Doasyouwouldbedoneby ..... Julia McKenzie

Charles Kingsley ..... Timothy West

Tom ..... Oliver Peace

Grimes ..... Philip Jackson

The Lobster ..... Olivier Pierre

The Salmon ..... Sean Baker

Lady Salmon ..... Frances Jeater

The Turbot ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

The Professor ..... Christopher Good

Miss Ellie ..... Ciara Janson

The Porpoise ..... Sarah-Jane Holm

Giant ..... Peter Woodthorpe

Herring ..... Gerard McDermott

Gairfowl ..... Frances Jeater

Older Tom ..... David Antrobus

Truncheon ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Miss Ellie ..... Ciara Janson

Older Ellie ..... Sarah-Jane Holm

And as the Water Babies:

Rosie Wiggins

Victoria Hickson

Alex Bird

Mark Guildea

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

**SAT 06:00 The Flight of Eric Strapp (b00753x0)**

Eric Strapp is on the run, but he's innocent of any crime.

Starring George Cole and Stratford Johns.

Poignant comedy with music written by Ronnie Smith.

Eric Strapp .... George Cole

'Bottles' Doone .... Stratford Johns

'Bosher' Doonelwan .... Iwan Thomas

Lavenderia Frumpton .... Rachel Atkins

Doris Plank .... Tracy-Ann Oberman

'Ace High' Patel .... David Bannerman

'Moocha' Maguire .... Anthony Ofoegbu

Widow Brown .... Carolyn Jones

Albert Frumpton .... Hugh Dickson

Winifred Frumpton .... Jenny Lee

'Slippery' Eels .... Brian Parr

Shirl .... Sarah Rice

Detective Inspector Crodge .... David Brooks

Superintendent Beak .... John Rowe

Prison Officer .... Alastair Danson

Other parts played by the cast.

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997

**SAT 07:30 Ghost Train to the Eastern Star (Omnibus) (m002js99)**

Paul Theroux retraces the railway journey East he first undertook in his 1973 travel book The Great Railway Bazaar:

By Train Through Asia.

He sets off by Eurostar from London's St Pancras International station.

Over four-months, Paul journeys overland via Europe, the Middle East and India - ending in Southeast Asia.

Omnibus of five-parts abridged by Doreen Estall.

Read by Stuart Milligan.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

**SAT 08:45 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqw2)**

Tales From the Brigadier

3. The Holy Father

Can the Brigadier manage expectations when the Pope opens the new cricket pavilion?

All the way from Witney Scrotum, more reminiscences from the crusty old brigadier.

Starring Richard Wilson.

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

**SAT 09:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002js9f)**

Series 3

Saga Of The Snow 1/2

Will the dear ladies' charity whist card game be disrupted by snowfall?

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.

Brought to you from the genteel setting of the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressel, where the musical duo reside.

Written by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.

Dame Hilda Bracket ..... Patrick Fyffe

Dr Evadne Hinge ..... George Logan

Maud .... Daphne Heard

Constable Bolsover .... Herbert Smith

Three series ran on BBC Radio 4 between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on BBC Radio 2 until 1990. In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series *Dear Ladies*.  
 Producer: James Casey  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1979.  
**SAT 09:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000qcff)**  
 Series 1  
 The Bishop Pays a Visit  
 The Bishop's plan to embarrass the Dean backfires.  
 Ecclesiastical sitcom which started life on BBC TV.  
 Written and adapted by husband-and-wife team, Pauline Devaney and Edwin Apps.  
 The Archdeacon .... Robertson Hare  
 The Bishop .... William Mervyn  
 The Bishop's Chaplain .... Derek Nimmo  
 The Dean .... John Barron  
 All Gas And Gaiters' started life as a TV pilot in Comedy Playhouse, ahead of a run on BBC1 from 1966 to 1971. Selected scripts were revised and re-recorded for radio.  
 Producer: David Hatch.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.  
**SAT 10:00 Parody Please (m0001lg4)**  
 3. People Like Us & Dead Ringers  
 The history of radio's ability to parody itself goes back almost to the birth of radio.  
 The range of this parody is so wide - news, current affairs, drama, the arts, phone-ins, investigative journalism - that the production team on this programme decided that a single presenter simply wouldn't do it justice.  
 Co-presented by a truly exceptional range of favourite radio voices, including Charlotte Green and Kirsty Young and Ruth from the Archers, who collectively explore why radio is the best medium for parody, and its important role in our society, perhaps today more than ever.  
 In the last of three programmes, Jan Ravens joins this roster of celebrities to talk with the distinguished radio critic Gillian Reynolds CBE.  
 'PEOPLE LIKE US: The Pilot' [02/08/1997 BBC Radio 4]  
 'DEAD RINGERS' [24/06/2016 BBC Radio 4]  
 Producer: Beaty Rubens.  
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2017.  
**SAT 11:00 The Flight of Eric Strapp (b00753x0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 12:30 Ghost Train to the Eastern Star (Omnibus) (m002js99)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 13:45 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqw2)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**SAT 14:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002js9f)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 14:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000qcff)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 15:00 Parody Please (m0001lg4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 16:00 Doctor Who (m001cg90)**  
 Tenth Doctor Adventures  
 Cold Vengeance  
 Rose suggests taking a ski break to The Doctor.  
 So the TARDIS materialises on Coldstar, a vast freezer satellite supplying food to a colony world.  
 But there are cracks in the ice, and the duo are soon facing challenges from all manner of local inhabitants.  
 As Coldstar's tunnels begin to melt, an even greater threat stirs within - from one of the Time Lord's oldest enemies...  
 The last of six adventures featuring the tenth incarnation of The Doctor.  
 Starring David Tennant and Billie Piper.  
 Written by Matt Fitton.  
 The Doctor .... David Tennant  
 Rose Tyler .... Billie Piper  
 Brona Volta .... Maureen Beattie  
 Callum Volta .... Sean Biggerstaff  
 Lord Hasskor/Commander Slaan .... Nicholas Briggs  
 Lorna .... Keziah Joseph  
 Management/Bert .... Anthony Stuart-Hicks  
 Other parts were played by the cast.  
 Original music by Howard Carter.  
 Director: Nicholas Briggs  
 A Big Finish production.  
**SAT 17:00 The Flight of Eric Strapp (b00753x0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 18:30 Ghost Train to the Eastern Star (Omnibus) (m002js99)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 19:45 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqw2)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**SAT 20:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002js9f)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 20:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000qcff)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 21:00 Parody Please (m0001lg4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007jmf4)**  
 Stolen  
 Zookeepers Howard Moon and Vince Noir try to catch an

animal thief at Bob Fossil's Zoo - with the help of a deer costume.  
 Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt.  
 The Boosh is a surreal adventure based on the Perrier Award-winning comedy show, featuring Howard and Vince's battles with zoo manager Bob Fossil.  
 Vince is a regular 'Mowgli in flares' due to his affinity with animals and adoration for all things Seventies, whereas Howard likes to think he's more the brains of the duo, destined for better things.  
 Howard Moon ..... Julian Barratt  
 Vince Noir ..... Noel Fielding  
 Bob Fossil ..... Rich Fulcher  
 Graham ..... Lee Mack  
 Bloke ..... Simon Evans  
 After BBC radio gave them their big break with this series, they transferred to BBC TV where The Mighty Boosh ran for three series.  
 Producer: Danny Wallace.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.  
**SAT 22:30 Start/Stop (b07pjkh)**  
 Series 3  
 5. BnB  
 Barney decides to become an Uber driver to boost his income - and to 'bump into' Alice more often - and Cathy decides to rent their spare bedroom out on AirBnB.  
 Meanwhile Evan and Fiona are arguing, and David writes a raunchy bestseller based - to her horror - around Alice.  
 Jack Docherty's sitcom about three marriages in various states of disrepair.  
 Starring:  
 Couple 1:  
 Barney ..... Jack Docherty  
 Cathy ..... Kerry Godliman  
 Couple 2:  
 Evan ..... John Thomson  
 Fiona ..... Fiona Allen  
 Couple 3:  
 David ..... Charlie Higson  
 Alice ..... Laura Aikman  
 Producer: Claire Jones  
 A BBC Studio Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016.  
**SAT 23:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b015brnj)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 3  
 John's show visits some documentary-makers, has a big debate, and then treats itself to a little trophy.  
 Discover the truth behind the war effort, sty construction, and evolution.  
 John Finnemore presents another half hour of his very own sketches.  
 Written by and starring John Finnemore.  
 With:  
 Carrie Quinlan  
 Lawry Lewin  
 Simon Kane  
 Producer: Ed Morrish  
 A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2011.  
**SAT 23:30 Richard Herring's Objective (b017cfkv)**  
 Series 2  
 Page 3  
 'Page 3' has been the cause of controversy, so Richard debates whether it's something that we should celebrate, or consign to the dustbin of history.  
 Series in which Richard Herring pokes and prods a variety controversial objects and see if the controversy falls out.  
 Through vox pops, interviews and stand up comedy Richard examines the objects' history, meaning and significance and challenges our assumed logic and stereotypes.  
 Can we reclaim these objects away from their unfortunate associations?  
 Written by and starring Richard Herring.  
 With Emma Kennedy.  
 Special guest: glamour model, Lucy Pinder.  
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

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**SUN 00:00 Doctor Who (m001cg90)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 01:00 The Flight of Eric Strapp (b00753x0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 02:30 Ghost Train to the Eastern Star (Omnibus) (m002js99)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 03:45 Peter Tinniswood (b007jqw2)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002js9f)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:30 All Gas and Gaiters (m000qcff)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 05:00 Parody Please (m0001lg4)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002jslx)**  
 Just A Minute  
 Gyles Brandreth  
 Gyles Brandreth talks about his music choices with Kirsty Young.  
 A former Conservative MP, he is also a some-time actor, broadcaster and prolific writer who has authored biographies, diaries, stage plays and mysteries.  
 Pursuing a political career has been, he says, the over-riding ambition of his life.  
 However the happiest moment came not from politics, but when he was performing in a West End show that he wrote himself. These days, his ambitions are to return to the stage and the role he wants to take on is Chekhov's Uncle Vanya.  
 "I have no complaints" he says; "my life has been one long series of tomato and marmite sandwiches. I've always had what I wanted."  
 DISC ONE: Noël Coward - There are Bad Times Just Around the Corner  
 DISC TWO: Charles Trenet - Bounm  
 DISC THREE: Simon Cadell - I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face  
 DISC FOUR: Choir of St Paul's Cathedral - John Greenleaf Whittier and Hubert Parry's Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
 DISC FIVE: The Godolphin and Latymer School - Carl Davis's Warning: Man in Uniform  
 DISC SIX: Laurence Olivier - The Speech to the Senate from William Shakespeare's Othello  
 DISC SEVEN: Andrew C. Wadsworth and Shona White - Stephen Sondheim's With so Little To be Sure of  
 DISC EIGHT: John Reed and the D'Oyly Carte Company - Opera Gilbert and Sullivan's The High Aesthetic Line  
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Simon Cadell - I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face  
 BOOK CHOICE: The Complete plays of Anton Chekhov  
 LUXURY CHOICE: Michelangelo's Pieta  
 Producer: Leanne Buckle  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.  
**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0124r4k)**  
 Series 2  
 Elsa  
 David Attenborough recalls how, whilst en route to Madagascar, his BBC bosses asked him to break his journey in Kenya to visit the Adamsons.  
 Joy and George Adamson were famous for hand rearing a Lioness whom they named Elsa. She was the central character in the book written by the couple "Born Free".  
 Sir David cleverly takes us from the romanticism of Born Free and being close to habituated lions, to the harsh reality of befriending a big cat.  
 Producer: Julian Hector  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.  
**SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002jslz)**  
 Terminates Here and Tell Me the Truth About Love  
 Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and chooses two programmes about very different journeys.  
 \* 4 Extra marks the 200th anniversary of the modern railway with TERMINATES HERE:  
 In the opening episode of this five-part series - Beginnings - poet Lemn Sissay retraces the route taken by the mail train in WH Auden's famous poem 'Night Mail'.  
 Lemn boards the Caledonian Sleeper, leaving London at the same time as Auden's Down Special mail train would have departed.  
 Produced by Philip Sellars and first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.  
 \* In TELL ME THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE - Carol Ann Duffy explores poems of loss and separation.  
 From a series in which she explores the heady world of love poetry from first flush to final parting.  
 Carol Ann argues that such poetry continues to have the most profound and lasting impact on the general reader. She examines enduring images and themes across ages and cultures.  
 Produced by Emma Harding. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.  
 \* Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month - BEAST by Pascale Petit.  
**SUN 07:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (Omnibus) (m002jsm1)**  
 Episode 2  
 A half-crazed Phantom lurks in the labyrinth beneath the Paris Opera House.  
 He is obsessed with Christine Daaé, a beautiful young opera singer.  
 Christine has now vanished. Is the Phantom responsible?  
 Distraught, Raul and the mysterious Persian go in search of her.  
 Gaston Leroux's novel, first published in 1909.  
 Classic horror entwined with a passionate love story translated by Peter Haining.  
 Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Andrew Simpson.  
 Read by Jack Klaff.  
 Producer: Harriet Lang  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.  
**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lnccqq)**  
 Rick Edwards  
 Presenter Rick Edwards chooses 'Sweet Child O' Mine' by Guns N' Roses and 'Witness (1 Hope)' by Roots Manuva.

**SUN 08:50 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (Omnibus) (b017pnpv)**

Episode 1

Helen Graham is the mysterious and striking new tenant of the dilapidated Wildfell Hall.

As gentleman farmer Gilbert Markham becomes more and more powerfully drawn to this enigmatic "widow", he finds that her unconventionally independent life disguises a turbulent and painful past.

Anne Bronte's second and final novel, first published under a pseudonym 1848.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Rachel Joyce

Gilbert .... Robert Lonsdale

Helen .... Hattie Morahan

Huntingdon .... Leo Bill

Arthur .... Samuel Bridger

Mrs. Markham .... Carolyn Pickles

Rose .... Leah Brotherhead

Annabella .... Emerald O'Hanrahan

Lawrence .... Carl Prekopp

Eliza .... Victoria Inez Hardy

Rev. Millward .... Gerard McDermott

Mrs. Maxwell .... Tracy Wiles

Boarham .... James Lailey

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**SUN 10:00 Frankie Howerd (m001v314)**

Series 4

Episode 1

The King of Titters visits the doctor, and recalls his time on a desert island.

Frankie takes a comic look back through his eventful life and illustrious career.

Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.

With:

Ray Fell

Barbara Mitchell

Christopher Scoular

April Walker

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1975.

**SUN 10:30 Jim the Great (b02zbzxb)**

Series 2

Joust in Time

To settle a debt, the moustachioed monarch challenges a bloodthirsty Viking to a duel.

Back in the days of yore, one particular chieftain was very hard up... King Jim.

A historical regal romp starring Jimmy Edwards.

Written by Andrew Palmer.

King Jim .... Jimmy Edwards

Queen Esmerelda .... Joan Sanderson

Boadicea .... June Whitfield

The Chancellor .... Julian Orchard

Spendthrift .... John Baddiley

Eric Blood Axe .... Gordon Clyde

Ethelred the Unready .... Deryck Guyler

Following a successful pilot, 'Jim The Great' ran for three series on BBC Radio 2 between 1976 and 1979.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1979.

**SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002jslx)**

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**SUN 16:00 Hothouse by Brian Aldiss (b00mtp10)**

5. The Prophet

A parting of the ways for the Morel and Gren, but the search for a home goes on.

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...

Conclusion of 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 (b018j7ww)**

Series 4

5. The New Boy by Matthew Wilkie

Craig has a new job, but how far will he go to impress his boss?

The Man in Black introduces Matthew Wilkie's spine-tingling tale.

Mark Gatiss stars as the sinister raconteur.

Craig ..... Simon Bubb

Mr Rubenstein ..... Stephen Greif

Beth ..... Victoria Inez Hardy

Nelson ..... Adam Billington

William ..... 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: Lucy Collingwood

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

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**SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lnccqq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

**SUN 19:50 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (Omnibus) (b017pnpv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**SUN 21:00 Frankie Howerd (m001v314)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:30 Jim the Great (b02zbzxb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b008h5z7)**

Series 1

Last Words

The social worker is wracked with relief when her most detested client passes away.

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

Megan ..... Nina Conti

Ray ..... Richard Lumsden

Irene ..... Ellen Thomas

Helen ..... Gemma Craven

With Richenda Carey and Andrew Wincott.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

**SUN 22:30 King Cutler (b008yt5q)**

King Cutler V

A message to the nation from Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler.

Visitors bear gifts of words to add to their collection of poems, songs and stories.

With:

Dylan Edwards

David Lloyd

Ted Harrison

Craig Murray-Orr

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 1990.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002k5d7)**

Dom Joly 1/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to Dom Joly.

**SUN 23:00 The Penny Dreadfuls (b06kb0g6)**

The Odyssey

Incredible monsters plus an encounter with an enchantress!

Comedy trio The Penny Dreadfuls take on Homer's tale of

Odysseus's epic journey home from the Trojan Wars.

Starring Robert Webb as Odysseus.

With Humphrey Ker, David Reed and Thom Tuck

Plus guests:

Lolly Adefope

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Written by David Reed with additional material by Humphrey Ker.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2015.

**MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**MON 00:00 Hothouse by Brian Aldiss (b00mtp10)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 The Man in Black (b018j7ww)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002jslx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

**MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0124r4k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

**MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002jslz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:30 The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux (Omnibus) (m002jsm1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lnccqq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

**MON 03:50 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (Omnibus) (b017pnpv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 Frankie Howerd (m001v314)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Jim the Great (b02zbzxb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Doctor Finlay (b008m7by)**

The Further Adventures of a Black Bag - Series 1

6. The Match

Finlay is serving for a love match, but tensions rise over who

will be his doubles partner...

Ready with his black bag, Doctor Finlay sets out to remedy all manner of ailments suffered by his patients in the Scottish Highland town of Levenford.

Starring John Gordon Sinclair.

AJ Cronin's stories about Scotland's most celebrated doctor

Dramatised by Sue Rodwell.

Dr Finlay .... John Gordon Sinclair

Dr Cameron .... Brian Pettifer

Janet .... Celia Imrie

Georgina McNab .... Siobhan Redmond

Nurse Angus .... Stellaonet

John Angus .... Gordon Reid

Dre Freddie Lawrence .... Jamie Glover

Produced and directed at BBC Bristol by Jeremy Howe and Viv Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

**MON 06:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rn46)**

2. Gold Elephant

Red Farley is still missing and so is Pat's birthday bracelet.

In spite of being warned off by his friend the inspector, David Conway and his fiancé Pat decide to do a little investigating themselves.

Suspense-packed vintage thriller serial.

Written by Edward J Mason.

Starring:

Chris Gittins

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Dudley Rolph

Gerik Schelderup

Harry Stubbs

Peter Wilde

Producer: Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in

November 1954.

**MON 07:00 Pankhiraj (b07m5jzc)**

The Honeymoon Is Over

Nishith, Sripurna's ex-husband, has been having secret meetings

with Malati - and Dida turns up unexpectedly in Manchester.

Three generations of women collide in Tanika Gupta's four-part comedy.

Starring Charubala Chokshi, Souad Faress and Meera Syal.

Malati ..... Meera Syal

Dida ..... Charubala Chokshi

Sripurna ..... Souad Faress

Rehana ..... Vinny Dhillon

Geoffrey ..... Geoffrey Beevers

Nishith ..... Bhasker Patel

Director: Michelle Matherson Frederickk

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.

**MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jll5)**

Series 1

Sergeant Wilson's Little Secret

Confusion reigns for Sergeant Wilson when Mrs Pike reveals news of a "new arrival".

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 BBC

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

Warden Hodges .... Bill Pertwee

Mrs Pike .... Pearl Hackney

Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974.

**MON 08:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b5xh1w)**  
Episode 3

Martin Jarvis directs Michael Frayn's masterly comic series with 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.

\* Stephen Fry gives smug thanks to God

\* Matthew Wolf and Martin Jarvis become mute mime-artists (yes on the radio)

\* Nigel Anthony invites sponsorship for doing precisely nothing

\* Sir Ian McKellen as God conducts his own prayer-answering service

\* Rosalind Ayres provides a tetchy update to your Pocket Playhouse.

Director: Martin Jarvis

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

**MON 08:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwcpe)**

The Affair of the German Dispatch-Box

Can a daring amateur sleuth help to intercept a German dispatch-box with a highly confidential document stolen from the British Government?

Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's most famous novel, first published in 1912.

Eccentric Thorpe Hazell is a speciality detective using his locomotive expertise to solve audacious and ingenious crimes plaguing Britain's Edwardian railways.

Adapted in five parts by Fiona Kelcher.

Read by Benedict Cumberbatch.

Hazell is in many ways a man before his time: a vegetarian and health fanatic with an encyclopaedic railway knowledge. A man of independent means, he thrives on working to his own whims - and operating outside the law when it suits him.

English reverend, railway enthusiast and popular mystery writer, Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's immaculate plots were much admired by Dorothy L Sayers and Ellery Queen. He was one of the first authors to submit his stories to Scotland Yard so they could vet his police procedures.

Producer: Fiona Kelcher

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2008.

**MON 08:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017vmfq)**

6. Domestic Scenes

Gilbert has read in Helen's journal of how her marriage has been severely tested by her husband's prolonged absences - as well as his drinking and infidelity.

And now she has a son to care for too...

Anne Bronte's second and final novel, first published under a pseudonym in 1848.

Dramatised in ten parts by Rachel Joyce.

Gilbert.....Robert Lonsdale

Helen.....Hattie Morahan

Huntingdon.....Leo Bill

Hargrave.....Stephen Critchlow

Annabella.....Emerald O'Hanrahan

Lowborough.....Chris Webster

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002jgpk)**

Series 95

5. Whoopsie-daisy

Sue Perkins challenges Lucy Porter, Paul Merton, Zoe Lyons and Stephen Mangan to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation. Subjects include give it 110%, Oasis tickets and I wish I didn't know that about you.

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 The Railways: Nation, Network and People by Simon Bradley (b06qhlhx)**

1. Train Time

A magnificent account of Britain's railways and how track and carriage united a nation.

Series of readings including an exploration of many aspects of the railway revolution:

\* The challenges of 'railway time'

\* The nuances of first, second and third class

\* The difficulties of lighting and heating and passenger comfort

\* What to eat when travelling and the history of refreshment stops

\* The commercial opportunities they brought - The establishment of WH Smith and Son, who became the nation's first high street bookstore.

Architecture and engineering are also covered, alongside the impact on social classes and gender.

Passengers may have a love-hate relationship with our railways, but few of us know much about the journey taken to get to where we are now.

Written by: Simon Bradley.

Abridged in five parts by Jill Waters.

Read by Stephen Tompkinson.

Producer: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2015.

**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002jsqb)**

Harvest - Autumn Rains

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

Theme: Harvest - Autumn Rains

Presenter: Rev Grace Thomas, recorded in the BBC

Philharmonic with the Daily Service Singers, directed by

Andrew Earis with Elin Reese on the organ

Reading: Joel 2 21-24

Music: You made a universe- Daily Service Singers

Anthem: Touch the earth lightly - Daily Service Singers

Prayer chant: The kingdom of God - Daily Service Singers

We plough the fields - Daily Service Singers

**MON 10:00 Salute to Steam (m002jsqg)**

From the first journey of George Stephenson's Locomotion', from Stockton to Darlington on 27th September 1825, to the last scheduled train to be pulled by a steam locomotive on 8th August 1968.

A light-hearted look at the pleasures and hazards of railway

travel in Britain in the age of steam

The steam is up; the engine bright and gold.

The fire-king echoes back the guard's shrill cry.

The roaring vapour shrieks out fierce and bold

A moment - and like lightning on we fly. (ANON)

Written by Norman Longmate.

Narrated by David Mahlowe.

Producer: Stanley Williamson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1975.

**MON 10:30 Off-Peak Performance (m0022khh)**

Johnny I'Anson explores what's causing cancellations and delays on the important London to Manchester railway line?

Being a rail user in Britain can be stressful, and that stress is summed up by the so called "Euston Dash". The dash is a Darwinian rush to get your seat on the first off-peak service heading north to Manchester and beyond.

It's a race which tests nerve, skill and speed, as passengers dodge kids and suitcases, jump queues, forget niceties, and knock over anyone in their path to win.

Presenter Johnny I'Anson is among the runners. He's travelling on the **18:53**, run by Avanti West Coast service, a company which has been criticised for its poor performance. Avanti says its service is improving.

Will Johnny get a seat, and what are his fellow passengers' experiences?

It's just one snapshot of a single trip, but through the journey, Johnny meets those who travel regularly on this important route.

He finds out what might lie behind some cancellations and delays, and what can be done to improve the experience for the millions who use this route each year.

Producer: Vicky Farncombe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2024.

**MON 11:00 Doctor Finlay (b008m7by)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 11:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rn46)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 12:00 Pankhiraj (b07m5jzc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jl15)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b5xh1w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 13:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwcpe)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017vmfq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Booked (b08pvn1j)**

Series 5

Episode 6

Ian McMillan invites four contestants to pick over the bones of literature.

With:

Dillie Keane

Mark Radcliffe

Sophie Hannah

Simon Armitage

Producer: Viv Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

**MON 14:30 Married (b007ys7j)**

Series 2

Betrayal

Divorced and penniless he may be, but Robin is about to discover that life can be sweet in his new universe.

Even if it's at the expense of someone else...

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin .... Hugh Bonneville

Lesley .... Josie Lawrence

Dirk .... Stephen Frost

Murdo .... Lewis MacLeod

Ned .... Sam Bradley

Maxine .... Ann Gosling

DS Cotton .... Simon Roberts

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

**MON 15:00 Victoria Station (b06qc290)**

Series 1

1. Signal Failure: Wednesday 4th January 1895

It's Wednesday January 4th, 1895.

A derailed goods train and the arrival of a VIP, General Booth, expose enmities at Victoria Station in Bridgford.

Five-part series of self-contained dramas set in Victoria Station, Bridgford on consecutive Wednesdays in January and February of 1895.

Written by Nottingham-born author Steve Chambers.

Joe Braddock .... Sean Baker

Tidmarsh .... Philip Jackson

Josie .... Julia Ford

Ada .... Pauline Letts

Fred Roberts .... John Hartley

Mr Cripps ....Gavin Muir

Phoebe .... Becky Hindley

Syd ....Tom Bevan

Jackson .... Joshua Towb

Wheeler .... Tom Knight

Robson .... Lloyd Notice

Mrs Brook-Hammond ... Frances Jeater

General Booth .... Michael Tudor Barnes

Girl Thief .... Deborah Berlin

Director: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

**MON 15:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m00101lh)**

1. 'Friday. My Stewed Cabbage and Cold Gravy Day...'

Five-part serial - written by Roy Apps - inspired by the true story of one woman's fight to halt the closure of her local railway.

Starring Penelope Keith.

Village Guide Captain Madge Bessemer is not a particular fan of railways. Who needs trains when you've got a 1948 Austin Princess to tootle around in?

However, when she discovers that, as part of their closure plans, British Rail are going to auction off the line side footpath, which holds precious memories for her, she determines to put a stop to proceedings.

Supported by The Lewes and East Grinstead Railway Fighting Committee - two Girl Guides, two train spotters, one pigswill man and a dog - Madge takes her battle right to the heart of government.

But the Prime Minister has just been humiliated by Colonel Nasser and has no intention of suffering a further humiliation at the hands of a village Girl Guide leader.

John Profumo, Under Secretary of State to the Minister of Transport and a rising star in the government, is tasked with seeing that Miss Bessemer's plans are consigned to the dustbin of history.

All seems lost but, as Madge gains strength from the ghosts of her past, an unlikely idea for a railway of the future takes shape. Everyone loves a fighter and Madge becomes a national hero. She finds herself midwife not just to the birth of the world's first preserved standard gauge passenger railway – the Bluebell Line – but also to the UK's multi-million pound heritage railway industry.

Sound Design: Matt Bainbridge

Director: Celia de Wolff

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

**MON 16:00 Salute to Steam (m002jsqg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:30 Off-Peak Performance (m0022khh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Doctor Finlay (b008m7by)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 17:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rn46)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Pankhiraj (b07m5jzc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jl15)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 19:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b5xh1w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwcpe)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 19:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017vmfq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 20:00 Booked (b08pvn1j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**MON 20:30 Married (b007ys7j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Victoria Station (b06qc290)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**MON 21:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m00101lh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002jgpk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:30 The Right Time (b00c90g4)**

Series 3

Episode 1

Gym shenanigans, finding a fox - and can you feel sexy at 60?

The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.

Starring:

Eleanor Bron  
Graeme Garden  
Neil Innes  
Clive Swift  
Roger Blake  
Pam Ayres  
Written by Pam Ayres, Mike Coleman, Jan Etherington, Graeme Garden, Neil Innes, Colin Bostock-Smith, Bob Sinfield, Chris Thompson, Pete Reynolds, Tony Bagley, Richard Turner and Phil Nice,  
Script Editor: Geoff Parsons  
Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Neil Innes.  
Producer: Claire Jones  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.  
**MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002k5d9)**  
Dom Joly 2/3  
From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Dom Joly.  
**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002jhm)**  
Series 118  
3. Crossing the Pond, Crossing the Floor  
Andy Zaltzman is joined by Hugo Rifkind, Pierre Novellie, Sara Barron and Lucy Porter to break down the week in news. The panel unpack Trump's second state visit, the reserve banquet of seat fillers, foreign investment from the US, Ed Davey's Ancient Greek punishment, chimps drunk on fruit, and why Penny Mordaunt thinks it's no fun to be a Conservative anymore.  
Written by Andy Zaltzman.  
With additional material by: Cody Dahler, Ruth Husko, Sam Lake and Laura Major.  
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 (b00cl63c)**  
Series 5  
I Blame the Media  
Whilst Satan's away morally cleansing the media and internet, revolt is brewing in Hell.  
Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.  
Satan ..... Andy Hamilton  
Thomas ..... Jimmy Mulville  
Scumspawn ..... Robert Duncan  
Other characters played by:  
Felicity Montagu  
Hugh Dennis  
Tony Maudsley  
Philip Pope  
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

## TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

**TUE 00:00 Salute to Steam (m002jsqg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 00:30 Off-Peak Performance (m0022khh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:00 Doctor Finlay (b008m7by)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 01:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rn46)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:00 Pankhiraj (b07m5jzc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jll5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b5xh1w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwcpc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 03:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017vmfq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:00 Booked (b08pvn1j)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 04:30 Married (b007ys7j)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]  
**TUE 05:00 Victoria Station (b06qc290)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]  
**TUE 05:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m00101lh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]  
**TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (m0002cd6)**  
Hercule Poirot - The Mystery of the Blue Train  
1. Heart of Fire  
The 'Heart of Fire' is one of the world's legendary jewels which once adorned the crown of the Tsars.  
But legend proclaims the stunning ruby brings death in its wake. So the American millionaire Rufus Van Aldin may live to regret his purchase...  
As the glamorous Blue Train carries the rich and the famous to their beloved Riviera - the future looks far from bright for one passenger...  
It's another case for Agatha Christie's Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot.

First published in 1928. The Mystery of the Blue Train is based on a short story from 1923, The Plymouth Express.  
Dramatised in six parts by Michael Bakewell.  
Rufus Van Aldin ..... Robert Beatty  
Katherine Grey ..... Janet Maw  
Ruth Kettering ..... Avril Clarke  
Derek Kettering ..... Anthony Smee  
Major Knighton ..... Michael Deacon  
Lady Tamplin ..... Gwen Cherrell  
Lenox ..... Moir Leslie  
Mirelle ..... Judy Buxton  
Dr Harrison ..... Peter Woodthorpe  
Krassnine ..... John Harrison  
Olga ..... Tessa Worsley  
Zia ..... Jane Leonard  
Scattergood ..... Garard Green  
Papopolous ..... Ronald Herdman  
Director: David Johnston.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1985.  
**TUE 06:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rmzx)**  
3. Seeing Red  
David Conway and Pat Manners try to catch up with the mysterious and elusive Red Farley.  
Finally they track her down at the circus - but why is she fearing for her life...?  
Suspense-packed thriller serial.  
Written by Edward J Mason.  
Starring:  
Anne Cullen  
Arnold Peters  
Bernard Rebel  
Chris Gittins  
Dudley Rolph  
Gerik Schelderup  
Harry Stubbs  
Ysanne Churchman  
June Spencer  
Peter Wilde.  
Producer: Philip Garston-Jones  
First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.  
**TUE 07:00 Wally Who? (b08qmdc2)**  
Just The Way You Are  
Wally Thornton reckons it's time to ditch his old mates for more cultural pursuits.  
Starring Tony Brandon as Wally.  
Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.  
With  
Chris Ellison  
John Jardine  
Nick Maloney  
Rosalind Knight  
Theme and incidental music by Debbie Katz.  
Produced in BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1982.  
\*\*\*\* Tony Brandon's BBC career was mainly as a disc-jockey for Radio 1 and 2 from 1967-1982.  
But as an actor, he also recorded two radio comedy series 'The Family Brandon' and 'Wally Who?'.  
**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jv86)**  
Series 8  
The White Neddie Trade  
Fearless Neddie Seagoon launches a career as a nude piano dancer with a difference  
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Larry Stephens and Maurice Wiltshire.  
Starring:  
Peter Sellers  
Harry Secombe  
Spike Milligan  
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.  
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.  
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.  
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade  
Producer: Charles Chilton  
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1958.  
**TUE 08:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (m0006dw3)**  
Mrs Sidhu's Deadly Highland Game  
4. A Kick In The Gallochs  
At Castle Tannoch one final startling realisation threatens to turn all Mrs Sidhu's suspicions on their heads.  
Meera Syal stars as the catering sleuth from Slough hunting down a Highland killer.  
The ragged remains of the hunting party are looking down the barrel of a gun held by the shaky hand of Sir Alex Kendrick.  
Held hostage by a mad man, Robert divulges the real reason he came to Castle Tannoch and Jane finally reveals her true feelings for him.  
Meanwhile, Burton's plan to end the hostage situation leaves a life hanging in the balance. With one final startling realisation, all Mrs Sidhu's suspicions will be turned on their heads. A final reckoning awaits in the murderer's deadly highland game.  
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  
Written by Suk Pannu.  
Recorded at Soundhouse Studios.  
Edited by Leon Chambers.  
Studio Managers: Wilfredo Acosta and Leon Chambers  
Production Manager: Sarah Tombling  
Directed by Marilyn Imrie.  
Producer: Gordon Kennedy  
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.  
**TUE 08:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fy0tm)**  
Sir Gilbert Murrell's Picture  
When a goods train carrying valuable paintings arrives at its destination with one missing carriage, the owners turn to amateur sleuth, Thorpe Hazell. How did the thieves remove it from a non-stopping service?  
Benedict Cumberbatch reads Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's tales about the speciality detective who uses his locomotive expertise to solve the audacious and ingenious crimes plaguing the Edwardian railways.  
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Adapted and produced by Fiona Kelcher.  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2008.  
**TUE 08:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017wy6x)**  
7. Solitude  
The account of her husband's behaviour in Helen's journal has continued to be one of wild debauchery but now she is convinced he is changing his ways. Reading the journal Gilbert is not so confident.  
Gilbert.....Robert Lonsdale  
Helen.....Hattie Morahan  
Huntingdon.....Leo Bill  
Annabella.....Emerald O'Hanrahan  
Hargrave.....Stephen Crichtlow  
Arthur.....Samuel Bridger  
Director: David Hunter  
Dramatised by: Rachel Joyce  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.  
**TUE 09:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001217m)**  
Series 11  
Blyth, Northumberland  
The famous Blyth Staithes (created for off-loading coal into ships) were the backdrop for one of the grimmest scenes in the Michael Caine classic Get Carter - the smoggy industrial view at the time described by the director as an "absolute vision of hell". Undaunted, comedian Mark Steel travels to this part of Northumberland and finds a fascinating industrial legacy, a posh pub, a very nice beach and prominent indications of its role in the first and second World Wars. Does a town blighted by so many closures show any evidence of green shoots? Mark presents his findings to a local audience at The Phoenix Theatre and as ever gets away with just the right amount of affection rudeness and we learn more about a very distinctive coastal town in the UK.  
The full box set of all episodes (with well over 50 towns visited) is available now wherever you get your podcasts.  
Written by and starring...Mark Steel  
With additional material from Pete Sinclair  
Production Coordinator...Beverly Tagg  
Producer...Julia McKenzie  
A BBC Studios Production.  
**TUE 09:30 The Railways: Nation, Network and People by Simon Bradley (b06qjqlcn)**  
2. First Class  
A magnificent account of Britain's railways and how track and carriage united a nation.  
This series of readings includes an exploration of many aspects of the railway revolution, such as the challenges of 'railway time', the nuances of first, second and third class, the difficulties of lighting and heating, passenger comfort, what to eat when travelling and the history of refreshment stops and the commercial opportunities they brought - including the establishment of W.H. Smith and Son, who became the nation's first high street bookstore. Architecture and engineering are also covered, alongside the impact on social classes and gender. Passengers may have a love-hate relationship with our railways, but few of us know much about the journey taken to get to where we are now.  
Written by: Simon Bradley  
Read by Stephen Tompkinson  
Abridged and produced by: Jill Waters  
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2015.  
**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002jts3)**  
Harvest - Creation Begins  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Harvest - Creation Begins.

Presenter: Georgia Clarke

Reading: Psalm 65 - 9-13

Music:

Creation sings the Father's song - Stuart Townend

For the fruits of his creation - Sasha Johnson Manning & Holly Marland

Chorus of creation - Seth Pincock & A New Thing.

**TUE 10:00 Train Tracks (b00m69ws)**

They may be a shadow of their former infrastructural selves but railways still hold a curiously affectionate place in our national life.

That's nowhere more true than in the world of music where chuffing, whistling, steaming and clackety-clacking have been the inspiration for hundreds of songs.

Pianist and broadcaster Simon Townley has never described himself as a railway enthusiast, but he's always had an ear for the things that inspire composers and songwriters.

Country and Western star Laura Cantrell, music professor Allan Moore and composer Sir Richard Rodney Bennett contribute their thoughts on this mass transit system which has provided such a rich seam of inspiration over the last 200 years.

Producer: Tom Alban

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

**TUE 10:30 The Trainspotter's Guide to Dracula (b09byr3c)**

"3 May, Bistritz. Left Munich at 8:35 P. M, on 1st May, arriving at Vienna early next morning; should have arrived at 6:46, but train was an hour late."

The first line of Bram Stoker's Dracula makes it clear what the novel will be about: trains. As the book begins, the English solicitor Jonathan Harker is travelling across Europe by train, en route to meet his mysterious new Transylvanian client, complaining all the way about the late running of the service. "It seems to me that the further East you go the more unpunctual are the trains. What ought they to be in China?"

In the Trainspotter's Guide to Dracula, Miles Jupp uses Bram Stoker's novel as it has never been used before, as a train timetable, following its references to plot a route across Europe by rail to Dracula's castle in Transylvania.

Will Miles be able to reach Dracula's castle more quickly than Harker did, or will his journey be dogged by discontinued services, closed lines and delays?

Produced by David Stenhouse

Readings by David Jackson Young

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.

**TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (m0002cd6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 11:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rmzx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jv86)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 Mrs Sidhu Investigates (m0006dw3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fy0tm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017wy6x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)**

Episode 6

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 Aliffé

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**TUE 14:30 Trapped (m001p7h0)**

Series 2

4. Break Out

Marty, Willis, Frank and Jack are locked up in a high security prison, but with no idea why.

They have to escape - or suffer unspeakable consequences.

But breaking out would be a whole lot easier if Marty wasn't so old, Willis, quite so fat and Jack so much of a trouble maker...

More one-off comedy dramas written by, and sometimes

featuring, Daniel and Mark Maier

Willis ..... Robert Wilfort

Marty ..... Philip Jackson

Harwood ..... Daniel Maier

Danny ..... Mark Maier

Frank ..... Colin McFarlane

Jack ..... Simon Evans

Harris ..... Jim Barclay

Terry ..... Alan Davies

Producer Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

**TUE 15:00 Victoria Station (b06qzsq2)**

Series 1

2. Wednesday 11/01/1895: Tunnel Vision

It's Wednesday 11th January, 1895. Something sinister lurks in the tunnel damaged by the recent derailment.

Nottingham-born author Steve Chambers' five-part series of self-contained dramas set in Victoria Station, Bridgford on consecutive Wednesdays in January/February 1895.

Joe Braddock .... Sean Baker

Tidmarsh .... Philip Jackson

Josie .... Julia Ford

Ada .... Pauline Letts

Professor Gaidar .... David Collings

Fred Roberts .... John Hartley

Phoebe .... Becky Hindley

Moran .... Gavin Muir

McCarthy .... Ian Masters

Syd .... Tom Bevan

Robson .... Lloyd Notice

Lydia .... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Wheeler .... Tom Knight

Hancock .... Nicholas Collett

Ellen Davison .... Annabel Mullion

Jackson .... Joshua Towb

Director: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

**TUE 15:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m00107cg)**

2. 'Four Teenagers, One Pigeon Fancier and a Dog...'

Penelope Keith is Madge Bessemer in this 5-part serial inspired by the true story of one woman's fight to halt the closure of her local railway.

Village Guide Captain Madge Bessemer is not a particular fan of railways. Who needs trains when you've got a 1948 Austin Princess to tootle around in? However, when she discovers that, as part of their closure plans, British Rail are going to auction off the line side footpath, which holds precious memories for her, she determines to put a stop to proceedings.

Supported by The Lewes and East Grinstead Railway Fighting Committee - two Girl Guides, two train spotters, one pigswill man and a dog - Madge takes her battle right to the heart of government.

But the Prime Minister has just been humiliated by Colonel Nasser and has no intention of suffering a further humiliation at the hands of a village Girl Guide leader. John Profumo, Under Secretary of State to the Minister of Transport and a rising star in the government, is tasked with seeing that Miss Bessemer's plans are consigned to the dustbin of history.

All seems lost but, as Madge gains strength from the ghosts of her past, an unlikely idea for a railway of the future takes shape.

Everyone loves a fighter and Madge becomes a national hero, finding herself midwife not just to the birth of the world's first preserved standard gauge passenger railway – the Bluebell Line – but also to the UK's multi-million pound heritage railway industry.

Writer: Roy Apps

Reader: Penelope Keith

Director: Celia de Wolff

Sound Design: Matt Bainbridge

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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Trapped (m001p7h0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Victoria Station (b06qzsq2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 21:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m00107cg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**TUE 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001217m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00db05r)**

Series 2

Diligence

Mark examines hard work and diligence.

The comedian continues his quest to delve into six virtues.

Carefully persisting with more poetry and music:

Tim Key

Tim Minchin

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

**TUE 23:00 Nick Revell: BrokenDreamCatcher (b0bkv1vr)**

Series 1

Nick Revell v Lily, Evil Cat Queen of Earth Planet and the Laughing Fringe

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.

This week we learn that cats injected with nanobots which consequently form a neural lace, will almost certainly get up to no good.

Written and performed by Nick Revell

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b00804kc)**

Series 2

Astronaut Training

The sketch show team take the audience to Nevada for astronaut selection by NASA.

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 February 1991.

## WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 The Goon Show (b007jv86)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

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**WED 04:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 Trapped (m001p7h0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Victoria Station (b06qzsq2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m00107cg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Whodunnits (m0002cct)**

Hercule Poirot - The Mystery of the Blue Train

2. The Blue Train

Katherine Grey heads to Nice by train, but when she arrives, a new acquaintance is found brutally murdered.

Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot is drawn into a tale of murder and deceit, focussed on one of the world's legendary jewels...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars Maurice Denham.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot .... Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey .... Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin .... Robert Beatty

Ruth Kettering .... Avril Clarke

Derek Kettering .... Anthony Smee

Major Knighton .... Michael Deacon

Mason .... Pauline Letts

Chubby .... Jonathan Owen

Caux .... Adrian Egan

Pavett .... David Learner

Train Conductor .... Richard Durden

Gendarme .... Ronald Herdman

Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1986.

**WED 06:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rng8)**

4. Cards on the Table

Following a murder at the circus, the race is still on for David and Pat to get to the bottom of the mystery about the secret new super metal.

Suspense-packed thriller serial.

Written by Edward J Mason.

Starring:

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Dudley Rolph

Gerik Schelderup

June Spencer

William Avenall

Peter Wilde

Producer: Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in November 1954.

**WED 07:00 Star Terk II (m002jsm7)**

Series 1

Ken Dodd's Wallet

The show featuring everything from Sue Pollard to John Cleese to That's Life with Esther Rantzen.

No. 'Star Terk II' is not a misprint and Captain Krik and Mr Pocks are just part of a quickfire sketch show that brazenly goes where no sketch show has gone before - including the planet Kroll, where every word containing the letter 'k' is mispronounced....

Starring:

Jeffrey Holland

Susie Blake

Fred Harris

Christopher Godwin

Written by Terry Ravenscroft.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1987.

**WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0089k50)**

Series 5

The Foreign Legion

The Lad is set to entertain troops in Malta.

But he gets duped into making an appearance on the frontline.

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 Dot (b08pdx15)**

Series 2

Teeth

The fellas are going squiffy over Myrtle's new gnashers.

As Hollywood beckons, how will Dot take the news she is no longer the star of her own show?

Rollicking war time comedy by Ed Harris about the staff from the personnel department of the Cabinet Rooms.

Dot ..... Fenella Woolgar

Myrtle ..... Kate O'Flynn

Peg ..... Freya Parker

Millicent ..... Jane Slavin

Peabody ..... David Acton

Lord Basil Cornley-Awks ..... David Sterne

Director: Jessica Mitic

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

**WED 08:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fy2qk)**

The Affair of the Corridor Express

The son of multi-millionaire is snatched from a moving train, can Thorpe Hazell foil the kidnappers' dastardly plan?

Benedict Cumberbatch reads Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's tales about the speciality detective who uses his locomotive expertise to solve the audacious and ingenious crimes plaguing the Edwardian railways.

Eccentric Thorpe Hazell is in many ways a man before his time: a vegetarian and health fanatic using his encyclopaedic railway knowledge to tackle Britain's most ingenious smugglings, thefts, kidnaps and murders. A man of independent means, he thrives on working to his own whims - and operating outside the law when it suits him.

English reverend, railway enthusiast and popular mystery writer (1868-1933) - Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's immaculate plots were much admired by Dorothy L Sayers and Ellery Queen. He was one of the first authors to submit his stories to Scotland Yard so they could vet his police procedures.

Adapted and produced by Fiona Kelcher.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2008.

**WED 08:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x069)**

8. Escape

Helen Graham has now been married for five years and Huntingdon has refused to let her leave with her son. And just as she is planning a secret flight he discovers her journal.

Gilbert.....Robert Lonsdale

Helen.....Hattie Morahan

Huntingdon.....Leo Bill

Lawrence.....Carl Prekopp

Arthur.....Samuel Bridger

Miss Myers.....Alex Rivers

Director: David Hunter

Dramatised by: Rachel Joyce

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**WED 09:00 Do Gooders (m002jtf50)**

Series 2

3. The Force

Clive initiates a DOGE-inspired efficiency drive at The Alzheimer's Alliance, with a key policy of outsourcing events ideas to supporters. Unfortunately this backfires when the idea of a Star Wars film marathon is suggested - Clive's idea of hell. Lauren picks up the ball and runs with it. Meanwhile Harriett reels after finding out her industry nemesis has received an OBE.

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 daily 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

Writer - Garrett Millerick

Additional Material - Andrea Hubert

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 The Railways: Nation, Network and People by Simon Bradley (b06qkg1h)**

3. Brake

A magnificent account of Britain's railways and how track and carriage united a nation.

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Written by: Simon Bradley

Reader: Stephen Tompkinson

Abridged and produced by: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2015.

**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002jsmb)**

Harvest - Ripe For the Harvest

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

Theme: Harvest - Ripe For Harvest.

Presenter: Haydon Spenceley.

Reading: John 4:31-38

Music:

Come ye thankful people come - Daily Service Singers

Praise God For The Harvest - Sasha Johnson Manning & Holly Marland

This is the way God loves the world - Lou Fellingham

**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b00vkm0t)**

El Tren Fantasma

Ride the Ghost Train from Los Mochis to Veracruz, and travel across country, coast to coast, from the Pacific to Atlantic.

It's an acoustic journey through the heart of Mexico, on board one of the most exciting, beautiful and dynamic engineering projects the country has ever known, but which has now passed into history.

It's more than a decade since the Mexican State Railway System operated its last continuous passenger service across the country. Sound recorder Chris Watson spent a month on board the train with some of the last passengers to travel this route. In this sound portrait, based on his original recordings, we recreate the journey of the 'ghost train'; evoking memories of a recent past, capturing the atmosphere, rhythms and sounds of human life and wildlife along the tracks of one of Mexico's greatest engineering projects.

The recordings used in this programme were originally made by Chris Watson whilst in Mexico with a film crew for the BBC Television programme, Great Railways Journeys: Mexico.

Narrator Chris Watson

Producer Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

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**WED 13:00 Dot (b08pdx15)**

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**WED 13:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fy2qk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x069)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000xxt)**

Series 13

Episode 5

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

\* Comedian and ventriloquist Nina Conti

\* Writer of the hit TV period drama series Victoria, Daisy Goodwin

\* Former Cabinet Secretary Lord Butler of Brockwell

The Museum's Guest Committee discuss the magical properties of false teeth, the prominent contribution made by Queen Victoria's consort Prince Albert, and the mysterious case of 30 Russian jet fighters found buried in the sand.

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 Millport (b00761z4)**

Series 2

Dark Secrets

Irene enlists Bob's help when strange events send the tiny

Scottish island into disarray.

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.

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

Irene ..... Lynn Ferguson

Moir/Agnes ..... Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert/Doctor ..... Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty ..... Gabriel Quigley

Dougie ..... Matt Costello

Bob/Minister ..... Robert Patterson

Music arranged by Olly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

**WED 15:00 Victoria Station (b06rpx04)**

Series 1

3. Wednesday 18/01/1895: First Class Distinction

It's Wednesday 18th January, 1895. A Russian circus and vicar pass through. Which causes the most confusion?

Nottingham-born author Steve Chambers' five-part series of self-contained dramas set in Victoria Station, Bridgford on consecutive Wednesdays in January/February 1895.

Joe Braddock .... Sean Baker

Tidmarsh .... Philip Jackson

Fred Roberts .... John Hartley

Ged Moran/Mr Davison .... Gavin Muir

Ellen Davison .... Annabel Mullion

Hancock .... Nicholas Collett

Syd .... Tom Bevan

Tommy McCarthy/Fox .... Ian Masters

Lydia .... Geraldine Fitzgerald

Wheeler .... Tom Knight

Professor Gaidar .... David Collings

Ada .... Pauline Letts

Phoebe .... Becky Hindley

Josie .... Julia Ford

Jackson .... Joshua Towb

Robson .... Lloyd Notice

Director: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

**WED 15:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m0010g06)**

3. 'Can I Tempt You With a Fondant Fancy, Miss Bessemer...?'

Penelope Keith is Madge Bessemer in this 5-part serial inspired by the true story of one woman's fight to halt the closure of her local railway.

Village Guide Captain Madge Bessemer is not a particular fan of railways. Who needs trains when you've got a 1948 Austin Princess to tootle around in? However, when she discovers that, as part of their closure plans, British Rail are going to auction off the line side footpath, which holds precious memories for her, she determines to put a stop to proceedings.

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Writer: Roy Apps

Reader: Penelope Keith

Director: Celia de Wolff

Sound Design: Matt Bainbridge

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

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**WED 19:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x069)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**WED 20:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000xxt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**WED 20:30 Millport (b00761z4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**WED 21:00 Victoria Station (b06rpx04)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**WED 21:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m0010g06)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**WED 22:00 Do Gooders (m002j5f0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b00dn8br)**

Tower of London

The Kiwi band tries to make it big in London.

Imvised comedy from the satirical pop pair, as they align with established comics to poke fun at all aspects of pop music. Rob Brydon narrates the six-part musical odyssey about a novelty band.

Starring New Zealand musical comedy duo, Bret McKenzie and Jemaine Clement.

With:

Rhys Darby

Mike Sengelow

Neil Finn

Andy Parsons

Additional material by Joel Morris.

Musicians: David Catlin-Birch and Mark Allis.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2005.

**WED 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (m001gjrr)**

Series 5

Episode 5

Thomas the Tank Engine goes rogue and quitting smoking is easy.

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 The Skewer (m002jf60)**

Series 14

Episode 2 - Back, Sack and Crack, and An American Idiot

Abroad

The four-time Gold Comedy winner at the Radio Academy Awards returns as Jon Holmes remixes the news into the current affairs comedy concept album where world events meet popular culture in a satirical mash-up.

This week - Back, Sack and Crack, Nigel's House Party, and An American Idiot Abroad.

Producer: Jon Holmes

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

**WED 23:45 Rosie Jones: Box Ticker Too (m0011ryn)**

Sexuality, with Joe Sutherland

Stand-up comedy and chat from triple-threat Rosie Jones. She's disabled, gay and northern. But she's not a great example of any of these communities and she's tired of being asked to speak on their behalf.

This week, Rosie looks at sexuality with help from stand-up Joe Sutherland. Both coming from small and conservative towns, they compare growing up perceiving themselves as outliers, the effect and affections of labels in sexuality, and the liberation they found from coming out and freely expressing themselves.

Recorded in a live comedy club, prepare to be shocked and disappointed by Rosie's lack of respect for your expectations.

Produced by Richard Melvin

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

#### THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

**THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (b00vkmt0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Whodunnits (m0002cct)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rng8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Star Trek II (m002jsm7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0089k50)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 Dot (b08pdxl5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fy2qk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x069)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0000xxt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Millport (b00761z4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Victoria Station (b06rpx04)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m0010g06)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Whodunnits (m0002c9k)**

Hercule Poirot - The Mystery of the Blue Train

3. A Meeting at the Villa Marguerite

With a victim brutally murdered and a fabulous gem stolen, Belgian detective Hercule Poirot starts to "arrange the facts".

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars Maurice Denham.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot .... Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey .... Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin .... Robert Beatty

Derek Kettering .... Anthony Snee

Major Knighton .... Michael Deacon

Lady Tamplin .... Gwen Cherrell

Lenox .... Moir Leslie

Mason .... Pauline Letts

Chubby .... Jonathan Owen

Mr Goby .... Brian Smith

Monsieur Carrege .... Gordon Reid

Servant .... David Learner

Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1986.

**THU 06:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rnjd)**

5. Target Practice

Red Farley is still missing. David Conway and Kratz battle to uncover who is working for whom.

Paul Farley and Hugo Norsten will stop at nothing to get their hands on the secret formula for Kratz alloy metal

But does it actually work...?

Suspense-packed thriller serial.

Written by Edward J. Mason.

Starring:

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Chris Gittins

Dudley Rolph

Gerik Schelderup

Harry Stubbs

June Spencer

Michael Ford

Peter Wilde

Producer: Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in

November 1954.

**THU 07:00 Bristow (b007r031)**

Series 2

When Melancholy Autumn Comes to Chester-Perry

The promise of a Christmas bonus lifts Bristow's spirits - for once, his generosity knows no bounds.

But then he takes matters into his own hands when it becomes clear that the Chester Perry staff bonus isn't forthcoming.

Michael Williams stars as Bristow

Frank Dickens' 'sitcom is based on his famous long-running newspaper cartoon strip about the Chester-Perry buying clerk.

Syndicated internationally, it ran for 41 years in London's

Evening Standard.

Bristow ..... Michael Williams

Jones ..... Rodney Bewes

Jonathan Quarty ..... Bernard Cribbins

Mrs Purdy ..... Dora Bryan

Hewitt ..... Owen Brennan

Molly ..... Sheila Reid

Rupert Clement ..... Royce Mills

Miss Sunman ..... Katy Odey

Richard Blobb ..... Norman Bird

Miss Golightly ..... Lucy Akhurst

Postboy ..... Simon Schatzberger

Receptionist ..... Zeena Eate

Music composed and performed by John Whitehall.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

**THU 07:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jyt4)**

Series 3

The Champagne

Diana wants to visit her friend Nelly who's been unwell, but when she and Gerald set off in the car with a gift, things get out of control.

The convoluted chronicle of an optimistic author who's married to a more successful writer.

Starring Ian Carmichael and Charlotte Mitchell.

Written by Basil Boothroyd.

Gerald C Potter ..... Ian Carmichael

Diana Potter ..... Charlotte Mitchell

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

**THU 08:00 A Month of Maureen (b09cy90x)**

Three Journeys

Mother Molly and her son Paul have always had a special relationship.

Now she needs to persuade him it's time to strike out on his own.

She has three journeys to do it in.

First in a series of comedy dramas written especially for actress, writer, director and author, Dame Maureen Lipman.

Written Gary Brown

Molly ..... Maureen Lipman

Paul ..... Jasper Britton

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

**THU 08:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwq9b)**

The Stolen Necklace

A passenger begs for Thorpe Hazell's help after her aunt's valuable diamonds are stolen from her luggage.

Benedict Cumberbatch reads Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's tales about the speciality detective who uses his locomotive expertise to solve the audacious and ingenious crimes plaguing the Edwardian railways.

Eccentric Thorpe Hazell is in many ways a man before his time: a vegetarian and health fanatic using his encyclopaedic railway knowledge to tackle Britain's most ingenious smugglings, thefts, kidnaps and murders. A man of independent means, he thrives on working to his own whims - and operating outside the law when it suits him.

English reverend, railway enthusiast and popular mystery writer (1868-1933) - Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's immaculate plots were much admired by Dorothy L Sayers and Ellery Queen. He was one of the first authors to submit his stories to Scotland Yard so they could vet his police procedures.

Adapted and produced by Fiona Kelcher.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2008.

**THU 08:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x3p8)**

9. Reconciliation

Gilbert has reached the end of Helen's journal and now knows all the painful secrets of her past and her reasons for seeking seclusion at Wildfell Hall.

Gilbert.....Robert Lonsdale

Helen.....Hattie Morahan

Huntingdon.....Leo Bill

Lawrence.....Carl Prekopp

Arthur.....Samuel Bridger

Eliza.....Victoria Inez Hardy

Rose.....Leah Brotherhead

Director: David Hunter

Dramatised by: Rachel Joyce

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**THU 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002jfcf)**

Glenn Moore's Almanac Series 2

Three Glenn & A Baby

Comedian Glenn Moore looks in his almanac at world events and what he was doing at the time. Lockdown March 2020: can father-to-be Glenn learn how to use a mask and change a nappy

- and crucially, tell which is which?

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 The Railways: Nation, Network and People by Simon Bradley (b06gkrrk)**

4. Engineering

A magnificent account of Britain's railways and how track and carriage united a nation.

This series of readings includes an exploration of many aspects of the railway revolution, such as the challenges of 'railway time', the nuances of first, second and third class, the difficulties of lighting and heating, passenger comfort, what to

eat when travelling and the history of refreshment stops and the commercial opportunities they brought - including the establishment of W.H. Smith and Son, who became the nation's

first high street bookstore. Architecture and engineering are also covered, alongside the impact on social classes and gender.

Passengers may have a love-hate relationship with our railways, but few of us know much about the journey taken to get to

where we are now.

Written by: Simon Bradley

Reader: Stephen Tompkinson

Abridged and produced by: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2015.

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002jv1d)**

Harvest - Joy in creation

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

Theme: Harvest - Joy in Creation

Presenter: Rachel Mann

Reading: Psalm 96:11-13



**THU 10:00 Train Hopping in the USA (b01p71wl)**

High risk adventure or desperate necessity? Peter Bowes explores why some people jump freight trains in the USA. "The last red blooded American adventure out there" - the words of a man who doesn't need to ride the rails, but does it for excitement.

Train hopping has a long tradition in America - from Jack London to the 1930s, when the unemployed took to the rails to find work. Despite increased security since 9/11, train hopping is far from a forgotten way of travelling in the USA - but the demographics are new.

Today the vast majority are illegal workers, mainly Hispanic, who seek to cross the border in to the States, and join legal migrants following the seasonal work - from lumber cutting in the north, to the melon fields of California. They risk entanglement with border guards and heavy machinery, even hanging in wire baskets under the units to avoid detection. Others take that risk voluntarily - seeking fun and adventure - getting their information from handbooks, conventions and websites giving safety tips and eulogising the thrill to be had taking to the rails. Finally, there are the hobos - people who choose to spend their lives on the road, and rails - welcomed annually as romantic heroes in Britt, Iowa, at the Hobo Festival. Peter Bowes hears from the train hoppers of the 21st century - hair-raising tales from illegal migrants from Honduras and El Salvador; the engine drivers who takes two mile long freight trains across the remotest wildernesses in America, spotting 'jumpers' alongside the desert tracks; and those who prefer the excitement of an open box car to the safety of the wheel - preferring to lie on top of a lumber car and watch a starry sky as the wheels thunder below. Romance and danger - desperation and fear - the real world of "Train Hopping In The USA" today.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

**THU 10:30 The Ghost Trains Of Old England (b00vhhcf)**

Ian Marchant travels to Britain's least-used stations, on semi-secret trains that don't appear on timetables.

Just one train a week runs between Stockport and Stalybridge. Yet it never returns.

"There is no service from Stalybridge to Stockport", says a platform sign, cryptically.

This service is what's known as a "parliamentary train" and exists only so that the rail company can avoid going through formal closure proceedings. Running the single weekly service costs only £50, but to close it down would cost far more. Of the intermediate stops on the line, Network Rail notes:

"Data collection including observation has been unable to record any use of these stations".

There is Teesside Airport station, the least-used stop in Britain, with just 44 passengers a year. It has only one train a week, is a 20 minutes walk from the airport (a journey which involves negotiating a locked gate), and the airport has a different name anyway.

Plus the train that goes from Manchester to Brighton - except that since the Manchester to Brighton direct service has been abolished, a semi-secret replacement bus travels once a week from Ealing Broadway to Wandsworth Road, two stations that were never on the Manchester-Brighton route anyway.

Most bizarre is the case of Newhaven Marine, a station which is technically open, and is served by one train a day. But the station is behind a locked fence and passengers are forbidden to get on the train, which does not appear on any timetable. The company offers to provide a taxi service to any passenger "in possession of a valid ticket". But it is impossible to buy a ticket. Who are the people who use these secret trains which are also buses and taxis?

Mostly rail enthusiasts and hobbyists who collect rail tickets. But occasionally a real passenger stumbles across a service and uses it almost by accident. And what does it say about the British attitude to rules that we stick within the letter of the law while entirely subverting their intention?

Producer: Jolyon Jenkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

**THU 11:00 Whodunnits (m0002c9k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rnjd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 12:00 Bristow (b007r031)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jyt4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 13:00 A Month of Maureen (b09cy90x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwq9b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x3p8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 14:00 Counterpoint (b04hv9y0)**

Series 28

Heat 1 2014

Russell Davies hosts the wide-ranging music quiz.

The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

The first trio of competitors are in the BBC Radio Theatre in London for the first heat of the 2014 series.

\* Robert Charlesworth from London

\* Michael Paine from Guilford

\* Gillian Tait from Edinburgh

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

**THU 14:30 HR (b00hg6mz)**

Series 1

An Appraisal

An angry senior manager has been caught verbally abusing a client. His HR officer must take him to task. Can he?

Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter ..... Jonathan Pryce

Sam ..... Nicholas Le Prevost

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

**THU 15:00 Victoria Station (b06s2mpe)**

Series 1

4. Wednesday 25/01/1895: Fog Warnings

It's Wednesday 25th January, 1895. Eyes are being tested for the accident enquiry, but who is the mystery blind man?

Nottingham-born author Steve Chambers' five-part series of self-contained dramas set in Victoria Station, Bridgford on consecutive Wednesdays in January/February 1895.

Joe Braddock .... Sean Baker

Tidmarsh .... Philip Jackson

Josie .... Julia Ford

Ada .... Pauline Letts

Fred Roberts .... John Hartley

Mr Cripps .... Gavin Muir

Phoebe .... Becky Hindley

Syd .... Tom Bevan

Jackson .... Joshua Towb

Wheeler .... Tom Knight

Robson .... Lloyd Notice

Hancock... Nicholas Collett

Sheena .... Deborah Berlin

Mrs MacDonald .... Jilly Bond

Mr MacDonald .... Peter Yapp

Dr Pettigrew ....David Holt

Tuffnell .... Don McCorkindale

Blind Man .... Michael Tudor Barnes

Director: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.

**THU 15:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m0010pp0)**

4. 'Citizens of Sussex! You've Nothing to Lose But Your Trains...!'

Penelope Keith is Madge Bessemer in this 5-part serial inspired by the true story of one woman's fight to halt the closure of her local railway.

Village Guide Captain Madge Bessemer is not a particular fan of railways. Who needs trains when you've got a 1948 Austin Princess to tootle around in? However, when she discovers that, as part of their closure plans, British Rail are going to auction off the line side footpath, which holds precious memories for her, she determines to put a stop to proceedings.

Supported by The Lewes and East Grinstead Railway Fighting Committee - two Girl Guides, two train spotters, one pigswill man and a dog - Madge takes her battle right to the heart of government.

But the Prime Minister has just been humiliated by Colonel Nasser and has no intention of suffering a further humiliation at the hands of a village Girl Guide leader. John Profumo, Under Secretary of State to the Minister of Transport and a rising star in the government, is tasked with seeing that Miss Bessemer's plans are consigned to the dustbin of history.

All seems lost but, as Madge gains strength from the ghosts of her past, an unlikely idea for a railway of the future takes shape. Everyone loves a fighter and Madge becomes a national hero, finding herself midwife not just to the birth of the world's first preserved standard gauge passenger railway – the Bluebell Line – but also to the UK's multi-million pound heritage railway industry.

Writer: Roy Apps

Reader: Penelope Keith

Director: Celia de Wolff

Sound Design: Matt Bainbridge

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

**THU 16:00 Train Hopping in the USA (b01p71wl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:30 The Ghost Trains Of Old England (b00vhhcf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**THU 17:00 Whodunnits (m0002c9k)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 17:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rnjd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 18:00 Bristow (b007r031)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 18:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jyt4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 19:00 A Month of Maureen (b09cy90x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwq9b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 19:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte****(b017x3p8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 20:00 Counterpoint (b04hv9y0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**THU 20:30 HR (b00hg6mz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Victoria Station (b06s2mpe)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**THU 21:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m0010pp0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002jfcrr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 22:30 iGod (b00wr7v2)**

Food

We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms everyday.

iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as pointless as moisturising an elephant's elbow.

Late-night comedy starring Simon Day and David Soul.

Written by Sean Gray - one of the head writers of the BAFTA award-winning The Thick Of It.

In each episode, an unnamed, all-seeing narrator (David Soul) shows us that it is stupid to be worrying, as he looks back at some of the most entertaining apocalypses on parallel Earths. Each week our case study is a normal bloke called Ian (Simon Day) who manages to accidentally initiate the apocalypse of a different parallel world through a seemingly harmless single act (telling a lie, being lazy, cooking some lambshanks).

A succession of comic vignettes ensue that escalate to the end of a parallel world.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

**THU 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b007jmwz)**

Series 1

Normal Death

Steven sells his soul to the Devil in the hope of securing eternal life.

The main side effect is that he becomes rather like a certain Hollywood icon

Starring Paul McCrink as Steven Appleby.

Cartoonist Steven Appleby takes an abnormal look at everyday life.

With:

Rachel Atkins

Ewan Bailey

Nigel Betts

Rosalind Paul

Written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001

**THU 23:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m0010gkc)**

Series 3

Blame

Malawian comedian Daliso Chaponda is back with a third series of his Rose D'Or nominated show where he examines divisive global issues.

Over the course of the two previous series Daliso has covered colonialism, slavery, political corruption, charity, immigration, cultural relativism, dictators, and how different countries deal with the sins of their past.

In this first episode of the new series, through comedy routines and guest interviews, Daliso will be tackling the subject of 'Blame'.

Performer... Daliso Chaponda

Writer... Daliso Chaponda

Guest... Tony Vino

Additional Material... Scott Bennett

Theme tune: 'Timalira' by Lawi

Production Coordinator: Mabel Wright

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios Production, first broadcast in October 2021.

**THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b01mqr4w)**

Series 3

Ma Lockney's Pies

Beauty develops a romance with the son of a client, Ma Lockney, a local business hero.

Stephen appears to be a charming, English gentleman - just like the ones she has seen in the Hugh Grant films. But real life isn't always like the movies.

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

The outspoken African careworker works for the Featherdown Agency in Stoke.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson

Beauty ..... Jocelyn Jee Esien

Ma Lockney ..... Maureen Lipman

Stephen ..... Robert Bathurst

Karen, Kirsty ..... Nicola Sanderson

Sally ..... Felicity Montagu

Mrs. Gupte ..... Indira Joshi

Anil ..... Phaldut Sharma

Jodie, Waitress ..... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

News Announcer ..... Christopher Douglas

Producer: Tilusha Ghilani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

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**FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (m0002chk)**

Hercule Poirot - The Mystery of the Blue Train

4. Le Comte de la Roche

After the murder of Ruth Kettering and theft of her jewels, suspicion falls on her none-too-scrupulous former lover. The Comte de la Roche has a weakness for ladies and expensive gems.

But to Hercule Poirot, nothing is as obvious as it seems...

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars Maurice Denham.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot .... Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey .... Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin .... Robert Beatty

Derek Kettering .... Anthony Smee

Major Knighton .... Michael Deacon

Lady Tamplin .... Gwen Cherrell

Lenox .... Moir Leslie

Mirelle .... Judy Buxton

Mason .... Pauline Letts

Le Comte de la Roche .... Nigel Graham

Monsieur Caux .... Adrian Egan

Monsieur Carrege .... Gordon Reid

George .... Edward de Souza

Hipolyte .... Andrew Branch

Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1986.

**FRI 06:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rvwq)**

6. Under Fire

Even Paul Farley is uneasy, as living targets are lined up to test the Kraut alloy metal.

Can David and Pat outwit the villains who become increasingly reckless under Johnny Johnson?

Suspense-packed thriller serial.

Written by Edward J Mason.

Starring:

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen

Chris Gittins

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Eddie Robinson

Dudley Rolph

Jane Spencer

Peter Wilde

Harry Stubbs

Producer: Philip Garston-Jones

First broadcast on the BBC Midland Home Service in

November 1954.

**FRI 07:00 The Sit Crom (b00lvmpw)**

The Secret Knocke

Mercy's disguise is revealed, Father Francis is perplexed in his hole, Tobias denigrates the vegetables, Arise Higgs and his platoon are billeted on Firebasket Hall and Gazebo has lethal orders.

Sue Limb's six-part comedy set during the English Civil War in the days of Oliver Cromwell.

Sir John Firebasket ..... Joss Ackland

Lady Anne Firebasket ..... Denise Coffey

Tobias Thynne ..... Clive Merrison

Mercy, alias Melissa ..... Miriam Margolyes

Father Francis ..... Nickolas Grace

Slow Ned ..... Chris Emmett

Gazebo Fogg ..... Jack Klaff

Captain Arise Higgs ..... Alun Armstrong

Posthumous ..... Nicky Henson

Counter Tenor ..... Peter Hayward

Lettice ..... Jane Whittenshaw

Music by Colin Sell.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

**FRI 07:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007vgg5)**

Bingo and the Little Woman

Bertie Wooster turns into a romantic novelist (again) when

Bingo Little falls in love (again).

PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard

Briers.

Adapted by Chris Miller.

Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern

Bertie Wooster ..... Richard Briers

Lord Bittlesham ..... Ronald Fraser

Bingo Little ..... Jonathan Cecil

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1973.

**FRI 08:00 Teatime (m000g4fy)**

Episode 4

There's an awkward atmosphere in Vicky and Rav's house, as

Joe and Donna sort through the boxes in the garage and divide

up the last of their belongings, remnants left over from their

failed marriage.

As they talk about old times, Vicky and Rav are upstairs

redecorating their spare room, and talking about the future.

Meanwhile, Lisa and Uncle Bob are on tea-cooking duties. Bob

can handle it, but for Lisa, it's genuinely the challenge of a

lifetime.

So: Joe and Donna have a chat in a garage, Vicky and Rav paint

a bedroom wall, and Lisa and Uncle Bob cook some baked

beans.

Needless to say, events quickly spiral out of control.

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

March 2020.

**FRI 08:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwcsp)**

The Affair of the Birmingham Bank

Can daring Edwardian sleuth, Thorpe Hazell manage to foil a

gold bullion train robbery?

Benedict Cumberbatch reads Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch's

tales about the speciality detective who uses his locomotive

expertise to solve the audacious and ingenious crimes plaguing

the Edwardian railways.

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was one of the first authors to submit his stories to Scotland

Yard so they could vet his police procedures.

Adapted and produced by Fiona Kelcher.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2008.

**FRI 08:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x4fj)**

10. Startling Intelligences

Gilbert is in despair. He hasn't seen Helen Graham for several

months now and he has learnt that she has returned to nurse her

sick husband.

Gilbert.....Robert Lonsdale

Helen.....Hattie Morahan

Huntingdon.....Leo Bill

Arthur.....Samuel Bridger

Lawrence.....Carl Prekopp

Director: David Hunter

Dramatised by: Rachel Joyce

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**FRI 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m0018wvt)**

Sudden Death

Sudden Death is written by and stars Jon Harvey (credits

include The Thick of It, Last Week Tonight with John Oliver,

and What On Earth? With Count Binface).

It tells the story of how he embarked on the sporting odyssey of

a lifetime, to see as many of the world's great sports events as

possible within one year, in tribute to his late brother.

Recorded at the Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham.

Written and performed by Jon Harvey

Additional material by Laura Major

Recorded and edited by David Thomas

Produced by Ed Morrish

Executive Producer: Polly Thomas

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

**FRI 09:30 The Railways: Nation, Network and People by Simon Bradley (b06qms9j)**

5. Trainspotting

A magnificent account of Britain's railways and how track and

carriage united a nation.

This series of readings includes an exploration of many aspects

of the railway revolution, such as the challenges of 'railway

time', the nuances of first, second and third class, the

difficulties of lighting and heating, passenger comfort, what to

eat when travelling and the history of refreshment stops and the

commercial opportunities they brought - including the

establishment of W.H. Smith and Son, who became the nation's

first high street bookstore. Architecture and engineering are

also covered, alongside the impact on social classes and gender.

Passengers may have a love-hate relationship with our railways,

but few of us know much about the journey taken to get to

where we are now.

Written by: Simon Bradley

Reader: Stephen Tompkinson

Abridged and produced by: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2015.

**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002jvhj)**

Harvest - Bread of Life

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Harvest - Bread of Life.

Presenter: Paul Kerensa.

Reading: John 6 35-40

Music: Let us break bread together - St Martin's Voices

Bread for the World - St Martin's Voices

Guide me o thou great Jehovah - Rachel John.

**FRI 10:00 Wireless Nights (m0001mfq)**

Series 6

Night Train

Jarvis Cocker's series exploring the human condition after dark

boards the Wireless Nights Express to hear tales of night people

on sleeper - or sleepless - trains.

He begins on the Caledonian Sleeper, leaving the noise and

crowds of London Euston to make a night-time journey across

the country to the Scottish Highlands. In the dining car and

corridors he meets fellow passengers and stewards. And as he

starts to drift off in his cabin, the train makes some

unscheduled stops.

Geoff MacCormack recalls taking the Trans-Siberian express

with his childhood friend David Bowie and a sobering stop at

the East German border. Tessa Smit boards a twenty-four hour

party train; and travel writer Colin Thubron on the time he got

off his train, in the middle of Siberia.

Producer: Georgia Catt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

**FRI 10:30 Anything You Can Do (b0b8b7qb)**

On 3rd July 1938, Sir Nigel Gresley's blue streamlined 'Mallard'

broke the world speed record for railway steam engines.

It reached an incredible 126mph - a record which still stands

today.

Piers Bishop tells of the record attempt and traces the rivalry

between two great railway engineers back in the golden age of

steam.

Producer: Ivan Howlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1988.

**FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (m0002chk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 11:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rvwq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 12:00 The Sit Crom (b00lvmpw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007vgg5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 Teatime (m000g4fy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwcsp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x4fj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 14:00 The Motion Show (b00762pb)**

Series 4

Episode 4

Debates galore from modern manners - to life in the fast lane.

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

With:

Jenny Eclair

Hugh Dennis

Stuart Maconie

Greg Proops

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

**FRI 14:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b430zf)**

Series 3

The Declutterer

Why not sort out your life and sign on with the patent Milton

second disaster looms. Can Roberts clear his name?

Nottingham-born author Steve Chambers' five-part series of self-contained dramas set in Victoria Station, Bridgford on consecutive Wednesdays in January/February 1895.

Joe Braddock .... Sean Baker

Tidmarsh .... Philip Jackson

Josie .... Julia Ford

Ada .... Pauline Letts

Mr Cripps .... Gavin Muir

Fred Roberts .... John Hartley

Syd .... Tom Bevan

Phoebe .... Becky Hindley

Robson .... Lloyd Notice

Jackson .... Joshua Towb

Sir James Chettle .... Stephen Thorne

Miss Walker .... Jilly Bond

Mrs Peabody .... Joyce Gibbs

Hickman .... Tim Seely

Jamie .... Ian Taylor

Dr Keeble .... George Parsons

Wheeler .... Tom Knight

Mr Newton... Peter Whitman

Mr Allcock .... Don McCorkindale

Director: Celia de Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1995.

**FRI 15:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m0010wm4)**

5. 'Young Man, I Know Precisely What a 'V' Sign Means...'

Penelope Keith is Madge Bessemer in this 5-part serial inspired by the true story of one woman's fight to halt the closure of her local railway.

Village Guide Captain Madge Bessemer is not a particular fan of railways. Who needs trains when you've got a 1948 Austin Princess to tootle around in? However, when she discovers that, as part of their closure plans, British Rail are going to auction off the line side footpath, which holds precious memories for her, she determines to put a stop to proceedings.

Supported by The Lewes and East Grinstead Railway Fighting Committee - two Girl Guides, two train spotters, one pigswill man and a dog - Madge takes her battle right to the heart of government.

But the Prime Minster has just been humiliated by Colonel Nasser and has no intention of suffering a further humiliation at the hands of a village Girl Guide leader. John Profumo, Under Secretary of State to the Minister of Transport and a rising star in the government, is tasked with seeing that Miss Bessemer's plans are consigned to the dustbin of history.

All seems lost but, as Madge gains strength from the ghosts of her past, an unlikely idea for a railway of the future takes shape. Everyone loves a fighter and Madge becomes a national hero, finding herself midwife not just to the birth of the world's first preserved standard gauge passenger railway – the Bluebell Line – but also to the UK's multi-million pound heritage railway industry.

Writer: Roy Apps

Reader: Penelope Keith

Director: Celia de Wolff

Sound Design: Matt Bainbridge

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

**FRI 16:00 Wireless Nights (m0001mfq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 Anything You Can Do (b0b8b7qb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 Whodunnits (m0002chk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Red For Danger by Edward J Mason (m000rvwq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 The Sit Crom (b00lvmwp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 The Inimitable Jeeves (b007vgg5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 19:00 Teatime (m000g4fy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway (b00fwcsp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (b017x4fj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 The Motion Show (b00762pb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b430zf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Victoria Station (b06spfst)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 21:45 Miss Bessemer Saves The Train by Roy Apps (m0010wm4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**FRI 22:00 Icklewick FM (m002j89f)**

Series 2

4. Ye Revolt

The whole town turns up to celebrate the launch of a brand new attraction which promises to bring Icklewick's colourful history to life using the power of immersive theatre. When Jicklewick fails to live up to the impossibly high expectations set by Sharon and Louis L'Beech, Chris and Amy find themselves at risk of being devoured by a horde of disgruntled MILFs. Meanwhile, Simon does a Gary Sparrow.

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

Hoult

Janice Connolly

Phil Ellis

Lucy Beaumont

Henry Paker

Molly McGuinness

Darren J Coles

Shivani Thussu

Joe Kent Walters

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 22:30 Dial M for Pizza (b007k21r)**

Series 1

Episode 6

The sketch show team with Leonardo da Vinci facing questions, and a company chairman with an unusual boardroom guest.

Not to forget a wine bar desperate for guests and a panto with a very legal twist....

Sketch comedy written by James Hendrie and Ian Brown.

Starring:

Robert Bathurst

Brenda Blethyn

Mike Grady

Jonathan Kydd

Janine Duvitski

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002k5k3)**

Dom Joly 3/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Dom Joly.

**FRI 23:00 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nq3p1)**

Series 1

Episode 1

John Humphrys gives 28 performers 60 seconds to entertain an audience:

Richie Webb & Vicki Pepperdine

Jason Manfred

Steve Punt & Hugh Dennis

Josie Long

Ed Byrne

Matt Holt

Nick Mohammed

Phil Nichol

Matt Kirshen

Lemn Sissay

The Cowards

Jason John Whitehead

Howard Read

Janey Godley

Count Arthur Strong

Al Pitcher

Martin White

Edward Aczel

Marcus Birdman

Tom Price

John Bishop

The Consultants

Sue Vale

Miles Jupp

Stefano Paolini

Rhod Gilbert

Seymour Mace

Nicholas Parsons

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

**FRI 23:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007v1p5)**

Series 1

4. Philip Pope

From Stan Freberg to Flanders & Swann.

Musical comedian Mitch Benn presents his selection of some of the finest comic songs by other performers.

With guest Philip Pope.

Producer: Ed Morrish

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in August 2005.