#### SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2025

### SAT 00:00 Wireless Nights (m0001mfq)

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 24 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.

#### SAT 00:30 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

Piers Bishop tells of the record attempt and traces the rivalry between two great railway engineers back in the golden age of

Producer: Ivan Howlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1988.

#### SAT 01:00 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 whodunnit stars Maurice Denham as the Belgian detective.

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.

#### SAT 01:30 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 Kratz alloy metal.

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

Conclusion of the suspense-packed vintage thriller serial.

Written by Edward J Mason Starring:

Ysanne Churchman

Anne Cullen Chris Gittins

Arnold Peters

Bernard Rebel

Eddie Robinson

Dudley Rolph

June Spencer

Peter Wilde Harry Stubb

Producer: Philip Garston-Jones

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

SAT 02:00 The Sit Crom (b00lvmwp)

The Secret Knocke

Mercy's disguise is revealed, Father Francis is perplexed in his hole and 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 October 1990.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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

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

.. Katie Redford

Uncle Bob ..... Steven Brandon

Producer: Sam Ward

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

### SAT 03:30 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?

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

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

Adapted by Fiona Kelcher.

Concluded by Benedict Cumberbatch.

Thorpe is an eccentric and 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.

Producer: Fiona Kelcher

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in December 2008. SAT 03:45 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.

SAT 04:00 The Motion Show (b00762pb)

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 Denni Stuart Maconie Greg Proops

Producer: Helen Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

SAT 04:30 Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones! (b0b430zf)

The Decluttererer

Why not sort out your life and sign on with the patent Milton Declutterering Method! (Including getting rid of that extra "er" in Declutterering.)

Written by Milton Jones with James Carv and Dan Evans

Tom Goodman-Hill Josie Lawrence

Music by Guy Jackson

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

#### SAT 05:00 Victoria Station (b06spfst)

Series 1

5. Over the Points: Wednesday 1st February 1895

Wednesday 1st February, 1895. A day notable for accidental honour and pre-meditated dishonour.

The crash inquiry begins and a second disaster looms. Can

Roberts clear his name?

Series of self-contained dramas set in Victoria Station,

Bridgford on consecutive Wednesdays in January and February

Written by Nottingham-born author Steve Chambers.

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.

SAT 05:45 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

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. SAT 06:00 Drama on 4 (b09fj3xf)

Stamboul Train by Graham Greene

Europe in the 1930s, A dangerous place to be, As the Orient Express weaves its way through snow towards Constantinople, a motley group of people find themselves

threatened by intrigue, skulduggery and murderous politics. It is a heady cocktail of wit, adventure, mystery, interrogations scamming, shoot-outs and sexual intrigue. Graham Greene's tense thriller novel, first published in 1932.

Greene admitted, in 1974, that he wrote it to make a bit of money. "In Stamboul Train for the first and last time in my life I deliberately set out to write a book to please, one which with luck might be made into a film. The devil looks after his own

and I succeeded in both aims' Starring Joseph Milson and Sam Dale.

Dramatised by Jeremy Front. Myatt ..... Joseph Millson Coral ..... Abbie Andrews Czinner ..... Sam Dale Josef ..... Nicholas Murchie Mabel ..... Jane Slavin

Janet ..... Isabella Inchbald Petkovitch ..... Simon Ludders Ninitch ..... Samuel James

Hartep ..... Phillip Fox Mrs Peters ..... Ellie Darvil Mr Peters ..... Charlie Clements

Other parts played by: Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong Adam Fitzgerald

Gary Duncan David Reakes

Kath Weare

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

SAT 07:30 Stage and Screen (b007fw3h)

Julie Andrews

West End, Broadway and Hollywood star Dame Julie Andrews looks back over her career.

Ranging from childhood vaudeville to 'The Sound of Music' with anecdotes about many of the big names she worked with. In conversation with Edward Seckerson.

Featuring extracts of many of Julie's best loved performances in 'The Boyfriend', 'My Fair Lady', 'Mary Poppins' and 'The Sound

Born 1st October 1935 - Dame Julie Andrews celebrates her 90th birthday this week.

Producers: Bill Lloyd & Lindsay Pell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 2003.

SAT 09:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002k32f)

Series 3

Saga Of The Snow 2/2

The house guests have gone missing in the snow!

Whatever are the dear ladies going to do ..?

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

PC 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 July 1979.

SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0007klm)

Series 3

Kenneth Horne has his flat redecorated and Hornerama investigates photography.

A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took

Starring:

Kenneth Horne Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Bill Pertwee

Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC

Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Incidental music by Edwin Braden.

Announcer: Douglas Smith

Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.

The precursor to 'Round The Horne' – sadly only 15 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 2. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1960.

SAT 10:00 Archive on 4 (b0076pgg)

The Hills Are Alive

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of Julie Andrews' starring role in the big screen version of The Sound of Music another chance to hear Mark Kermode's look back at the film's evolution.

Along with the music, the programme includes interviews with:

- \* The original Maria Von Trapp
- \* Julie Andrews
- \* Christopher Plu
- \* Film Director Robert Wise
- \* Other members of the cast and film crew.

Producer: Bob Dickinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004. SAT 11:00 Drama on 4 (b09fi3xf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 Stage and Screen (b007fw3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 14:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002k32f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0007klm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Archive on 4 (b0076pgg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 272 Attempts by Bryony Lavery (b0076mn4)

An isolated house. The discovery of children's graves. A large

number of tagged children in the house. Award- winning playwright Bryony Lavery explores the world

of genetics.

Patrick Lear .... Malcolm Sinclair

Helen Lear .... Penelope Wilton

Chisobe Oylele .... Adjoa Andoh Dr Serkassie .... Deborah Findlay Chavez .... Stephen Hogan Cupido .... Alice Hart

Colonel Treves .... John Rowe Dr Cortes .... Philip Fox

Dr Chang .... Joanna McCallum Father Sifacis .... Jon Glover

With:

Lulu Popplewell

Anton Rice

Jessica Crossley

Director: Claire Grove

First Broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

SAT 17:00 Drama on 4 (b09fj3xf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] SAT 18:30 Stage and Screen (b007fw3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 20:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002k32f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0007klm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Archive on 4 (b0076pgg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007 imfm)

Jungle

Howard has had enough of the way Bob Fossil is running the zoo, so he sets off in search of his childhood hero and legendary

zookeeper, Tommy Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt.

The Boosh is a surreal adventure based on the Perrier Awardwinning comedy show, featuring Howard and Vince's battles with zoo manager Bob Fossil.

Howard Moon .... Julian Barrattt Vince Noir .... Noel Fielding Bob Fossil .... Rich Fulcher

With Richard Ayoade. After BBC radio gave them their big break with this series, they transferred to BBC TV where The Mighty Boosh ran for three

Producer: Danny Wallace.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

SAT 22:30 Start/Stop (b07qc3gc)

Series 3

6. Friends

Barney is being suspiciously nice to Cathy. Fiona wants Evan to invest in her new business but Evan thinks it will be a disaster And David is trying not to be so controlling.

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

Starring: Couple 1:

.. Jack Docherty Barney .. ... Kerry Godliman

Cathy .. Couple 2:

Evan ..... John Thomson Fiona . .. Fiona Allen

Couple 3:

David ..... Charlie Higson

... Laura Aikman Alice .. Producer: Claire Jones

A BBC Studio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002kcz9)

Ria Lina 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Isy Suttie chats to fellow comedian Ria Lina

SAT 23:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme

Series 1

Episode 4

Enjoy some musical interludes from the zoo, and a sketch that only a fool wouldn't find funny.

John Finnemore presents another half hour of his very own

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 (b017mt04)

Series 2

The Old School Tie

Richard examines 'The Old School Tie' an object that has come to represent public school networks and contacts. Richard asks if it is acceptable to be prejudice against the posh? 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, he examines the objects' history, meaning and significance and

umed logic and stereotypes Can we reclaim these objects away from their unfortunate

Written by and starring Richard Herring.

With Emma Kennedy. Special guest: Alexei Savle

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

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SUN 00:00 272 Attempts by Bryony Lavery (b0076mn4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Drama on 4 (b09fj3xf) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Stage and Screen (b007fw3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002k32f) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0007klm) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 Archive on 4 (b0076pgg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday] SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002kt79)

Just A Minute

Stephen Mangan

Actor Stephen Mangan is castaway by Lauren Laverne in an extended edition.

Stephen is an award-winning actor who is also a presenter and writer. His prolific career includes comedic roles in TV hits Green Wing; Episodes and Adrian Mole.

He also plays the much loved Nathan in BBC drama The Split and has appeared in many award winning theatre productions in the UK and on Broadway.

Born in London to Irish immigrant parents, Stephen studied Law at Cambridge University.

His passion though was for acting and after taking time out to care for his mother, he spent three years at RADA before pursuing a successful career on stage, screen and film.

Stephen lives in London with his wife and three sons. DISC ONE: King of the Road - Roger Miller DISC TWO: I Recall A Gypsy Woman - Don Williams DISC THREE: Beautiful Boy (Darling Boy) - John Lennon DISC FOUR: Who Knows Where the Time Goes - Fairport

Convention DISC FIVE: Stayin Alive - Bee Gees

DISC SIX: Ravel: Piano Concerto in G Major, M. 83: II. Adagio assai. Composed by Maurice Ravel and performed by Martha Argerich (piano) and Berliner Philharmoniker, conducted by Claudio Abbado

DISC SEVEN: Rhapsody in Blue. Composed by George Gershwin and performed by New York Philharmonic, conducted by Zubin Mehta

DISC EIGHT: (Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher And Higher - Jackie Wilson BOOK CHOICE: Collected Works of Seamus Heaney

LUXURY ITEM: A piano

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Stayin Alive - Bee Gees

Presenter: Lauren Laverne Producer: Sarah Taylor

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002k36y)

Adventures in Poetry - Vitai Lampada

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2025.

Daljit Nagra celebrates 'play' the theme of National Poetry Day 2025 by revisiting the BBC's poetry archive and selecting Adventures in Poetry with Peggy Reynolds. The iconic Victorian poem Vitai Lampada by Henry Newbolt is better

known to most by its rousing chorus 'play up, play up and play Henry Newbolt's poem Vitai Lampada seems at first sight to be a product solely of its time and place. It was written at the end

of the 19th century and it features cricket, war and a public school ethos about sport and leadership. However, as Peggy Reynolds unpacks the poem and talks to

people who still know it, some surprises emerge Producer Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012. SUN 07:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway by Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch (Omnibus) (m002k370) 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. Omnibus of five parts adapted by Fiona Kelcher.

\* 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? \* SIR GILBERT MURRELL'S PICTURE

A goods train carrying valuable paintings arrives with one missing carriage. The sleuth must uncover how thieves removed it from a non-stopping service?

\* THE AFFAIR OF THE CORRIDOR EXPRESS The son of a multi-millionaire is snatched from a moving train.

Can Thorpe Hazell foil the kidnappers' dastardly plan ..? \* THE STOLEN NECKLACE

A passenger begs for Thorpe Hazell's help after her Aunt's

valuable diamonds are stolen from her luggage

\* THE AFFAIR OF THE BIRMINGHAM BANK

Can daring Edwardian sleuth, Thorpe Hazell manage to foil a gold bullion train robbery?

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. SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lprlqj)

Ade Adepitan

TV presenter, and Paralympian, Ade Adepitan chooses 'One Drop' by Bob Marley and 'Optimistic' by Sounds of Blackness. SUN 08:50 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte (Omnibus) (b017ztsm)

Episode 2

Gentleman farmer Gilbert Markham has been learning why Helen Graham has sought refuge in the neighbourhood.

Reading her journal, he discovers 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 1848.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts dramatised by Rachel Jovce

Gilbert .... Robert Lonsdale Helen .... Hattie Morahan Huntingdon .... Leo Bill Arthur .... Samuel Bridger Rose .... Leah Brotherhead

Annabella .... Emerald O'Hanrahan Hargrave .... Stephen Critchlow Lowborough .... Chris Webster Miss Myers .... Alex Rivers

Lawrence .... Carl Prekopp Eliza .... Victoria Inez Hardy Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

SUN 10:00 Frankie Howerd (m001vcsv)

Series 4

Episode 2

The King of Titters takes his driving test and recalls wartime escapades.

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

Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.

Ray Fell

Barbara Mitchell Christopher Scoular April Walker

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1975.

SUN 10:30 Jim the Great (b0334t0v)

Series 2

Here Comes the Hun

The moustachioed monarch raises an army to take on Attila and his approaching horde.

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 The Chancellor .... Julian Orchard

Attila the Hun .... Jack Watson With:

John Graham John Baddiley

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.

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SUN 15:30 Jim the Great (b0334t0v) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Haunted (b01qxztt)

The Lamp by Agatha Christie

A sickly young boy settles at a new address, but his ghostly playmate has other ideas ..

Agatha Christie's creepy tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.

Mrs Lancaster ..... Judy Cornwell Mr Windburn ..... Timothy Bateson

Geoffrey ..... Marco Ferraro Radnor ..... William Eadle

... Arnold Diamond Doctor ...

Child ..... Simon Meacock

Director: Derek Hoddinott First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1984.

SUN 16:30 Jefferson 37 by Jenny Stephens (b007jwfl) 1. Abbotsville

What happens when spare-part surgery becomes the norm? Marketing expert Eleanor Riley is called in to re-vamp the image of a remote clone farm.

She soon discovers that there's more to 'Abbotsville' than meets

Stars Oliver Hembrough and Alison Carney

Sci-fi thriller written by Jenny Stephens in four parts.

Jefferson 37 .... Oliver Hembrough

Patel 2 .... Dharmesh Patel Eleanor Riley .... Alison Carney

Dr Abbots .... David Birrell Dr Martell .... Rob Swinton Paul Smith .... Alex Jones

Saskia Treby 9 .... Helen Monks Director: Peter Leslie Wild

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in January 2006.

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SUN 21:30 Jim the Great (b0334t0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b008hvzj)

Series 1

Combat Zone

Learning to drive, the social worker heads to the office Christmas party with Brian.

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

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

Producer: Katie Tyrrell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

SUN 22:30 King Cutler (b0090bdh)

King Cutler VI

The final episode. What more can be said?

Songs, poems and stories from Phyllis King , Ivor Cutler and

their visitors.

Dylan Edwards Ted Harrison

Craig Murray-Orr Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in February 1990. SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002kcyw)

Ria Lina 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Isy Suttie chats again to fellow comedian Ria Lina.

SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (m000t6lt)

Instalment 1

When the whole world ground to a Covid-fuelled viral halt world-renowned storyteller David Sedaris recorded this special series of entertaining essays and diary entries at his Susse home.

Series 8 kicks off with more of David's sardonic wit and incisive social critiques.

\* Recipe For Disaster

\* Nailed

\* Must Everything Go?

David Sedaris first shared his very particular world view having brought us The SantaLand Diaries back in 1996.

David has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers and, in 2019, was elected to the American Academy of

Arts and Letters. The great skill with which he slices through cultural

euphemisms and political correctness proves that he's a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.

SUN 23:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007wp39)

Series 1 Episode 1

Tom Caine awakes one morning to discover he can't stop singing at inappropriate moments.

As a result, he loses his job and his girlfriend Sadie.

Who are the strange bunch of musicians following him around? Why can't anyone else see them? Will Tom reach the high notes?

Starring Suggs and Bob Monkhouse.

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

Tom Caine ..... Suggs Dr Boone .. Bob Monkhouse Sadie ..... Mika Simmons

Bouche ..... Phil Cornwell Clammy Clemence ..... Michael Roberts

Jake ..... Andrew McGibbon Monty DeVere ..... Nick Romero Miss Lie ..... Emma Clarke

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Director: Chris Neill

Producers: Torquil MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew

McGibbon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

#### MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2025

MON 00:00 Haunted (b01qxztt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Jefferson 37 by Jenny Stephens (b007jwfl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002kt79) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002k36v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Thrilling Stories of the Railway by Victor Lorenzo Whitechurch (Omnibus) (m002k370)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (p0lprlqj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sun

MON 03:50 The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte

(Omnibus) (b017ztsm) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday].

MON 05:00 Frankie Howerd (m001vcsv) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Jim the Great (b0334t0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday] MON 06:00 Whodunnits (m0002cvc)

Hercule Poirot - The Mystery of the Blue Train

5. A Dancer's Revenge

Ruth Kettering has been found murdered on the Blue Train with her priceless rubies stolen.

Both her husband Derek and former lover are suspects. So when Hercule Poirot discovers he's recently acquired a set of

rubies, the case would seem to be cut and dried

Or is it ..? Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars Maurice Denham as the

Belgian detective. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot .... Maurice Denham Katherine Grey .... Janet Maw

Rufus Van Aldin .... Robert Beatty

Derek Ketterin .... Anthony Smee Major Knighton .... Michael Deacon

Mirelle .... Judy Buxton Monsieur Carrege .... Gordon Reid Le Comte de la Roche .... Nigel Graham

Mason .... Pauline Letts Zia .... Jane Leonard

Papopoulos .... Ronald Herdman George .... Edward de Souza Waiter .... Jamie Roberts

Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1986. MON 06:30 Limelight (m001b4fs)

Exemplar: Series 1 1. Judith

Gina McKee stars as Jess, a lone wolf scientist with a troubled past whose passion for sound makes her the UK's leading audio forensic examiner.

Together with her new trainee, Maya, she undertakes a different

sound challenge in every episode. A modern-day thriller set in the North-East of England.

Jess attends the scene of a young woman's apparently accidental death to create an audio exemplar to match a recording from a voice activated speaker.

Mysterious voice messages about the past from her mother Judith add to the tension

Exemplar is rooted in factual research and based on an idea

from Ben and Max Ringham. Written by Ben Ringham, Max Ringham and Dan Rebellato.

Exemplar: an audio recording made by a forensic analyst to recreate the precise audio conditions of a piece of evidence in a criminal or civil case

Jess ..... Gina McKee Maya ..... Shvorne Marks Aoife ..... Fenella Woolgar

Judith .... Barbara Marten

Nathalie ..... Chetna Pandya Dylan ..... Don Gilet

Writers: Ben and Max Ringham, with Dan Rebellato

Showrunner: Dan Rebellato Audio forensic consultant: James Zjalić

Sound recordist: Alisdair McGregor Studio assistant: Oyin Fowowe

Production coordinator: Darren Spruce

Sound design: Lucinda Mason Brown and David Chilton Original music/Sound consultants: Ben and Max Ringham

Directors: Polly Thomas and Jade Lewis Executive producer: Joby Waldman

A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 4 first

broadcast in August 2022.

MON 07:00 Pankhiraj (b07mf5zt)

The Move

Can Sripurna find new tenants for her flat?

Will Malati's comedy gig be a success?

Three generations of women collide jn 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 Frederick First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007js9w)

A Stripe for Frazer

When Captain Mainwaring promotes Private Frazer, his new powers go straight to his head...

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV

scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles. Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson .... John Le Mesurier

Private Frazer .... John Laurie

Corporal Jones .... Clive Dunn

Private Walker .... James Beck Private Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley

Private Pike .... Ian Lavender

Captain Bailey .... Michael Knowles

Colonel Square .... Geoffrey Lumsden

Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1974

# MON 08:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b6phln)

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.

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

- \* Joanna Lumley presents a surprising travel programme
- \* Janie Dee and Alex Jennings have memory lapses, and the ensemble provides an unusual restaurant menu.
- \* Alex Jennings fronts a manic infomercial
- \* Gyles Brandreth chairs the TV-watching Championships. assisted by Nigel Anthony and George Blagden
- \* Alfred Molina and Yeni Alvarez speak "international English"
- \* Martin Jarvis and Rosalind Ayres wonder what's really happening on the radio.

Director: Martin Jarvis

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

#### MON 08:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas Keneally (b00dywr9)

1. Discovery

Thomas Keneally's account of his discovery of the story of Oskar Schindler

This became the basis for his Booker Prize-winning novel Schindler's Ark and the Oscar-winning film Schindler's List. Abridged in five parts by Laurence Wareing.

Read by James Laurenson.

Producer: Gaynor MacFarlane First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

# MON 08:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki

Tobermory

Recycled and restaged - this is a collection of short stories written by Saki (HH Munro)

They're now set in a modern-day gated-community for the fartoo-wealthy for their own good.

The tales are woven together by the character of Clovis, a security guard. She recalls the events of strange days and long

Starting with barrister couple Lady Jane and Jean-Michel Blemley, who hold a dinner party for some of their rich clients. One of their guests, eccentric scientist Cornelius Appin, claims that he has been experimenting with animal behaviour

techniques and can teach them to communicate.

When he demonstrates on the Blemleys' cat, Tobermory, the couple find they have a problem on their hands and seek assistance from security guard Clovis.

Dramatised in five parts by Sean Grundy

Clovis ..... Pippa Haywood

Tobermory ..... Nick Mohammed Cornelius Appin ..... Alan Coveney

Lady Jane Blemley ..... Dolly Wells

Jean-Michel Blemley ..... Ed Weeks

Agnes Resker ..... Jennifer Lee Jellicorse

Odo Finsberry ..... David Collins

Bertie Van Than ..... Paul Dodgson

Director: Alison Crawford.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002jscp)

6. Do you believe in soul mates?

Sue Perkins challenges Julian Clary, Rachel Parris, Paterson Joseph and Paul Merton to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation. Subjects include my Spanish exchange, Paddington Bear and shoulder pads.

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 Empire of Tea (m001t307)

1. Cosy With A Kick

Exciting and enterprising, bloody and brutal.

Sathnam Sanghera tells the story of our national drink and its imperial past.

Punjabi cha, served from a saucepan to the whole family every morning, is the drink of Sathnam's childhood. But he's also noticed that tea is a Forrest Gump-type figure, appearing at all sorts of key moments in global history.

Tea arrived in Britain as an exotic product for the elite. How and why did it then become a drink for the masses? Discover the story of how Britain's national drink and its imperial background helped shape the modern world.

A BBC Audio Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2023. MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002k3n7)

Love your neighbour - Eternal Life Theme: Love your neighbour - Eternal Life

Presenter: Archbishop Cherry Vann Reading: Luke 10 25:28

New Every Morning

Producer: Paul Martin

Brother Sister Let Me Serve You

Now Thank We All Our God

MON 10:00 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b0075yfg) Gore Vidal

Fastidious, unforgiving, disdainful, aphoristic, bellicose and

wickedly compelling.

Born 3rd October 1925 - legendary American writer and critic,

Gore Vidal is the latest to join 4 Extra's 100 Club. Psychiatrist Dr Anthony Clare's in depth interviews with

prominent people from different walks of life. Born in Dublin, author Anthony Clare held a doctorate in

medicine, a master's degree in philosophy and was a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. After becoming a regular on BBC Radio 4's Stop the Week in the 1980s, he became Britain's best-known psychiatrist and earned his own vehicle, In the Psychiatrist's Chair.

Starting in 1982, this series ran until 2001 and also transferred to TV. Highlights include conversations with Bob Monkhouse, Cecil Parkinson and Gerry Adams.

Anthony Clare died suddenly in Paris aged 64 in 2007. Producer: Michael Ember

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000. MON 10:45 Short Works (b09w2tii)

Series 1

The Path Taken by Emma Donoghue

When a mother becomes separated from her children during a hike, the police begin the search for the missing children. However the outpouring of support on social media soon turns ugly when contradictions in the statements given to police come

to light. An original short story commissioned by BBC Radio 4 from Emma Donoghue - the bestselling writer of 'Room', and its Academy Award nominated screen-adaptation.

Read by:

Christy Meyer Isabella Mattera Antonio Mattera Georgie Glen

Philip Bretherton Luke Bailey

Rvan Whittle

Emma is an Irish-Canadian playwright, novelist, and screenwriter. Her novels include 'The Wonder', 'Frog Music' and the best-seller 'Room' which was also a finalist for the Man Booker Prize.

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (m0002cvc) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Limelight (m001b4fs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] MON 12:00 Pankhiraj (b07mf5zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007js9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b6phln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas Keneally (b00dywr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki

(b011tz8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Brain of Britain (b079mdhq)

Bard Brain of Britain

Who knows most about William Shakespeare and his works? Russell Davies welcomes four experts from the theatre and the world of Shakespeare studies, in order to find out.

This special edition of the nation's longest-running general knowledge quiz - Brain of Britain - was originally recorded to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

Much-loved theatre and film actors Fiona Shaw and John Sessions take on experts Carol Rutter of the University of Warwick and Paul Edmondson of the Shakespeare Birthplace

Trust. Questions range across Shakespeare's life, plays and poems, and there'll be plenty of musical and archive extracts to identify. The winner will lift the trophy as the official BBC 'Bard Brain of Britain'.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

MON 14:30 Married (b007zmd4)

Series 2

Identity

Robin is about to encounter the double of someone he knew from his old universe.

After all this time, and one universe later, he can't still be nursing a grudge?

Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.

Robin .... Hugh Bonneville

Lesley .... Josie Lawrence Dirk .... Stephen Frost

Dame Jane Hyde .... Stephanie Cole Philippa .... Siobhan Redmond

Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

MON 15:00 Singh Tangos by Bettina Gracias (m002k3n9) Anxious to immerse themselves in British culture and shake off their Indian roots, Mr and Mrs Singh take up ballroom dancing. Mina is entranced and determined that they enter a dancing

But Harry's enthusiasm soon wanes when he discovers his wife's

plans for his costume.

Starring Nina Wadia and Ajay Chhabra.

Written by Bettina Gracias Mrs Singh .... Nina Wadia

Mr Singh .... Ajay Chhabra

Tej .... Kevin Sherwani Cassie .... Harvey Virdi

Osbourne .... Stephen Critchlow

Dance Teacher .... Lee Williams Director: Rosalvnd Ward

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000

MON 16:00 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (b0075yfg) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:45 Short Works (b09w2tjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today] MON 17:00 Whodunnits (m0002cvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] MON 17:30 Limelight (m001b4fs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] MON 18:00 Pankhiraj (b07mf5zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007 is9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b6phln) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas Keneally (b00dywr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 19:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki

(b011tz8m) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Brain of Britain (b079mdhq) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 20:30 Married (b007zmd4) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today] MON 21:00 Singh Tangos by Bettina Gracias (m002k3n9)

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002jscp) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 The Right Time (b00c693m)

Series 3

Episode 2

Facelift fracas - and a new TV quiz show for the hard of

memory.

The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.

Starring: Eleanor Bron Graeme Garden Neil Innes Clive Swift

Roger Blake Paula Wilcox

Written by Julie Balloo, Janet Ellis, Graeme Garden, Mike Haskins, Jan Etherington, Alan Stafford, Colin Bostock Smith, Mike Pilman, Mark Brisenden and Robert Mills.

Script Editor: Jed Parsons.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Neil Innes.

Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002jswh)

4. A Lib Dem Conference and a Seagull Summit In the week where Trump addressed the UN, Lib Dems conferred on the beaches of Bournemouth, and a Seagull Summit came to Inverness, Andy Zaltzman is joined by Simon Evans, Neil Delamere, Tiff Stevenson and Cindy Yu to break it

all down. Expect talk of the Burnham from behind, the Boriswave, and the wettest generation since the floods. Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Jade Gebbie, Miranda Holms, Ruth Husko and Peter Tellouche.

Producer: Rajiv Karja

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman Sound Editor: Marc Willcox A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 The Harpoon (b007k4cc) Series 1

Episode 1

From patent cures to whaling for the under 5s.

The nostalgic spiffing spoof of adventure story papers for boys

Written by Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Performed by:

Susie Brann

Alistair McGowan Mary Elliot-Nelson

Julian Dutton Peter Baynham

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

### TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

 $\it TUE~00:00~In~the~Psychiatrist's~Chair~(b0075yfg)$ 

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday] TUE 00:45 Short Works (b09w2tjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (m0002cvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Limelight (m001b4fs) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Pankhiraj (b07mf5zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday] *TUE* **02:30 Dad's Army** (**b007js9w**)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Michael Frayn's Pocket Playhouse (b0b6phln) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas

Keneally (b00dywr9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki

(b011tz8m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Brain of Britain (b079mdhq) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Married (b007zmd4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Singh Tangos by Bettina Gracias (m002k3n9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday] TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (m0002hdp)

Hercule Poirot - The Mystery of the Blue Train

6. The Mask of The Marquis

'Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned'

This is an adage that Derek Kettering isn't likely to forget since his snubbed mistress, the tempestuous Mirelle, has denounced him to the police as his wife's murderer!

But somehow Hercule Poirot just can't get that mysterious

figure 'the Marquis' out of his mind... Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

Maurice Denham stars as the Belgian detective.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Hercule Poirot .... Maurice Denham

Katherine Grey .... Janet Maw Rufus Van Aldin .... Robert Beatty Major Knighton .... Michael Deacon Lenox .... Moir Leslie

Zia .... Jane Leonard

Papopolous .... Ronald Herdman

Monsieur Carrege .... Gordon Reid

Based on a short story, The Plymouth Express Director: David Johnston.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1986.

TUE 06:30 Limelight (m001bcnt)

Exemplar: Series 1

2. Searching

A modern day thriller set in the North East of England. Starring Gina McKee as Jess, a lone wolf scientist with a troubled past whose passion for sound makes her the UK's leading audio

A mysterious voice note takes Jess on a hunt to find an old friend.

Exemplar is based on an idea by leading sound designers Ben and Max Ringham, and written by Ben Ringham, Max Ringham and Dan Rebellato.

Jess ..... Gina McKee

Maya .... Shvorne Marks

Aoife ..... Fenella Woolgar

Judith ..... Barbara Marten

Neil ..... Don Gilet

Ellie ..... Charlie Hardwick

Audio forensic consultant: James Zjalić

Sound recordist: Alisdair McGregor

Studio assistant: Ovin Fowowe

Production coordinator: Darren Spruce

Sound design: Lucinda Mason Brown and David Chilton Original music/Sound consultants: Ben and Max Ringham

Directors: Polly Thomas and Jade Lewis

Executive producer: Joby Waldman Directors: Polly Thomas and Jade Lewis

A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 4 first

broadcast in August 2022. TUE 07:00 Wally Who? (b08rbhg6)

The Whiz Kid

"I should have gone into big business years ago Eric. This is going to be a new era for me. No more fishing around in the pedal bin for used teabags. I'll be able to employ people to do

Can Wally Thornton convince his pals that his business ideas are more than just pipe dreams?

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 (b00dyb10)

Ten Snowballs That Shook the World

Neddie Seagoon attempts to auction the equator - from a raft. Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan. 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 The Wilsons Save the World (m0002r74)

Library Maxine Wilson continues to occupy the local library despite the

council closing it.

Now it looks like eviction is on the cards! Daughter Cat can't really see the point of libraries anyway, with

the internet, and it becomes clear that Mike doesn't fully grasp what they really mean either. As things take a turn towards the more confrontational, Mike

recruits a veteran activist, much to Max's horror. Sitcom about trying to live ethically and do the right thing.

Written by Marcus Brigstocke and Sarah Morgan. Mike ..... Marcus Brigstocke Max ..... Kerry Godliman

Cat ..... Mia Jenkins Lola ..... India Brown

Pauline ..... Liza Tarbuck Various ..... Kiell Smith-Bynoe Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.

TUE 08:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas Keneally (b00dz9v0)

Inspired by Polish-American Holocaust survivor Leopold "Poldek" Pfefferberg, Thomas Keneally sets out to meet other Schindlerjuden - Jews saved by Oskar Schindler - both Australian and American.

His findings became the basis for the Booker Prize-winning novel Schindler's Ark and the Oscar-winning film Schindler's List.

Abridged by Laurence Wareing.

Read by James Laurenson.

Producer: Gaynor MacFarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

TUE 08:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki (b011v1bg)

2. The Interlopers

Recycled and restaged - this is a collection of short stories written by Saki (HH Munro)

They're now set in a modern-day gated-community for the fartoo-wealthy for their own good. The tales are woven together by the character of Clovis, a

security guard. She recalls the events of strange days and long

Divorced couple Georgina Znaeym and Ulrich Gradwitz hate each other.

Both professors of Socio geoeconomics at rival universities, each is in line for the prestigious Eisenberg Award.

They are high-minded and serious but in their spare time they are devotees of the on-line video game 'Carpathian Empire' where they fight most of their battles.

When Ulrich delivers a particularly nasty blow to Georgina, she reacts accordingly and their fighting spills out into the real world.

Dramatised by Sean Grundy.

Clovis ..... Pippa Haywood

Georgina Znaeym ...... Barbara Flynn

Ulrich Gradwitz ..... John Sessions Jeff the Man ..... Malcolm Hamilton

Director: Alison Crawford.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011. TUE 09:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m00127vg)

Walthamstow, London Walthamstow has got plenty going for it - "it has the requisite villagey middle-class bit, but with a proper gor-blimey guv'nor East End heart" says one newspaper article and Mark finds a town mid-gentrification. The dog track has gone, the famously long market remains but there is also a Viking Shop and an extraordinary showroom and workshop with a vast range of neon light fittings called God's Own Junkyard. There is a museum dedicated to the designer William Morris who used to live there and there's evidence of a recent war too in the form of the cycling scheme known as "mini-Holland." Hopefully Mark will tread carefully. With guest local MP Stella Creasy 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 Empire of Tea (m001t3fy)

2. Tea At Work During the industrial revolution workers were powered by very

sugary tea. Historian Lizzie Collingham tells Sathnam Sanghera about the economic forces that led people to the drink, and what that meant for their health.

Then, moving into the 20th Century, Sathnam discusses the rise of the tea break with help from staff in the break room at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital. And Peter Turnbull of Bristol University analyses how the right

to a tea break sometimes became a source of tension in industrial relations.

Producer: Paul Martin A BBC Audio Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2023.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002k4c3) Love your neighbour - The Greatest Commandment

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. Theme: Love your neighbour - The Greatest Commandment

Presenter: Tim Gee Reading: Mark 12 28-34

The Lords Prayer: Taken from 'A New Zealand Prayer Book -He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa'.

This Little Light - Sam Cooke

Poorna Bell and Tony Law

Down by the riverside - Louis Armstrong In Christ there is no East or West - Mavis Staples. TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m0009b3s)

Writer Poorna Bell and comedian Tony Law join Harriett Gilbert to talk about their favourite books by Banana Yoshimoto, Lissa Evans and Voltaire.

Kitchen by Banana Yoshimoto (translator - Megan Backus) Publisher: Faber

Old Baggage by Lissa Evans

Publisher: Black Swan

Candide by Voltaire (translator - Roger Pearson)

Publisher: Oxford University Press

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2019.

TUE 10:30 The Actor, The Lodgings, The Kipper And Ma (b0084ht0)

Once upon a time, the theatrical landlady provided a home away from home to actors and stars of Variety who could not afford, or didn't wish, to stay in hotels while on tour

Often referred to affectionately as 'Ma', the landladies acquired quite the reputation.

Freezing bedrooms, sheets still damp from the washing line, inedible breakfasts and landladies helping themselves to their guests' provisions were, sadly, not uncommon.

Among the performers recalling the world of the theatrical landlady are:

- \* Bruce Forsyth
- \* Jimmy Cricket

\* Ted Ray
Plus one of the most famous landladies of them all,

Manchester's own Alma McKay. Presented by Geoffrey Wheeler.

Producer: Libby Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (m0002hdp) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:30 Limelight (m001bcnt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] *TUE* **12:00 Wally Who?** (**b08rbhg6**)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b00dyb10)** 

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki (b011v1bg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Guess What? (b065jht1)

Episode 7

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour

game of 20 questions. On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Nigel Dempster

Frances Edmonds

Written by Michael Dines Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 14:30 The Golden Age (b01nt07r)

1. Interesting Talks

It's back to the 1930s at the BBC's Broadcasting House in London

Head of programmes, John Tharb and his assistant, Mabel Hopcraft struggle to deal with the foibles and fragile egos of radio's biggest stars.

These include perpetually drunk band-leader, Ronaldo and the most boring man in radio, Mallard Tofts.

Tharb's task is not made any easier by having to constantly defer to the whims and wishes of his irascible boss, Lord Reith. First radio sitcom written by Channel 4's Father Ted writer, Arthur Mathews

Staring Robert Bathurst.

In this episode, a series of mysterious deaths brings the police to the BBC

What could be causing people to die in front of their wireless

Meanwhile, Mabel tries to introduce some modern entertainment to the BBC from "up north".

John Tharb ..... Robert Bathurst

Mabel Hopcraft ..... Vicky McClure

Lord Reith ..... Ford Kiernan

Inspector Cawls ..... Peter Egan

Captain Mallard Tofts ..... Malcolm Tierney Chip Gibney ..... Kevin Bishop

Ronaldo / Dickie Squires ..... Ewan Bailey

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (b067vjwk) Closely Observed Trains by Bohumil Hrabal

It is 1945. For gauche young apprentice Milos Hrma, life at the sleepy railway station in Bohemia is full of complex preoccupations

There's the burden of dispatching German troop trains; the shocking scandal of Dispatcher Hubicka; and the vexing problem of his sexual performance.

Celebrated Czech author Bohumil Hrabal's classic of post-war literature is a small masterpiece of humour, humanity and

First published in 1965 and dramatised by Ian Kershaw

Milos ..... John Bradley

Masha/Virginia ..... Verity Henry

Hubicka ..... Jason Done Lansky ..... Howard Chadwick

Mother/Viktoria ..... Fiona Clarke

Slusny/Father .... Jonathan Keeble

Zednicek ..... Hamilton Berstock

Director: Gary Brown

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

\*\* The novel also became the award-winning Jiri Menzel film of the 'Prague Spring'

TUE 16:00 A Good Read (m0009b3s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 todav] TUE 17:00 Whodunnits (m0002hdp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 17:30 Limelight (m001bcnt)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (b00dyb10)

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Keneally (b00dz9v0)

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(b011v1bg)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

TUE 21:00 Drama on 4 (b067vjwk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m00127vg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
TUE 22:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00dhg7k)

Humility

Mark Watson ponders the virtue of living more modestly.

The comedian concludes his quest to delve into six virtues.

And more poetry and music with:

Tim Key

Tim Minchin

Tom Basden

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008. TUE 23:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b01r11x0)

Series 1

Episode 1

After noticing that misogyny, like shiny leggings, had made an unexpected comeback - comedian Bridget Christie wonders did it ever really go away?

In the first of her four-part stand up comedy series on the state of British feminism today, Bridget asks why feminism became a dirty word and whether the modern British woman needs it.

An incident involving a man, a smell and a well-known bookstore made her ask what place feminism has in modern Britain, whether the fight has been won or is being fought on different fronts

Plus, why did Bic launch the "Bic for Her" - a pen specifically designed for a woman's hand?

Fred MacAulay helps her remember some of the key incidents

which brought her to an epiphany and a call to arms.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013 TUE 23:30 And Now in Colour (b0080qg5)

Eurospecial

The sketch show team cross the English Channel for a French

link-up. 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.

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Series 1

1. The Reluctant Fire-Raiser

Can fire investigator Quentin Barnaby determine if a recent

incident had a political motivation?

Starring Robert Beatty.

Philip Levene's series of intriguing cases for a fire investigator.

Quentin Barnaby ... Robert Beatty

Val ... Gudrun Ure Inspector Hackett ... Duncan McIntyre

Alec Groves ... Anthony Hall

Mr Lorrimer ... Leslie Perrins Mrs Lorrimer ... Barbara Mitchell

Sue ... Ann Murray Mrs Knight ... Mary O'Farrell

Fire Officer Taylor ... Lee Fox

Nurse ...Peggy Butt Fireman ... Lewis Stringer

Peter Ansell ... Warren Stanhope
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intrigue me. The motivations of arson are numerous: greed, financial reverses destruction of evidence and revenge'

Producer: Martyn C Webster First broadcast on the BBC Light Service in September 1962.

WED 06:30 Limelight (m001bl3q)

Exemplar: Series 1 3. The Politician

A modern day thriller set in the North East of England starring Gina McKee as a lone wolf audio forensic analyst and Juliet

Stevenson as a populist leader. Jess and Maya reluctantly agree to assist a controversial public figure to verify a piece of incriminating audio.

Exemplar is based on an idea by leading sound designers Ben and Max Ringham, and written by Ben Ringham, Max Ringham and Dan Rebellato.

Jess ..... Gina McKee

Maya ..... Shyorne Marks

Aoife ..... Fenella Woolgar Judith ..... Barbara Marten

Rose ..... Juliet Stevenson Lawrence ..... Asif Khan

Audio forensic consultant: James Zjalić Sound recordist: Alisdair McGregor

Studio assistant: Oyin Fowowe

Production coordinator: Darren Spruce Sound design: Lucinda Mason Brown and David Chilton

A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 4 first

Original music/Sound consultants: Ben and Max Ringham Directors: Polly Thomas and Jade Lewis

Executive producer: Joby Waldman Directors: Polly Thomas and Jade Lewis

broadcast in September 2022. WED 07:00 Star Terk II (m002k4bz)

The North Face of Claire Rayner The show featuring everything from Mrs Thatcher reading a

bedtime story to very dubious zoo keeping. No. 'Star Terk II' is not a misprint. A quickfire sketch show that

brazenly goes where no sketch show has gone before... Starring: Jeffrey Holland

Susie Blake Fred Harris

Christopher Godwin

Written by Terry Ravenscroft. Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987.

WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007 isvs) Sunday Afternoon at Home

Bored and miserable at home, the Lad tries to decide what to Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's much-loved comedy about the

life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock. Classic episode starring Tony Hancock as The Lad Himself. With: Sidney James Bill Kerr

Hattie Jacques

Kenneth Williams Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.

WED 08:00 Dot (b08q3yjs) Series 2

Psychology

Peabody's not been the full shilling recently and now Dr Pinkly has arrived to test who is the psychological 'weak link' and everyone's a suspect.

Who will be deemed sane and who will be sent to Sunnyside Sanatorium?

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

Air Marshal Peabody ..... David Acton Dr Thomas Pinkly ..... John Dougall

Producer: Jessica Mitic

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

WED 08:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas Keneally (b00dz9v3)

Thomas Keneally's account of his discovery of the story of Oscar Schindler, which became the basis for his Booker Prizewinning novel Schindler's Ark and the Oscar-winning film Schindler's List.

Poldek takes Thomas to Poland to witness 'the intimacy of horror' in the Krakow ghetto.

Read by James Laurenson

Producer: Gaynor MacFarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 08:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki (b011vg91)

3. Sredni Vashtar

Beasts on the Lawn is a collection of short stories by Saki (H.H Munro) recycled and restaged in a modern day gated community for the far too wealthy for their own good. The tales are woven together by the character of Clovis, a security guard. She recalls the events of strange days and long nights.

When Conrad de Ropp Snr is given 'gardening leave' from his bank, his time at home coincides with his adopted ten year old son's (Conrad Jnr) school holiday. It's a sobering time, mainly because Conrad Snr had almost forgotten the boy existed. Snr thinks Jnr spends far too much time on his own in the garden. He's occupying himself in the shed, and Snr wonders if the boy has found himself an unhealthy habit. But it's not sexual, it's religious. Jnr has got himself an idol. To anyone else it's just a pet ferret, but to little Conrad it's Sredni Vashtar, a vengeful. merciless god. He loves it. He worships it in secret, and he prays each day it will rid him of Conrad Snr.

Cast:

Clovis ..... Pippa Haywood

De Ropp ..... Rupert Vansittart Conrad ..... Olly Bell

Jeff the Man ..... Malcolm Hamilton

Inge ..... Amy Clifton Director: Alison Crawford

Adapted by Sean Grundy. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

WED 09:00 Do Gooders (m002itvv)

Series 2

4. The Party

Clive attempts to impress his judgemental father with a lavish birthday party. Unfortunately, numbers are lower than he'd like, not least because the rest of the team are at a secret fundraising dinner

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

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

 $\it WED$  09:30 Empire of Tea (m001t3dw)

3. The Tea in Boston Harbour

The crates dumped in the harbour at the Boston Tea Party in 1773 contained East India Company tea. The historian William Dalrymple tells Sathnam Sanghera that taxation wasn't the only issue motivating Boston's revolutionaries. Fear and suspicion of the EIC and its tea were a factor as well.

And soon, tea would forever change British relations with China

Producer: Paul Martin

A BBC Audio Wales production, first broadcast on Radio 4 in December 2023.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002k4c1)

Love your neighbour - The fulliment of the law

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

Theme: Love your neighbour - The fulliment of the lav Presenter: Reverend Angela Tilby

Reading: Romans 13 7-10

Faith, hope and love (Joanna Forbes L'Estrange) - St Martin's Voices

Ubi Caritas (Sasha JM) - Sasha Johnson Manning & Holly Marland

Love Divine - Daily Service Singers

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0017kfl)

Over The Top

What does it mean to be too much, excessive or extra? We're partying in the archives to examine and celebrate extravagance in all its forms as Kit Green takes us Over The Top..

Kit Green has a complicated relationship to being 'Over The Top', they've channelled maximum excess into their beloved character, country music icon Tina C, and written and performed a show about the music hall star Fred Barnes - a man who was excessive to tragic extremes. In this programme Kit asks what being over the top means to them now, in glorious extravagance.

Kit's invited some friends to the party to help them reach maximum excess. They are joined by the king of 90's extravagance, Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen and Professor of the

History of Emotions Thomas Dixon drops in to talk extreme joy and extreme sadness. We have an intimate kitchen party chat with Malika Booker on being 'too loud' for poetry, fashion historian Amber Buchart helps us get dressed and fellow performers and hedonists 'Bourgeoius & Maurice' bring us their post-pandemic party show 'Pleasure Seekers'.

Keeping us entertained are a host of fantastically over the top characters from the BBC Archives. Party guests include Quentin Crisp, Edina & Patsy and Jilly Goolden. And of course there's some Eurovision. How much? Too Much? Let's find

Presenter: Kit Green

Producer: Jessica Treen First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2022.

WED 11:00 Destination - Fire! (m000b7im)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 11:30 Limelight (m001bl3q) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

WED 12:00 Star Terk II (m002k4bz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007 isys)

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Keneally (b00dz9v3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

WED 13:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki

(b011vg91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000111g)

Enisode 6

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Lee Mack

\* Comedian and writer Bridget Christie

Writer and historian Andrea Wulf

\* Oscar-winning documentary-maker Vikram Jayanti

The Museum's Guest Committee discover the therapeutic value of spontaneous crying, look hard into the mirror and make neat little labels for their herbs and spices.

Researchers: QI and Mike Turner.

Producers: Richard Turner and Anne Miller.

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

WED 14:30 Millport (b0076221)

Avowal

Irene and Moira aren't speaking, Alberto and Ena have fallen out over the minestrone, and Agnes has declared World War Three on the minister's trousers

Just how are villagers going to solve their dispute if no-one is talking to each other?

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 Moira/Agnes ..... Janet Brown

Alberto/Robert ..... Lewis McLeod Ena/Bunty ..... Gabriel Quigley Bob/Minister ..... Robert Patterson

Dougie ..... Matt Costello

Music arranged by Olly Fox. Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

WED 15:00 Drama on 4 (b072zkst)

Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

Set against the sumptuous backdrop of 19th century Jamaica, Jean Rhys's stirring prequel to Jane Eyre envisages the life of the first Mrs Rochester - before she became the 'mad woman in

Sold into marriage with a dashing young Englishman, Creole heiress Antoinette Cosway senses danger. But how could

anyone have predicted the devastating future that awaited her? As their honeymoon becomes infected by vicious rumours, her new husband's paranoia begins to grow. The cultural divide between them increases and his desire to turn her into the perfect Victorian wife ultimately becomes a battle for her soul. Antoinette is stripped of her identity and transformed into the

disturbing Bertha Rochester .. Antoinette Cosway ..... Lara Rossi

Edward Rochester ..... Trystan Gravelle Christophine ..... Martina Laird

Young Antoinette ..... Eleanor Worthington-Cox

Amelie ..... Alexandria Riley

Grace Poole .... Jaimi Barbakoff Annette ..... Sirine Saba Mr Mason ..... Don Gilet

Tia ..... Emily Burnett Richard Mason ..... Eric Kofi Abrefa

Dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz

Music composed and performed by Lucy Rivers with guitar by Dan Lawrence

Directed by Helen Perry

A BBC Cymru/Wales Production first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (m0017kfl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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WED 21:00 Drama on 4 (b072zkst)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] WED 22:00 Do Gooders (m002jtyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] WED 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b00dn8cf)

Dan and the Panda

The Kiwi parody band aim for UK fame.

Improvised 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 musical odyssey.

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

With:

Rhys Darby

Dan Topolski

Daniel Kitson Additional material by Ioel 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 (m001gwn0)

Episode 6 Rugby's a class act and Andy's got some worrying news for

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 Mavhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

WED 23:30 The Skewer (m002jtz7)

Series 14

Ep 3: Supercalifragilisticexpibraggadocious

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 - Donald Trump is

Supercalifragilisticexpibraggadocious.

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4 WED 23:45 Rosie Jones: Box Ticker Too (m00121pt)

Disability, with Don Biswas

Producer: Jon Holmes

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 disability through stand-up and chat with Don Biswas. The pair are close friends, so they hold no punches when comparing their daily experiences and interactions with neurotypical people. Who else could ask

'What is the best thing about being disabled?" with such charm?

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

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

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THU 05:00 Drama on 4 (b072zkst)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday] THU 06:00 Destination - Fire! (m002k4jq)

2. The House of Many Treasures

Fire investigator 'Q' Barnaby is determined to find how a

famous actress's house fire started.

Starring Robert Beatty. Philip Levene's series of intriguing cases for a fire investigator.

Quentin 'Q' Barnaby .... Robert Beatty

Valerie Chrane .... Gudrun Ure

Ella Martin .... Mary Wimbush

Secretary .... Shirley Cooklin

Harry Devlin Rolf Lefebyre

Carl Sherman .... Earle Grey

Mr Peterson .... Derek Blomfield Colonel Ryder Geoffrey Wincott

Alec Groves .... Anthony Hall

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the puzzle of the charred remains of a burnt-out building intrigue me. The motivations of arson are numerous: greed, financial reverses destruction of evidence and revenge'

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Service in October 1962.

\*\*\* With thanks to the Radio Circle for sourcing the audio\*\*\*

### THU 06:30 Limelight (p0ctycls)

Exemplar: Series 1

4. Gangland Shooting

A modern day thriller set in the North East of England. Starring Gina McKee as Jess, a lone wolf scientist with a troubled past whose passion for sound makes her the UK's leading audio forensic examiner.

Jess and Maya examine audio forensic evidence from a

nightclub shooting.

Exemplar is based on an idea from Ben and Max Ringham, and written by Ben Ringham, Max Ringham and Dan Rebellato

Jess ..... Gina McKee Maya .... Shvorne Marks

Nish Gopaul ..... Asif Khan

Danny ..... Deka Walmsley

Sophie ..... Fenella Woolgar

Directors: Polly Thomas and Jade Lewis

A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in September 2022.

THU 07:00 Bristow (b007rgl8)

The Power of the Press

The Chester-Perry buying clerk crusades to improve conditions for cleaning ladies.

Michael Williams stars as Bristow

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

Bristow ..... Michael Williams Jones ..... Rodney Bewes

Gert ..... Liz Fraser

... Joan Sims Daisy ...

Mrs Purdy ...... Dora Bryan Hewitt ...... Owen Brenman

Miss Sunman ..... Katy Odey

Stationmaster .... ... Jon Glover

Stoke ..... David Battley

Hickford ..... Roger Lloyd Pack

Lift Boy ..... Ian Kelland

Music composed and performed by John Whitehall.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

THU 07:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jz1f)

The Escape

Author Gerald and his wife Diana feel jaded and start planning

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

With:

Betty Huntley-Wright

Michael McClain

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.

THU 08:00 A Month of Maureen (b09dtd3w)

Five Lessons

Nigella Smith is no ordinary piano student.

Can her piano tutor win her trust in just five lessons?

A comedy about retreating, advancing and the joys of humming.

Series of comedy dramas written especially for actress, writer, director and author, Dame Maureen Lipman.

Written by Marcy Kahan

PW ...... Maureen Lipman

Conrad ...... Julian Rhind-Tutt

Pianist Peter Ringrose

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

THU 08:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas Keneally (b00dz9v5)

4. Memory

Thomas Keneally's account of his discovery of the story of Oscar Schindler, which became the basis for his Booker Prizewinning novel Schindler's Ark and the Oscar-winning film Schindler's List

The journey ends in Israel and Thomas goes home to write his

Read by James Laurenson

Producer: Gaynor MacFarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

THU 08:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki

(b011vh4r)

4. Gabriel-Ernest Beasts on the Lawn is a collection of short stories by Saki (H H Munro) recycled and restaged in a modern day gated

community for the far too wealthy for their own good. The tales are woven together by the character of Clovis, a security guard.

She recalls the events of strange days and long nights. Unpleasant celebrity chef Van Cheele has made quite a name for himself with his particular brand of nasty cooking. One day he finds a filthy naked teenager sunbathing in his large garden on the Munro Estate. The boy claims to enjoy hunting animals and also occasionally humans on the estate. Van Cheele believes that this is a prank by a fellow celebrity chef, but soon discovers that he's truly met his match.

Cast:

Clovis ..... Pippa Haywood

Gabriel-Ernest ..... Carl Prekopp

Van Cheele ..... Ed Weeks

Ewa Ptorovisch ..... Dolly Wells

Jeff the Man ..... Malcolm Hamilton Director: Alison Crawford

Adapted by Sean Grundy.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

THU 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002jtvt)

Glenn Moore's Almanac Series 2

Run Glenn Run!

Comedian Glenn Moore looks in his almanac at world events and what he was doing at the time. In this episode, Glenn not only decides to enter the London Marathon but to do it with his fridge, albeit with it strapped to someone else's back.

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 Empire of Tea (m001t321)

4. The Tea Wars

As Britain's demand for tea soared in the late 18th century, an economic problem was emerging. Britain wanted to buy lots of tea from China, but China wasn't interested in the commodities Britain had to sell. That meant silver was draining out of Britain and into China.

Eventually a solution was found: opium. It was an imperial product Britain could grow in India and sell to China. But the Chinese leadership didn't want the narcotic, and Britain's desire to offset its tea habit by selling an addictive, hard drug that harmed Chinese people, led to war.

Professor of Chinese history Yangwen Zheng explains how the situation escalated, and the long shadow the conflict casts upon the modern world.

Producer: Paul Martin

A BBC Audio Wales production, first broadcast on Radio 4 in December 2023.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002k4jt)

Love your neighbour - Be kind and compassionate

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

Theme: Love your neighbour - The fulliment of the law

Presenter: Heavilyn Ohene-Akrasi Reading: Ephesians 4 25 - 32

Music:

Blinded by your grace - Melodees from Heaven

His eye is on the sparrow - Melodees from Heaven Shackles- Melodees from Heaven

THU 10:00 Great Lives (p00glx57)

Charles M Schulz

Journalist and biographer Valerie Grove chooses the creator of the Peanuts cartoon strip, Charles M Schulz, as her great life.

Schulz's widow Jeannie provides biographical insights. Anita O'Brien, curator of the Cartoon Art Trust, puts the

cartoon in its historical context.

Presented by Francine Stock. Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

THU 10:30 Mastertapes (m0001qjp)

Series 8

Don McLean (A-side) Don McLean talks about his timeless classic 1971 album, the career defining 'American Pie'.

Series in which leading performers and songwriters talk about

the album that made them or changed them Recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios, each edition includes two episodes - the A-side

and B-side. In the A-side, Don McLean chats to John Wilson,

24-year old Don McLean's debut album was rejected by 72

labels before it was released by Mediarts. It was only because that label was taken over by United Artists that his follow-up received the promotion it deserved.

His second album contained: a tribute to a 19th-century Dutch painter, which was cited as a personal inspiration by the late rapper Tupac Shakur; a song that was re-recorded 32 years later by George Michael in protest against the Iraq War; and an eightand-a-half-minute single that in 2017 was designated an "aural treasure... worthy of preservation as part of America's

Producer: Paul Kobrak First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

THU 11:00 Destination - Fire! (m002k4jq) [Reneat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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(b007jz1f)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas Keneally (b00dz9v5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki (b011vh4r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Counterpoint (b04jjz3s)

Heat 2, 2014 Russell Davies is in the chair for the second heat in the 2014

series of Britain's most eclectic music quiz. Russell is joined by three more contestants in the BBC Radio

Theatre in London: Alan Kershaw from North London

Edward McDermott from Fareham, Hampshire

Stephen Murray from London As well as answering general knowledge questions on music they'll also have to pick from a list of specialist musical topics on which to answer their own individual questions, with no

prior knowledge of the choices. There's something to suit every taste and plenty of musical extracts, both familiar and surprising, to identify.

Producer: Paul Bajoria First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014. THU 14:30 HR (b00hls1b)

An Away-Day

Senior manager Peter and his HR officer Sam hate team awaydays, but equally fear performing badly and putting their jobs at

But is it a good idea to practise bonding skills while inebriated? Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter ..... Jonathan Prvce Sam ..... Nicholas Le Prevost

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

THU 15:00 Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence (b008m3vt)

1. The Countess

Newland Archer is engaged to May Welland, but his life takes an unexpected turn when he meets May's unconventional cousin Countess Ellen Olenska.

Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a passionate life-long love affair which breaks all the rules of the restrictive high society of 1870's New York.

Dramatised in two parts by Jane Rogers.

Newland Archer .... Ryan McCluskey Ellen Olenska .... Susan Lynch

May Welland ... Kellie Bright

Augusta Welland .... Lorelei King

Sillerton Jackson/Riviere ..... Kerry Shale Julius Beaufort .... Conrad Nelson

Lawrence .... Martin T Sherman

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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THU 20:30 HR (b00hls1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence (b008m3vt)

[Reneat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002jtvt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 iGod (b00ws7md)

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 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 (b007jn0b)

Series 1

Normal Science

Cartoonist Steven sets out to prove that science will eventually make the natural world, humans included, entirely redundant. Starring Paul McCrink as Steven Appleby.

Cartoonist Steven Appleby takes an abnormal look at everyday life

Steven ..... Paul McCrink

Mum ..... Rosalind Paul Lauren Maroon ..... Rachel Atkins

Mr Two ..... Ewan Bailey

Dad ..... Nigel Betts

Written by Steven Appleby

Producer: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

THU 23:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (m0010pw1)

Tolerance

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 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 second episode of the series, through comedy routines and guest interviews, Daliso will be tackling the subject of 'Tolerance'.

Performer... Daliso Chaponda

Writer... Daliso Chaponda

Guest... Jennifer Bilec

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 Hair in the Gate (b007k3g1)

Episode 1

A heavy metal band opt to take action over a back-stage expose by the TV production team.

It's the morning after the office party, but the team must

prepare to film a badly behaved Heavy Metal band called Tanks

Sitcom set in the glitzy world of TV arts show 'Arting About'.

Written by Clive Coleman

Starring: Harriet Thorpe

Lorelei King

Forbes Masson

Geoffrey Whitehead

Alistair McGowan

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in September 1993.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday] FRI 04:30 HR (b00bls1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence (b008m3vt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Destination - Fire! (m000b7b5)

Series 1 3. Chance in a Million

Can Quentin Barnaby determine whether a recent incident was

an accident - or arson..?

Starring Robert Beatty. Philip Levene's series of intriguing cases for a fire investigator.

Quentin Barnaby ... Robert Beatty Val Crane ... Gudrun Ure

Inspector Hackett ... Duncan McIntyre

Alec Groves ... Anthony Hall Joe Selby ... Lewis Stringer

Madge Selby ... Peggy Butt

Mrs Foster ... Vivienne Chatterton

Harry Newton ... Malcolm Haves

Police Sergeant ... Will Leighton

Voice ... Hilda Kriseman

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1962. FRI 06:30 Limelight (p0ctyd5b)

Exemplar: Series 1

5. A Deadly Secret A modern day thriller set in the North East of England starring Gina McKee as a lone wolf audio forensic analyst with a

When the mystery of her father's departure is solved, Jess is

forced to re-evaluate her childhood memories. Exemplar: an audio recording made by a forensic analyst to recreate the precise audio conditions of a piece of evidence in a

criminal or civil case. Exemplar is based on an idea from Ben and Max Ringham, and written by Ben Ringham, Max Ringham and Dan Rebellato.

Jess ..... Gina McKee Maya .... Shvorne Marks

Sophie .... Fenella Woolgar

Judith ..... Barbara Marten Ajay ..... Asif Khan

Audio forensic consultant: James Zjalić Sound recordist: Alisdair McGregor

Studio assistant: Oyin Fowowe Production coordinator: Darren Spruce

Original music/Sound consultants: Ben and Max Ringham Directors: Polly Thomas and Jade Lewis

Executive producer: Joby Waldman

A Reduced Listening production for BBC Radio 4 first

broadcast in September 2022.

FRI 07:00 The Sit Crom (b00ly7z6)

The General Inspection

Cromwell arrives, weeps and investigates as well he might since Father Francis has donned a night shirt and taken to the roof singing Ave Maria.

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.

Sir John Firebasket ..... Joss Ackland

Lady Anne Firebasket ..... Denise Coffey

Tobias Thynne ..... Clive Merrison

Mercy, alias Melissa ..... Miriam Margolyes Father Francis ..... Nickolas Grace

Gazebo Fogg ..... Jack Klaff

Captain Arise Higgs ..... Alun Armstrong Posthumous ..... Nicky Henson

Counter Tenor ... ... Peter Hayward

Cromwell ..... Bert Parnaby Colonel Thundery ..... Peter Howell

Music by Colin Sell.

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

FRI 07:30 The News Huddlines (b0bqw60t)

29/12/78 Back to the headline-makers of the past: Margaret Thatcher. James Callaghan, Jeremy Thorpe, Peter Parker, Richard Nixon

and more! Roy Hudd and the gang with an end-of-year review of the news

highlights of 1978.

With Chris Emmett and Janet Brown. Music by the Nic Rowley Quintet

Compiled by Laurie Rowley. Written by Andy Hamilton, David Renwick, Peter Spence,

Keith Rawnsley, Peter Long, Charles Beiber, Peter Hickey and John Hyde.

Producer: John Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1978. FRI 08:00 Bad Salsa (b091w0f4)

Day of the Living Dead Sitcom about three women who meet during cancer treatment and start going to salsa class together to maintain their

friendship As they adjust to life after cancer they realise that they've all

It's not about cancer, but about life after cancer, how you cope the changes in your outlook, your desires and your expectations. It's also about how other people cope with the change in you.

In Kay Stonham's final series there's a funeral and a wedding. But whose funeral and who is marrying who?

Jill ..... Natasha Little

Terri ..... Camille Coduri

Chippy ..... Jessie Cave

Ann ..... Kerry Gooderson Colin ..... Martin Trenaman Assistant ..... Philip Fox

Joel ..... Joe Johnsey

Gordon ..... Andrew Obeney Corinne ... .. Kav Stonham

Producer: Katie Tyrrell. A BBC Studio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

August 2017. FRI 08:30 Searching For Schindler: A Memoir by Thomas

Keneally (b00dz9v8)

5. Film Thomas Keneally's account of his discovery of the story of Oscar Schindler, which became the basis for his Booker Prizewinning novel Schindler's Ark and the Oscar-winning film

Schindler's List. Thomas has finished writing Schindler's Ark and Steven

Spielberg is interested in making it into a film. Read by James Laurenson.

Producer: Gaynor MacFarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008. FRI 08:45 HH Munro - Beasts on the Lawn: Saki (b011vhsl) 5. Mrs Packletide's Tiger

Beasts on the Lawn is a collection of short stories by Saki (H.H. Munro) recycled and restaged in a modern day gated community for the far too wealthy for their own good. The tales are woven together by the character of Clovis, a security guard.

She recalls the events of strange days and long nights. Mrs Packletide, ghastly inheritor of the Gippe perfume empire, needs to shoot a tiger in order to silence her long-time rival Loona Bimberton. She wants it to take place on Munro Estate. Clovis is asked to offer her services, but it doesn't quite go to

plan. Clovis ..... Pippa Haywood

Mrs Packletide ..... Marcia Warren Louisa Mebbin ..... Jennifer Lee Jellicorse

Director: Alison Crawford.

Adapted by Sean Grundy. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/

Sound design: Lucinda Mason Brown and David Chilton

FRI 09:00 Icklewick FM (m002j89h)

5. The Libertine Icklewick enters mourning mode when a beloved wedding DJ unexpectedly dies from eating too much at an incredibly wet

buffet. Grief pushes Chris to take drastic action and Amy mourns an old flame. Meanwhile, Simon learns the truth about his past and Mr Patel honours a handshake deal.

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

Darren J Coles

Shivani Thussu

Joe Kent Walters

Jin Hao Li Tom Lawrinson

Tom Burgess

Nicola Redman

Tai Campbell

Em Humble

James Carbutt

Series Artwork by Sam O'Leary

Music, sound design and additional material by Jack Lewis

Evans.

Line Produced by Laura Shaw Produced by Benjamin Sutton.

A Daddy's Supervacht production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 09:30 Empire of Tea (m001t30y)

5. Innovation, Espionage and Propaganda

Until 1833 the tea drunk in Britain had come from China. imported by the East India Company. But then the company lost its monopoly on Chinese tea. Its response was to attempt to grow its own in British India. The only snag was it didn't know how to.

So the botanist Robert Fortune was sent on an undercover mission to China. His work, combined with some surprising discoveries of tea closer to home, and mass marketing and propaganda, helped develop India's huge tea industry in places

like Assam and Darjeeling. At Kew Gardens, Mark Nesbitt and Aurora Prehn tell Sathnam Sanghera about how this shift from China to India changed the international tea trade forever

Producer: Paul Martin

A BBC Audio Wales production, first broadcast on Radio 4 in December 2023

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002k4nx)

Love your neighbour - Our father

A special week of services exploring the Lord's Prayer led by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.

Theme: Love your neighbour - Our father Presenter: Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Reading: 1 John 3 1-3

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (St Martin's Voices) The Lord's Prayer - Lucy Walker (St Martin's Voices) Father, hear the prayer we offer (St Martin's Voices)

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b08r1vzc)

Series 24

My Favourite Things

"Raindrops on Roses and Whiskers on Kittens".

Guests from around the world share their special memories of

The Sound of Music classic 'My Favourite Things'

Written by Rodgers and Hammerstein in 1959, this deceptively simple song has travelled the globe to comfort and enthral children the world over.

Iranian Astronaut and philanthropist Anousheh Ansari's first encounter with this musical classic was in her native language of Farsi. It's a melody she held dear to her during years of unrest through the Iranian revolution and the war that was to follow. It's also the song that travelled with her as she realised her childhood dream of exploring outer space.

For vocal coach Heather Mair Thomas 'My Favourite Things evokes memories of a happy Cornish childhood, growing up with her musical family. It has also become a reminder to always look for the good in life - come what may.

Meanwhile Jazz musician David Lieberman takes us on a journey through the 1960's New York club scene to the night where an encounter with John Coltrane's version of 'My Favourite Things' changed his life forever.

Plus Sound of Music fan Emma Poulton-White relives her very special wedding day that was topped off with a 'copper kettle'

Featuring Tom Santopietro author of 'The Sound of Music

Producer: Nicola Humphries

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

FRI 10:30 Mastertapes (m0001qvt)

Series 8

Don McLean (B-side)

Following on from the A-side of this two-part programme, the audience ask Don McLean questions about his timeless classic 1971 album, 'American Pie'.

Series in which leading performers and songwriters talk about the album that made them or changed them

With John Wilson at the BBC's iconic Maida Vale Studios in London.

Don also performs live acoustic versions of some of the tracks on the album

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.

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FRI 14:00 The Motion Show (b00762sc)

Series 4

Episode 5

Debates galore from the state of politics - to the existence of supernatural forces

Graeme Garden chairs the quirky battle of words and wit.

With:

Gyles Brandreth

Scott Capurro

Arthur Smith Paul Daniels

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

FRI 14:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b008x3lt)

Series 3 Episode 1

Andy and Katy have a lovely new baby and Daniel has a brilliant new job.

But Lucy has a horrible new feeling. Is Daniel about to leave her for a woman called Katriona who's obsessed with cheese?

Starring David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling. David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and

parenthood, as seen through the eyes of two 30-something nonnarents

Daniel .... David Tennant

Lucy .... Liz Carling .... Tracy-Ann Oberman Katie Andy .... Tony Gardner

Katriona .... Kate Robbins Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003. FRI 15:00 Edith Wharton - The Age of Innocence (b008ncs3)

Episode 2. A Life Apart

Despite Newland Archer's marriage to May, he is still obsessed

with thoughts of Ellen Olenska.

Conclusion of Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a passionate life-long love affair which breaks all the rules of the restrictive high society of 1870's New York.

Newland Archer .... Ryan McCluskey Ellen Olenska .... Susan Lynch May Welland ... Kellie Bright Augusta Welland .... Lorelei King

Sillerton Jackson/Riviere ..... Kerry Shale Julius Beaufort .... Conrad Nelson Lawrence .... Martin T Sherman

Dramatised by Jane Rogers. Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

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FRI 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b01gvtj8)

Insurance

Why is the insurance industry so confusing?

Award-winning comic, Tom Wrigglesworth returns for another

series of his open letters.
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth, James Kettle and Miles Jupp. Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002kczq)

Ria Lina 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Isy Suttie chats once again to fellow comedian Ria Lina

FRI 23:00 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b01nswgw)

Series 1

Episode 2

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

Justin Edwards Alfie Joey

The Trap

Jo Enright Dave Johns Jim Jeffries

Joanna Neary Danny Robins Scott Capurro

Roger McGough Toby Hadoke & John Warburton

Martin Hutton Gary Le Strange Debra-Jane Appleby James Bachman Steve Hughes.

Dan Antopolski Sarah Millican Patrick Monahan

Michael Redmond Alan Cochrane. Derek upon Tweed

Jayne Tunnicliffe Glenn Wool Kevin Day Adam Bloom Richard Herrino

Slaughterhouse Live Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006 FRI 23:30 The Mitch Benn Music Show (b007vh35)

5 Neil Innes

From Spinal Tap to David Bowie.

Musical comedian Mitch Benn presents his selection of some of

the finest comic songs by other performers. With guest Neil Innes

Producer: Ed Morrish Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in August 2005.