

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2025

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00mbkk4)

Series 8

Allegri's Miserere

Gregorio Allegri wrote the chord sequence for his Miserere in the 1630s for use during Holy Week in the Sistine Chapel. This is located in the Apostolic Palace, official residence for the Pope in the Vatican City

It then went through the hands of a 12-year-old Mozart, Mendelssohn and Liszt until it finally reached England in the early 20th century and got fixed into the version we know today.

The soaring soprano line that hits the famous top C and never fails to thrill has become a firm favourite for concert audiences around the world.

Textile designer Kaffe Fassett, writer Sarah Manguso and conductor Roy Goodman explain how they have all been deeply affected by this beautiful piece of music.

With Peter Phillips.

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SAT 00:30 Let's Go Round Again - The Story of The Magic Roundabout (b06gqh8m)

In October 1965, an adapted version of French TV's Manège Enchanté was shown on BBC TV.

Scripted and voiced by BBCTV's Playschool presenter Eric Thompson, and broadcast with its English title - The Magic Roundabout, it soon became a favourite with viewers of all ages.

In fact, when it was moved to an earlier time, there were so many complaints from outraged adults that it was moved back to its old slot - just before the early evening news!

To celebrate its anniversary, Sophie Thompson, Eric's daughter, and his wife Phyllida Law tell us the stories behind the much-loved series.

With tales of Zebedee, Florence and Ermintrude - hear how Dougal the dog nearly caused international relations with France to break down!

Featuring:

* Fenella Fielding

* Nigel Planer

* Mark Kermode

* Valerie Singleton

* Jasper Carrott

* Joy Whitby

* Josiane Wood

* Tim Worthington

Producer: Elizabeth Foster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2015.

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (m000y71s)

Dee Mitchell - Cordoba

5. Still Waters

Journalist Dee Mitchell tacks down the elusive Richard, who fled the night she found Jenny's body.

The boy shares some interesting revelations....

Starring Alison Steadman.

Nigel Baldwin's thriller serial set in south Wales.

Dee Mitchell Alison Steadman

Conrad De'Ath Bill Stewart

Geraint Robin Griffith

Alex Leslie Rooney

Ieuan Robert Pugh

Tina Turner Gudrun Ure

Beth Sue Jones Davies

Olwen Pam Hopkins

Richard Ian Targett

Gary Andrew Wincott

Original music by Laurie Scott Baker.

Directed at BBC Wales by Jane Dauncey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

SAT 01:30 Detective (b00p66fb)

Series 1

Bedtime Story - part 2/2

Can Detective Sergeant Dave Brook drive a wedge between two notorious crime families?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran DS Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as his young side-kick, DC Blair Maxton.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach David Daker

Jimmy Lowrie Tom Bowles

Station Officer Gordon Reid

Hughie Cerand Michael Packer

Ma Lowrie Hilda Fennemore

Billie Sellars Colin Bell

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.

SAT 02:00 The Sit Crom (b00m5qlg)

A Draught of Malmsey

The household is in need of a steward, The captain undertakes a search and Lady Anne is desperate for a drink.

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

Slow Ned Chris Emmett

Gazebo Fogg Jack Klaff

Captain Arise Higgs Alun Armstrong

Counter Tenor Peter Hayward

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1990.

SAT 02:30 The News Huddlines (m00018d0)

7th November 1979

Back to the headline-makers of 1979 – from Margaret Thatcher and James Callaghan to ABBA.

Weekly topical sketch show series which ran for 26 years on BBC Radio 2.

Starring Roy Hudd.

With:

Chris Emmett

Janet Brown

Music by the Nic Rowley Quintet.

Main writers: Andy Hamilton, Laurie Rowley, Terry

Ravenscroft, Jeremy Browne and Richard Quick.

Producer: John Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1979.

SAT 03:00 Quanderhorn (b0b7d8f8)

The Quanderhorn Xperimentations

It's Eating My Face

England 1952. A time of peace, regeneration and hope. A Golden Age. Unfortunately, it's been 1952 for the past 65 years. Meet Professor Quanderhorn, a maverick scientific genius with absolutely no moral compass.

Assisted by a rag-tag crew - his part insect son, reputedly a "major breakthrough in Artificial Stupidity"; a recovering amnesiac; a brilliant scientist with a half-clockwork brain; a captured Martian hostage and a sinister factotum. He'll save the world. Even if he has to destroy it in the process.

With his Dangerous Giant Space Laser, High Rise Farm, Utterly Untested Matter Transfuser Booth and Fleets of Monkey-driven Lorries, he's not afraid to push the boundaries of science to their very limit. And far, far beyond.

But his arch nemesis, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, has plans to put a stop to his Infernal Xperimentations once and for all.

It's an Adventure beyond human understanding in Super-Vis-O-Sound.

Will our Crew of Brave Boffins survive? Tune in next time - if there is such a thing -for the next thrilling instalment.

Professor Quanderhorn James Fleet

Brian Nylon Ryan Sampson

Dr Gemini Janussen Cassie Layton

Guurk Kevin Eldon

Troy Quanderhorn Freddie Fox

Winston Churchill/Jenkins John Sessions

Synthetic Voice Rachel Atkins

Created and written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall

Director: Andrew Marshall

Music by Peter Brewis

Engineered, Edited and Sound designed by Alistair McGregor

Production Manager Sarah Tombling

Producers: Rob Grant / Gordon Kennedy

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios

An Absolutely Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

SAT 03:30 Short Works (m000pths)

Kumeko the Quiet One by Hannah Vincent

Confident Erin and her quiet colleague Kumeko arrive at an empty hotel to prepare for a conference, where they will be competing for a place on a sales team.

A story about ambition, cheese and sumo-wrestling mice.

Read by Gabby Wong.

Author Hannah Vincent lives in Brighton. She began her writing life as a playwright and her first radio play, Come to Grief, was a re-working of one of her stage plays. It won the BBC 2015 Audio Award for Best Adaptation.

Hannah's most recent collection of short fiction, She-Clown And Other Stories, was published in 2020.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2020.

SAT 03:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b071x878)

5. Blood

After a ghastly cry in the middle of the night wakes all in Thornfield Hall, Rochester asks for Jane's help.

As they climb the stairs, he asks if she is afraid of blood.

Charlotte Bronte's most beloved novel dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

Jane Amanda Hale

Rochester Tom Burke

Mason Ewan Bailey

Blanche Evie Killip

Bessie Katie Redford

Mrs Reed Tracy Wiles

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

SAT 04:00 Whispers (b00n90xf)

Series 3

Episode 1

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

Joining team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run

the gauntlet of gossip:

Penny Junor

Julian Fellowes

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

SAT 04:30 Hidden Treasures (m002kxny)

So Easy to Forget by Val Gielgud

"Is it simply that we've been married for 15 years? Or is there something on your mind?"

"As a matter of fact there is. Why haven't you told me that you were seeing quite so much of Tony Gale?"

Can the marriage of Isobel and Charles Davenport survive jealousy and secrets?

Starring Hamilton Dyce and Pauline Letts.

Written by Val Gielgud

Charles Davenport Hamilton Dyce

Isobel Davenport Pauline Letts

Sandra Stubbs Patricia Gallimore

Nigel Jay Charles Hodgson

Reginald Slater Alan Dudley

Waiter Leroy Lingwood

Miss Green Betty Hardy

Detective Superintendent Francis de Wolff

Detective-Inspector Pellew Allan Cuthbertson

Wilfred Bute Eric Anderson

Producer: David H. Godfrey

First broadcast in Saturday-Night Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in April 1968.

So Easy To Forget is part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hidden Treasures collection of selected titles returned to the BBC by various collectors.

Our warm thanks go to the Radio Circle.

SAT 06:00 The Barretts of Wimpole Street by Rudolf Besier (m002121q)

The secret courtship of the oppressed Elizabeth Barrett and flamboyant poet Robert Browning is one of the most famous, true-life romances.

It all takes place in 1845 at 50 Wimpole Street.

The tyrannical Edward Moulton-Barrett keeps his daughter a virtual prisoner in his forbidding London household...

Starring Dorothy Tutin, Jeremy Brett and Paul Rogers.

Rudolf Besier's celebrated play was first performed on stage in 1930.

Elizabeth Barrett - 'Bar' Dorothy Tutin

Robert Browning Jeremy Brett

Edward Moulton-Barrett Paul Rogers

His other daughters:

Arabella ... Kate Binchy

Henrietta ... Jane Knowles

Octavius, his son ... Christopher Good

Henry Bevan ... Kenneth Fortescue

Bella Hedley ... Helen Worth

Captain Surtees Cook ... Michael Kilgariff

Doctor Chambers ... Rolf Lefebvre

Doctor Ford-Waterlow ... John Ruddock

Wilson ... Sheila Grant

Mr Barrett's other sons:

George ... John Rowe

Alfred ... William Eedle

Charles ... John Samson

Henry ... Robin Browne

Septimus ... David Valla

Producer Archie Campbell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1972.

SAT 07:30 The Last Days of Roger Federer by Geoff Dyer (Omnibus) (m002121s)

Author Geoff Dyer sets his own experiences against the last days and final and unfinished achievements of writers, painters, athletes and musicians who've mattered to him throughout his life.

Geoff's series of wide ranging reflections include having had a minor stroke and late middle age – or should that be early old age?

With a playful charm and penetrating intelligence, he examines a series of notable endings and considers the intensifications and modifications of experience that come when an ending is within sight.

Oh, and there's some stuff, but not too much, about tennis, too.

This book on last things - written while life as we know it seemed to be coming to an end - is also about how to go on

living with art and beauty.

Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Jill Waters.

Read by David Schofield.

Producer: Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2022.

SAT 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m00140r7)

Mel Giedroyc

Comedian Mel Giedroyc chooses Ian Dury and the Blockheads'

Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick and Sat In Your Lap by Kate Bush.

SAT 08:45 Ernest Fontwell Versus The Experts (m0006lw4)

The Communications Experts

From telephones to the dictation machine, Ernest tackles the communication experts.

How to beat the fiends in white coats and overalls at their own

game.

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

Starring Frank Thornton as Ernest Fontwell.

With:

Patsy Rowlands

Gordon Clyde

David Tate

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1979.

SAT 09:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002121v)

Series 3

A Day At The Races

The dear ladies take Dr Evadne's overcritical mother for a day of horse-racing

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

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

Mother Sheila Keith

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 (m00083qj)

Series 3

Episode 4

Kenneth Horne gets arty and Hornerama looks at public transport.

A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman.

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.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1960.

SAT 10:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0014q72)

Origins

3. Hancock's Half Hour

BBC Comedy Controllers from across the decades look back at radio shows from the past.

Clocking up over 150 years on the job between them, Paul Jackson, Beryl Vertue, John Lloyd and Jimmy Mulville reveal what they do, why they do it and what makes them laugh.

From London's iconic BBC Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House - the home of British Radio comedy.

In the last of three programmes, the foursome conclude discussing the 1950s and a Golden Age of BBC radio comedy.

Featuring:

* HANCOCK'S HALF HOUR:

Sunday Afternoon at Home

Bored and miserable, the lad tries to decide what to do.

Starring Tony Hancock.

From April 1958.

Plus extracts from:

Bob Newhart

That Mitchell and Webb Sound

Series Producers: Paul Kobrak and Dixi Stewart

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2017.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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SAT 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m00140r7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SAT 13:45 Ernest Fontwell Versus The Experts (m0006lw4)

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SAT 14:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002121v)

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SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00083qj)

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SAT 15:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0014q72)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Wally K Daly (b007k44c)

With a Whimper to the Grave

3. Action

The World Council takes action - as the aliens' plans are revealed.

Stars Patrick Troughton, Angela Thorne and Timothy West.

Concluding part of Wally K Daly's sci-fi trilogy.

Marge Angela Thorne

Doctor Arnold Diamond

Ray/Pilot Clive Panto

David/Paul Crawford Logan

A. P. Smith Donald Hewlett

Charles Henry Stamper

Tom Harris John Shrapnel

Sally's mother Katherine Parr

Alien Controller Manning Wilson

Vera Margot Boyd

Foreign Pilot/Barry Mark Rolston

Sally Harris Maureen O'Brien

Corporal/Vince Michael Jenner

Geoffrey Palmer Robert Dawes

Baby Sam/Gloria Moir Leslie

George Patrick Troughton

Alien Peter Acre

Silkin Peter Wickham

'642' Timothy West

Producer Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

SAT 16:30 Cult Vampires (m0003r25)

3. Half Sick Of Shadows by Graham Masterton

A dodgy archaeologist gets more than he bargained for when he steals the Lady of Shallot's mirror.

Jamie Bamber reads Graham Masterton's tale.

Series of tales about vampires with a blood-sucking twist.

Producer: Ann Kelly

First published on the BBC Cult Vampire website.

First broadcast on BBC 7 in April 2004.

SAT 17:00 The Barretts of Wimpole Street by Rudolf Besier (m002121q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 The Last Days of Roger Federer by Geoff Dyer (Omnibus) (m002121s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m00140r7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SAT 19:45 Ernest Fontwell Versus The Experts (m0006lw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002121v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00083qj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0014q72)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007jmh0)

Mutants

Bad-tempered Bob Fossil is creating new mutant animals to keep investors interested in his zoo.

A whale the size of a peanut might sound like a good idea, but zookeeper Howard Moon 's not happy with the way things are going.

Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt.

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

Howard Moon Julian Barratt

Vince Noir Noel Fielding

Bob Fossil Rich Fulcher

With Dave Brown.

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

Producer: Danny Wallace.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

SAT 22:30 My Teenage Diary (m000z0kc)

Series 10

Ken Cheng

Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.

In this episode, comedian Ken Cheng reads from the diary he kept in 2004.

Ken talks about his school days, growing up on the internet and what it was like to be a nerd before the days when nerds were cool.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0021f58)

Nigel Planer 1/4

From 10pm to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Tonight, Jon Holmes chats with comedy legend Nigel Planer.

SAT 23:00 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (b08rq7jv)

Series 1

2. Politics

The so-called millennial generation - those born between 1982 and 1994 - has been much maligned in the press for being lazy, entitled, vain, venal, self-involved, easily offended little emperors.

But Alex Edelman thinks these criticisms are baseless - so he's seeking to redress the balance.

In this episode, he's discussing millennials' attitude to politics and being offended.

Written and presented by Alex Edelman.

Producer: Sam Michell

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

SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b0090s0r)

Series 4

David Tennant interviews Richard Wilson

Who'd believe it! The Time Lord and the famous TV pensioner have a no-holds-barred relay race discussion.

David Tennant interviews Richard Wilson.

Chain Reaction is the tag talk show with a twist, where the guest becomes the interviewer in the next show.

Based on the original 1991 BBC Radio 5 programme of the same name, Chain Reaction is a simple idea of big name stars from the world of entertainment interviewing others whose work they appreciate and admire.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

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SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m00083qj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0014q72)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001yps1)

Celebrity Traitors

Clare Balding

Sporting broadcaster Clare Balding is castaway by Kirsty Young.

BBC TV's coverage of London's 2012 Olympics was her triumph and much like Team GB she'd been in training for her big moment for quite a while.

Clare has worked on five Olympic Games, four Paralympics, three Winter Olympics and a great deal of horse racing.

It's on the turf that's she's most at home - her father was a champion racehorse trainer and for a number of years she herself was a leading amateur flat jockey.

The first pony she ever rode, as a toddler, was a gift from the Queen; she went to public school and Cambridge but her life hasn't been an entirely easy ride. She has coped with thyroid cancer, being forcibly "outed" by the tabloid press and in her own words being "a disappointment from the moment" she was born.

She says, "This may sound nauseating but I'm a very happy person. I love my work, I love my life and I'm told by those who know and love me that it's a bit like living with Tiger".

DISC ONE: Barenaked Ladies - If I Had A Million Dollars

DISC TWO: London String Choral - Galloping Home

DISC THREE: Yazoo - Only You

DISC FOUR: Neil Diamond - Beautiful Noise

DISC FIVE: Underworld - Caliban's Dream

DISC SIX: Belle and Sebastian - I Want the World to Stop

DISC SEVEN: Billy Joel - She's Got a Way

DISC EIGHT: Beck Goldsmith - I Vow to Thee My Country

BOOK CHOICE: Encyclopaedia of Nature

LUXURY CHOICE: Thermos mug with tea, milk and sugar

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Billy Joel - She's Got a Way

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yjtq4)

Series 2

Canopy

If you walk into a rainforest, you are immediately met by quite literally a forest of trees.

All the tree trunks look like cathedral pillars, smooth and wet from the rain.

Not a single branch emerges from the trunk for tens of metres - and when they do, you see a breathtaking interlocking jungle of branches and leaves, ferns and flowers, and all number of creatures great and small.

The canopy is a bonanza of tropical forest life, in the bright light and gentle breeze - a far cry from the dark and humid underworld of the forest floor.

Not surprising then that Sir David Attenborough knew this would be a perfect place to film wildlife.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m0021346)

Adventures In Poetry: Edna St Vincent Millay: First Fig
To mark 75 years since the death of the American poet and playwright Edna St Vincent Millay, Daljit Nagra selects Adventures in Poetry featuring Millay's short poem First Fig. This single-stanza poem has had an extraordinary life. Peggy Reynolds traces its journey from the bohemia of Greenwich Village in New York, where it was written nearly 100 years ago.

* And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: Chaotic Good by Isabelle Baafi.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

SUN 07:30 And When Did You Last See Your Father? by Blake Morrison (Omnibus) (m0021348)

Episode 2

As his cantankerous father's health worsens, poet and author Blake Morrison concludes his tribute.

He reflects on how their relationship became very competitive once he became an adult...

Blake Morrison's award-winning tribute to his father - the irascible Yorkshire GP, Arthur Morrison.

Omnibus of the last four of nine episodes abridged and read by the author.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1994.

SUN 08:30 Autumn by Susan Hill (m001g1g0)

A middle-aged couple attempt to escape from the past by moving house.

As they talk in the garden, they find this is not easy to achieve. Starring June Brown and Bernard Hepton.

Written by Susan Hill.

Eva June Brown

Tom Bernard Hepton

Director Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1985

*** The following month, June made her first appearance as Dot Cotton in BBC TV's EastEnders.

SUN 09:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus) (b072rsqx)

Episode 1

A fantastic mix of injustice, romance, passion and danger wrapped up in a glorious love story.

An orphan, our bookish heroine Jane Eyre, is introduced as she attempts to survive life with her bullying, brutal cousins and her aunt, Mrs Reed. And she is sent to Mr Brocklehurst's punishing and grim Lowood School, but it brings friendship.

Charlotte Bronte's most beloved novel, first published in 1847. Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

Jane Amanda Hale

Rochester Tom Burke

Mrs Fairfax Susan Jameson

Young Jane Nell Venables

John Reed Tom Taylor

Mrs Reed Tracy Wiles

Bessie Katie Redford,

Brocklehurst Gerard McDermott

Helen Burns Rebecca Hamilton

Grace Poole Debra Baker

Blanche Ingram Evie Killip

Mason Ewan Bailey

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

SUN 10:00 Frankie Howerd (m001w0x3)

Series 4

Episode 5

The King of Titters comes out in blotches and pays tribute to Tchaikovsky.

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

Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.

With:

Ray Fell

Norma Ronald

Timothy Davies

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1975.

SUN 10:30 Mind Your Own Business! (m002134b)

Series 2

The Winter of Discontent

There's trouble up north when workers in Wigan demand London Weighting.

Starring Bernard Cribbins and Frank Thornton.

Andrew Palmer's sitcom about the battles of wheeler-dealer and self-made tycoon, Jimmy Bright and his strait-laced chief accountant, Russell Farrow.

Jimmy Bright Bernard Cribbins

Russell Farrow Frank Thornton

Nan Forbes Annette Crosbie

Pedder Kenneth Connor

Double-Glazing Installer Joe Dunlop

Sue Plant Annee Blott

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1989.

SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001yps1)

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SUN 15:00 Frankie Howerd (m001w0x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 15:30 Mind Your Own Business! (m002134b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Haunted (b01qyrxk)

The Dead Man of Varley Grange by Anonymous

Jack is set for a good time in a friend's new property, but why do strange rumours persist about the house?

Dramatised for radio by Patricia Mays.

Fred Lester George Baker

Jack Darrant Jeremy Clyde

Other parts played by:

Adrian Egan

Gareth Armstrong

David Ashford

Jane Thompson

Narissa Nights

Producer: Derek Hoddinott

Director: Martin Williamson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1984.

SUN 16:30 Jefferson 37 by Jenny Stephens (b007k4s9)

Episode 4

Dr Abbotts finds his own 'party trick' being used against him,

and Paul Smith tries to take advantage of the ensuing chaos.

Eleanor forces Dr Abbotts to take a hard look at his own morality.

Stars Oliver Hembrough.

Conclusion of Jenny Stephens's sci-fi thriller set on a clone farm.

Jefferson 37 Oliver Hembrough

Patel 2 Dharmesh Patel

Lucy White 44 Emily Chennery

Eleanor Riley Alison Carney

Dr Abbotts David Birrell

Dr Martell Rob Swinton

Paul Smith Alex Jones

Saskia Treby 9 Helen Monks

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

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SUN 19:30 Autumn by Susan Hill (m001g1g0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

SUN 20:00 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omnibus) (b072rsqx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SUN 21:00 Frankie Howerd (m001w0x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:30 Mind Your Own Business! (m002134b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Fabulous (b00dy23d)

Series 2

Episode 1

Faye is anxious.

She knows that today's women are Fabulous.

They have it all, the job, the house, the colour co-ordinated capsule wardrobe and they cope with the pressures modern life brings effortlessly, with nothing more than a copy of Prima and a poem by Pam Ayres to guide them.

So why can't she pull it off?

With the builders in to build her a brand new kitchen and an

award ceremony to go to, life should be glorious...

Starring Daisy Haggard.

Return of Lucy Clarke's sitcom.

With:

Katy Brand

Stephen Critchlow

Justin Edwards

Mel Hudson

Joanna Neary

John Rowe

Jo Scanlan

Dan Starkey

Ann Reid

Music by Osymyso.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

SUN 22:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00lbt3y)

Series 1

Episode 2

Comedian and political activist Mark Thomas believes that, as a

nation, we are drifting economically, politically and socially.

Where - he asks - are the great ideas, theories and visions that will help this country in its hour of need?

Mark wants to create a "People's Manifesto", so he takes suggestions from his studio audience and gets them to vote for the best.

The winner of each show will be enforceable by law, SO pay attention!

In this episode, the focus is on honesty for politicians and truthful ads.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002lf5b)

Nigel Planer 2/4

From **10pm** to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Tonight, Jon Holmes continues his conversation with Nigel Planer.

SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (m000nr4)

Series 8

Instalment 3

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 Sussex home.

This time, the focus of David's sardonic wit and incisive social critiques:

* Highfalutin' - his main story revolves around his sister, Amy. 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 (b007xvrp)

Series 1

Episode 3

Tom gets a job as an international courier and has to deliver a package to a contact in Spain.

However, after his "imaginary" band sparks mayhem on the plane, Tom and Sadie find themselves caught up in a world of death and deception.

Still, if a good song won't cheer them all up, nothing will.

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

Air Stewardess 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 20 OCTOBER 2025

MON 00:00 Haunted (b01qyrxk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Jefferson 37 by Jenny Stephens (b007k4s9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001yps1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yjt4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m0021346)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 And When Did You Last See Your Father? by Blake Morrison (Omnibus) (m0021348)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Frankie Howerd (m001w0x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Mind Your Own Business! (m002134b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (m000y7mr)

Dee Mitchell - Cordoba

6. La Pista Falsa

Alex's predictions of death have been proved to be true.

Will anyone take up journalist Dee Mitchell's quest for justice? Starring Alison Steadman.

Conclusion of Nigel Baldwin's thriller serial set in south Wales.

Dee Mitchell Alison Steadman

Conrad De'Ath Bill Stewart

Thomas Alan Towner
 Alex Leslie Rooney
 Ieuan Robert Pugh
 Beth Sue Jones Davies
 Nurse Marie Phillips
 Smith Ivor Roberts
 Mrs Mitchell Lawmary Champion
 Original music by Laurie Scott Baker.
 Directed at BBC Wales by Jane Dauncey.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.
MON 06:30 Detective (b03h6xz3)
 Series 1
 The Bank Raid
 An old-style bank raid keeps the boys busy.
 Will Detective Sergeant Brook make his date with Judie?
 Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.
 Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran DS Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as his young side-kick, DC Blair Maxton.
 DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 Chief Inspector Roach David Daker
 DC Harrison Peter Cleall
 Forensic Scientist Roger Hammond
 Mr. Franklin John Ringham
 Miss Rees Liza Flanagan
 Collator James Sosmo
 Matron Margot Boyd
 Police Officer David Timson
 Charles Owen John Sharp
 Judie Jacqueline Tong
 Mrs Miller Julie May
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.
MON 07:00 In the Balance (b007k1g5)
 Episode 2
 Will the BBC's maverick hack George Cragge catch the murderer - or last orders?
 With Europe becoming a hot potato can the Prime Minister hold on to his job?
 To make matters worse England are hosting the World Cup and a killer is on the loose.
 Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.
 Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in the world of football, the BBC and party politics.
 George Cragge Michael Williams
 DCI Frank Jefferson Barry Foster
 Prime Minister Jeremy Clyde
 John Matthews Jim Carter
 Crispin Trent Robert Bathurst
 Max Peter Woodthorpe
 Caroline Susie Brann
 Harry Davis Christian Rodska
 With:
 Tracy Ann Oberman
 Joanna Monro
 Kim Wall
 Ioan Meredith
 Chris Pavlo
 Music by Paul Mottram
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.
MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jlw7)
 Series 1
 Under Fire
 On fire-watch with Godfrey, Frazer thinks a local resident of Walmington-on-Sea is signalling to the enemy...
 The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
 Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
 Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
 Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
 Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
 Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
 Private Frazer John Laurie
 Colonel Square Geoffrey Lumsden
 Mrs Keene Avril Angose
 Murphy David Goodison
 Announcer John Snagge
 Producer: John Dyas
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in April 1974.
MON 08:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01k9hmd)
 Pilot
 Katherine Parkinson and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in this 'Comedy Showcase' pilot about an alien invasion of a small English village.
 The Geonin are not your typical alien invaders. Instead of the usual all-at-once approach to global domination (which usually fails, they've noticed) they've decided to start small. They've encircled a small English village with an impenetrable heat wave, preventing anything coming in or out.
 With Cresdon Green as their base, they will learn about humankind, using their knowledge to effectively and efficiently spread their domination over the rest of the world, bit by bit.
 Katrina just came back to borrow some money from her parents. And, having been turned down, she's really in no mood to stick around - but the Geonin are not letting anyone in or out, and she has tickets to the theatre in London.

So what choice does she have but to start The Resistance?
 Following this successful pilot - two series were produced with an amended cast.
 Written by Eddie Robson.
 Kat Lyons Katherine Parkinson
 Uljabaan Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Mrs Lyons Jan Francis
 Mr Lyons Peter Davison
 Ron Dave Lamb
 Lucy Hannah Murray
 Computer John-Luke Roberts
 Chris Don Gilet
 Producer: Ed Morrish.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 2012.
MON 08:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam Nicolson (b010n1c8)
 1. Childhood
 Adam Nicolson's grandparents Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson bought Sissinghurst in 1932 and turned it into one of Britain's best-loved gardens.
 This is his account of growing up there, and his vision of how to manage its future.
 "Sissinghurst is what I am. My nutrients come from the soil; it is the land I have walked over, looked out over, smoked my first cigarette in, planted my first tree in, bicycled over, slept in and lived in all my life."
 Read by the author.
 Abridged in five parts by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths
 Producer: Sara Davies
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
MON 08:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072j325)
 6. Love
 When Jane returns to Thornfield she realises she has never loved Rochester more.
 But she knows he will marry Blanche and she will leave and never see him again.
 Charlotte Bronte's most beloved novel, first published in 1847.
 Dramatised in ten parts by Rachel Joyce.
 Jane Amanda Hale
 Rochester Tom Burke
 Mrs Fairfax Susan Jameson
 Bertha Tracy Wiles
 Mason Ewan Bailey
 Priest Gerard McDermott
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
MON 09:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m002krlw)
 Series 4
 Walking In A Sinha Sunderland
 Paul Sinha tests his audience in Sunderland on their knowledge of white suits, local football heroes and literary icons in a splendid half-hour of edutainment.
 Written and performed by Paul Sinha
 Additional material: Oliver Levy
 Additional questions: The Audience
 Original music: Tim Sutton
 Recording engineers: Sean Kerwin & Hamish Campbell
 Mixed by Rich Evans
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4
MON 09:30 Mythical Creatures (m001tgp0)
 1. Black Dogs
 Fantasy writer Rhianna Pratchett takes us across an enchanted British Isles to discover mythical creatures that lurk in all corners of the land.
 She uncovers what they can tell us about our history, our world and our lives today.
 In the first of ten episodes, Rhianna is on the trail of Black Dogs.
 She visits Suffolk, to hear a tale of a hellhound that left its mark on the small town of Bungay. It's one of many spectral black dogs that are said to stalk coastal paths and lonely crossroads.
 Rhianna explores why Black Dogs appear so often in folklore, and their psychological link to fear and negative emotions.
 Storyteller: Michael Lambourne
 Other Contributors:
 Helen Bruce
 Mark Norman
 Original Music by Ben MacDougall
 Sound Design: John Scott
 Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2023.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002139k)
 Lost and Found: The Parable of the Sower
 Through conversations with Christian musicians across genres, Radio 1 and 1Xtra presenter Swarzy explores favourite Parables of Jesus - those memorable teachings that convey a powerful spiritual message through reliable stories. From West End star Rachel John to rapper Still Shadey - Swarzy finds out which parables are most relevant to them as they navigate their lives in the music industry as Christians.
 Swarzy begins the week by exploring Jesus's first Parable - The Parable of the Sower
 Reading: Matthew 13 1-9
 Presenter: Swarzy Shire
 Music:
 Come ye thankful people come - Leigh Nash
 Firm Foundation - Maverick City

How great thou art - Rachel John
MON 10:00 That Reminds Me (b007jndb)
 Series 2
 Humphrey Lyttelton
 Musician and legendary host of BBC Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue reminisces about his life, career and love of jazz.
 Featuring memories of Willie Rushton and his Clue colleagues, as well as the shock he received from George Melly.
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.
MON 10:30 Do Pass Go (b08lk3jm)
 Board games are back!
 Samira Ahmed sets out to uncover the modern allure of an analogue table top game in an increasingly digital world.
 When a computer finally beat the world's best player of Go, we had a problem. If even the most complex game can be reduced to a mathematical procedure, are games as the embodiment of human desires and abilities doomed?
 Not a chance. Board games are booming, and self-confessed board-game geek Samira Ahmed is determined to find out why.
 Along the way, she meets the designers, players and everyday obsessives who throng in their thousands to shows like Essen's famous Spiel festival. She discovers how games mirror the preoccupations of our age and how they allow us to vent our instinctive desire for combat.
 But could the real answer to our gaming addiction lie elsewhere?
 As it turns out, old-fashioned gaming seems to create a safe space like no other, where we can explore sides of our identities forbidden in real life. Samira talks to the man who rediscovered the rules of one of mankind's oldest games.
 A Leaping Wing production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.
MON 11:00 Whodunnits (m000y7mr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Detective (b03h6xz3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 In the Balance (b007k1g5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jlw7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01k9hmd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam Nicolson (b010n1c8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072j325)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00vrt93)
 Series 58
 Episode 4
 Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
 With:
 Paul Merton
 Tony Hawks
 Kit Hesketh-Harve
 Alun Cochrane.
 The panel must struggle with a huge range of subjects as diverse as My First Kiss, Conkers and Having a Duvet Day.
 From The Quays Theatre at The Lowry Centre in Salford.
 Created by Ian Messiter.
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.
MON 14:30 Married (b0080qdc)
 Series 2
 War of the Worlds
 It is a fight to the death as Robin finally meets his doppelganger.
 When two universes collide, there can be only one winner.
 Hugh Bonneville stars in Tony Bagley's comedy.
 Robin Hugh Bonneville
 Lesley Josie Lawrence
 Dirk Stephen Frost
 Ned Sam Bradley
 Maxine Ann Gosling
 Manicurist Vicki Pepperdine
 Piano Man Simon Roberts
 Arthur Smith Himself
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.
MON 15:00 An Englishman Abroad by Alan Bennett (b007jxyz)
 When a mysterious Englishman appears in her dressing-room, actress Coral Browne assumes he's with the embassy.
 But, if so, why are his trousers out at the knees?
 And what does he want with her face-powder?
 Starring Michael Gambon and Penelope Wilton.
 Alan Bennett based this drama on a real incident in Moscow involving British diplomat and Soviet double-agent, Guy Burgess in 1958.
 Guy Burgess Michael Gambon
 Coral Browne Penelope Wilton
 Mrs Burgess Lala Lloyd
 Claudius John Baddeley
 Tolya/Hamlet Michael Higgs

Adapted from BBC TV's 1983 film.

Director: Hilary Norrish

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in October 1994.

MON 15:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m002l39m)

Prunella Scales and Timothy West

A series of dramas starring actors married to each other in real life.

Charles and Sonya share stories of their war work, as they try to get to sleep in a new kind of government shelter.

But will this sharing bring them closer - or drive them further apart?

Written by Russell Davies

Charles.....Timothy West

Sonya.....Prunella Scales

Producer Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in November 1994.

MON 16:00 That Reminds Me (b007jndb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 Do Pass Go (b08lk3jm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 Whodunnits (m000y7mr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 17:30 Detective (b03h6xz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 18:00 In the Balance (b007k1g5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jlw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade

Carefully (b01k9hmd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam

Nicolson (b010n1c8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072j325)

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MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b00vrt93)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 Married (b0080qdc)

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MON 21:00 An Englishman Abroad by Alan Bennett

(b007jyxz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 21:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies

(m002l39m)

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MON 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m002krlw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 The Right Time (b00c5snp)

Series 3

Episode 5

Time-share shock, home shopping revenge - and the perils of redundancy...

The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.

Starring:

Graeme Garden

Eleanor Bron

Neil Innes

Clive Swift

Roger Blake

Paula Wilcox

Written by Nicholas Barber and Glenn Dakin, Mike Coleman,

Jan Etherington, Graeme Garden, Mike Haskins, Ged Parsons,

Bob Sinfield, Chris Thompson and Pete Reynolds.

Script Editor: Ged Parsons.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Neil Innes.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002ks64)

Series 118

7. Forecast for Inflation and Flooding

In a week of budget talks, IMF forecasts of Inflation on the

British horizon, flood risk reports and approval of solar farms,

Andy Zaltzman is joined by Adam Kay, Zoe Lyons, Ria Lina

and Stephen Bush to break down this week's news.

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Daman Bamrah, Ruth Husko,

Christina Riggs and Peter Tellouche.

Producer: Rajiv Karia

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Production Coordinator: Giulia Lopes Mazzu

Sound Editor: Marc Wilcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 The Harpoon (b007lhx3)

Series 1

Episode 4

More surprising achievements of the Empire, plus tales of a

brave badger and a haunted moustache...

Nostalgia galore in the latest issue of Empire's favourite weekly

magazine.

Written by Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Performed by:

Julian Dutton

Peter Baynham

Alistair McGowan

Mary Elliot-Nelson

Bryonie Pritchard

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1991.

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025

TUE 00:00 That Reminds Me (b007jndb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Do Pass Go (b08lk3jm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (m000y7mr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Detective (b03h6xz3)

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TUE 02:00 In the Balance (b007k1g5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies

(m002l39m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jl7v)

Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal

1. Waking Up to Nessun Dorma

Feisty Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield investigates a series of mysterious murders along Regent's Canal in London.

Starring Imelda Staunton.

Atmospheric crime thriller written in four parts by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne

Jimmy Kim Wall

Scuzzy Paul Panting

Phast Phind Barbara Barnes

Samantha Davies Ann Beach

Stuart Hillier Geoffrey Whitehead

Felicity Patience Tomlinson

Joe Stephen Critchlow

Mac Alice Arnold

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

TUE 06:30 Detective (b03h73w7)

Series 1

The Do-It-Yourself Job

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook's tactics for recovering stolen silver ingots doesn't impress his boss.

And why is a newlywed crook pleading not guilty - if he's trying to go straight?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran DS Dave Brook and

Christopher Blake as his young side-kick, DC Blair Maxton.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach David Daker

Dickie Fenn Bill Nighy

Peter Parsons Derek Francis

Harry Dean George Tovey

Magistrate Brian Haines

DC Maxton Christopher Blake

Clerk Peter Baldwin

Former BBC war correspondent, Robert Barr is best

remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1980.

TUE 07:00 Wally Who? (b08tm1cv)

All I Want for Christmas

"Course I can eat, Eric. It's only a spot of toothache. Of course,

I can eat, providing I mash everything up and put it through the

blender! I can manage quite a few spoonfuls through a straw, as

long as I don't swallow, and just sort of let it slide down..."

Wally's stalling on seeing the dentist.

Surely he's not scared?

Starring Tony Brandon as Wally.

With:

Chris Ellison

John Jardine

Nick Malone

Rosalind Knight.

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 the comedy series 'The Family Brandon' and 'Wally Who?'.

Written by Rob Grant and Doug Naylor.

Theme and incidental music by Debbie Katz.

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio in December 1982.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jv9v)

Series 8

The Spon Plague

Britain is gripped by a strange epidemic, leaving a path of bare

knees in its wake.

Ground-breaking, 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 March 1958.

TUE 08:00 The Wilsons Save the World (m0003cnp)

Series 2

Live Forever

Spurred on by the notoriously anti-environment neighbour 'BMW Paul' and his apparent saintly U-turn on plastics and

waste, Mike lays down a no-plastic challenge to the family

which is taken up with competitive relish.

Meanwhile, Max's Mum Pauline pays another visit and dishes out a heap of straight-talking common sense in her own

inimitable way.

It turns out that the purpose of her visit is to drop another bombshell which sends Max reeling and forces her to confront a

number of difficult issues head on.

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

BMW Paul...Mike Wozniak

Producer: Julia McKenzie

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

TUE 08:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam

Nicolson (b010n4n3)

2. Family

Adam Nicolson's account of growing up in one of the country's best-loved visitor attractions, owned by the National Trust.

The Nicolson family's life at Sissinghurst may have seemed

idyllic from the outside, but inside lay a deep unhappiness.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Read by the author.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

TUE 08:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072jdqk)

7. Wife

Mr Rochester has a wife.

And where is the Jane Eyre of yesterday?

Charlotte Bronte's most beloved novel dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

Jane Amanda Hale

Rochester Tom Burke

Mason Ewan Bailey

Priest Gerard McDermott

Grace Poole Debra Baker

Bertha Tracy Wiles

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

TUE 09:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m002krhw)

Series 14

2. Wrexham

Second stop of the new series is Wrexham in North Wales.

Wrexham has gone from industrial workhorse to global

celebrity, thanks to two Hollywood actors who bought the local

football club.

It's a place where five of the Seven Wonders of Wales are

apparently within walking distance of a Screwfix, where

children learn "risk management" on playgrounds made from

drainpipes salvaged at the council tip, and where an

underground tunnel network may or may not have been built for

priests sneaking to the pub... or for inmates tunnelling into

prison for a game of pool.

This is the 14th series of Mark's award-winning show where he

travels around the country visiting towns that have nothing in

common but their uniqueness. After thoroughly researching

each town, Mark writes and performs a bespoke evening of

comedy for a local audience. As well as Wrexham, in this

series, Mark be will also be popping to Oakham, Cambridge,

Lewisham and, Lerwick and Unst in Shetland.

There will also be extended versions of each episode available

on BBC sounds.

Written and performed by Mark Steel

Additional material by Pete Sinclair

Production co-ordinator Caroline Barlow and Katie Baum

Sound Manager Jerry Peal

Producer Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for Radio 4

TUE 09:30 Mythical Creatures (m001tgrh)

2. Dragons

Rhianna Pratchett seeks out dragons, and heads up to Sunderland, to meet one such specimen, The Lambton Worm. Rhianna explores how these powerful creatures reflect human power struggles, symbolise changing threats, and how they are used to justify who has rights over the land.

The fantasy writer is taking us across an enchanted British Isles to discover mythical creatures that lurk in all corners of the land.

She's out to uncover what they can tell us about our history, our world and our lives today.

Storyteller: Stuart Miller

Other Contributors:

Dr Jamie Beckett

Natalie Lawrence

Original Music by Ben MacDougall

Sound Design: John Scott

Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2023.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002128f)

Lost and Found: The Parable of the Lost Coin

Through conversations with Christian musicians across genres, Radio 1 and 1Xtra presenter Swarzy explores favourite Parables of Jesus - those memorable teachings that convey a powerful spiritual message through relatable stories.

Swarzy chats to young Christian rapper DC3 about his favourite parable and the one that resonates most with him - the Parable of the Lost Coin.

Reading: Luke 15:8-10

Presenter: Swarzy Shire with DC3

Music:

Stand - Donnie McKurlin

My Shepherd - Cece Winans

My Prayer - DC3

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000b5kx)

Damian Le Bas & Amy Liptrot

Authors Damian Le Bas and Amy Liptrot join Harriet Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Jessie Greengrass, Kathleen Jamie and Dorte Nors.

'An Account of the Decline of the Great Auk, According to One Who Saw It' by Jessie Greengrass.

Publisher: John Murray

'Sightlines' by Kathleen Jamie.

Publisher: Sort of Books

'Mirror Shoulder Signal' by Dorte Nors.

Publisher: Pushkin Press

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2019.

Photo of Damian Le Bas by Charles Moriarty

TUE 10:30 I Was... (b08r1x9d)

Series 4

I Was Billie Holliday's Replacement

Andrew McGibbon analyses great artists at a significant time in their careers, but from the perspective of someone who worked for them, inspired them, employed them or did their job for them while no one was looking.

Annie Ross was a young singer from Scotland who found herself in a bigger spotlight when she was asked by Duke Ellington to stand-in for Billie Holliday at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, New York City.

She was petrified, but was well received by the audience. From there, Annie developed an intriguing relationship with Billie and as Billie's career nosedived with substance abuse and bad love, Annie's career as a singer took off as she created a new style of singing with her hit record Twisted.

This is a moving story of japes and heartbreak from a witness and friend of one of the most significant jazz singers of the 20th Century.

Written and presented by Andrew McGibbon

Producer: Nick Romero

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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:30 Detective (b03h73w7)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072jdqk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Guess What? (b068bf83)

Episode 10

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour

game of 20 questions.

On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Clare Frances

Chris Serle

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 14:30 The Golden Age (b01p068b)

Minority Appeal

Mabel suggests making some programmes for "minorities"; a suggestion which takes Lord Reith by surprise.

Meanwhile, Tharb does his best to cheer up BBC Radio's most depressed newsreader, Roger Eves.

Set in the BBC's Broadcasting House in London during the 1930s, this series follows head of programmes, John Tharb and his assistant, Mabel Hopcraft as they struggle to deal with the foibles and fragile egos of radio's biggest stars.

Starring Robert Bathurst.

Conclusion of the radio-based sitcom written by Arthur Mathews.

Robert Bathurst.....John Tharb

Vicky McClure.....Mabel Hopcraft

Ford Kiernan.....Lord Reith

Peter Egan.....Doctor Ganley

Malcolm Tierney.....Sergeant Major

Kevin Bishop.....Ordinary Cockney Father / Perfumed Pete

Pippa Evans.....Ordinary Cockney Mother

Ewan Bailey.....Roger Eves / Fancy Dan

Moisty.....Arthur Mathews

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

TUE 15:00 Love by Ian Curteis (b00762k5)

1. Revelation

When May's husband dies, her friend Ferdy tells her that he's been "deeply in love with you for 47 years."

She is 76, and he is 79.

But their adventures are just beginning.

Starring Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Bernard Hepton.

First of four adventures about a pair of senior citizens written by Ian Curteis.

May.... Barbara Leigh-Hunt

Ferdy..... Bernard Hepton

Elizabeth..... Helen Ayres

Merv.... Phillip Joseph

Edna.... Jennie Stoller

Charles.... Gordon Reid

Hook.... James Grout

Producer: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

TUE 15:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m002128j)

Natasha Pyne and Paul Copley

A series of plays set in bed, with real-life actor couples playing fictional ones.

Ged and Ann spend a cold night under canvas on Mount

Snowdon and she's not too impressed...

Written by: Russell Davies

Ged.....Paul Copley

Ann.....Natasha Pyne

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in November 1994.

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TUE 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m002krhw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00crj7g)

Series 1

Episode 3

Rod and Julian are competing for Prunella's affections.

Both suitors seek help from the head of security, Des, in executing their own grand romantic gesture.

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt.

David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by eccentrics and obsessives.

Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecumbe Rachel Atkins

Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Willbond

Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Eva Tattle Julia Deakin

Wilf Arbuthnot Geoff McGivern

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Andrea Marshall Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Shop Assistant Jasmine Callan

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002if86)

Nigel Planer 3/4

The Comedy Club keeps the laughs coming from 10pm to midnight, every night of the week. Tonight, Jon Holmes picks up his chat with Nigel Planer.

TUE 23:00 Bridget Christie Minds the Gap (b01rgmfd)

Series 1

Episode 4

Bridget investigates women in comedy as she answers that old chestnut

'Are Women Funny?'

Last of the stand up comedy series on the state of British feminism today.

With Fred MacAulay

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

TUE 23:30 Bunk Bed (m000r4wk)

Series 8

Episode 2

Recorded in beds and in the dark, Peter Curran and Patrick Marber drift off from the emotional hurly-burly of the day with thoughts that float into the night without reason.

'Bunk Bed' is the critically-acclaimed place for confessional laughs and poignant thoughts.

This time, Peter and Patrick discuss caring for Peter's late mother and the humour found unexpectedly.

Patrick champions the poor early work of David Bowie and talks about his amazing run that followed the mediocrity.

Producer: Peter Curran

A Foghorn Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2021.

TUE 23:45 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076mv2)

Series 2

How to Kiss

"Half-close your eyes, make your mouth look like an excitable monkey and deliberately invade their body space."

All you need to know about engendering facial contact, and where it might lead...

Comedian Guy Browning provides practical life-coaching in the big small challenges of life.

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007j186)

Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal

2. Communicating with the President

A fresh body has been pulled from Regent's Canal in London. Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield must turn to the internet in her quest to solve the grisly murder mystery.

Starring Imelda Staunton.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Whitehead

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne
 Scuzzy Paul Panting
 Phast Phind Barbara Barnes
 Stuart Hillier Geoffrey Whitehead
 Samantha Davies Ann Beach
 Jimmy Kim Wall
 Honest Jack John Hollis
 Surgeon David Timson
 Mac Alice Arnold
 Producer: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.
WED 06:30 Detective (b03h7jqv)
 Series 1
 The Birthday Party - part 1/2
 Could a swish soiree at a very high class club be the start of an audacious heist?
 Detective Sergeant Dave Brook is on it.
 Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.
 Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran DS Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as his young side-kick, DC Blair Maxton.
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 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 Chief Inspector Roach David Daker
 Tommy Johnny Wade
 Thorn Alan Lake
 Judie Jacqueline Tong
 Neale Tony Anholt
 Butler Danny Schiller
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1980
WED 07:00 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00s8llf)
 Series 2
 Coochie Coochie
 Testosterone levels in the flat mount when Judith reveals she wants a baby.
 However her search for the perfect male takes her away from the home front, leaving David and Giles to sweat it out in the gym.
 Stars Douglas Hodge, Paul Bigley and Amanda Root.
 Return of the comedy drama series about three promising graduates still underachieving in their 30s.
 Written by Paul Shearer and Richard Turner.
 Giles Douglas Hodge
 David Paul Bigley
 Judith Amanda Root
 Other parts played by:
 Felicity Montague
 Gavin Muir
 Colleen Prendergast
 Stephen Critchlow
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jp18)
 Series 5
 Hancock's War
 The Lad impresses the vicar with tales of his heroic exploits in Military Intelligence.
 Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.
 Starring Tony Hancock.
 With:
 Sidney James
 Bill Kerr
 Kenneth Williams
 Hattie Jacques
 Theme and incidental music composed and conducted by Wally Stott.
 Producer: Tom Ronald
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.
WED 08:00 The Cold Swedish Winter (m000q8ym)
 Series 5
 Lagom Lockdown
 British comedian Geoff has settled with his Swedish partner in the frozen north in the tiny, unpronounceable town of Yxsjo.
 This year, he's up against British and Swedish views of viruses, his mother's endless calls, cross-country skiing, a predatory American cousin and, of course, his redoubtable in-laws, Sten and Gunilla.
 We join his family as spring breaks and Sweden faces lockdown, taking a very different path to its European neighbours.
 Danny Robins's series of comedy and culture shock.
 Recorded partly on location in Stockholm, and at times simultaneously between three countries, this romantic comedy features a line-up of some of Sweden's best known comic actors.
 Geoff Adam Riches
 Linda Sissela Benn
 Sten Thomas Oredsson
 Gunilla Anna-Lena Bergelin
 Jean Mel Hudson
 Ian Danny Robins
 Henning Thomas Eriksson
 Soran Farshad Kholgi
 Customs Guy Fredrik Andersson
 John Harry Nicolauou
 Director: Frank Stirling
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

December 2020.
WED 08:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam Nicolson (b010nn2r)
 3. Dealing With the Trust
 Adam's vision for the future of his family home needs National Trust backing, and support from the people who work at Sissinghurst.
 Adam Nicolson's account of growing up in one of the country's best-loved visitor attractions, owned by the National Trust.
 Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths
 Read by the author.
 Producer: Sara Davies
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
WED 08:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072mq8n)
 8. On The Run
 Jane has run from Thornfield and Rochester.
 She has barely eaten and has been sleeping on the moors in the pouring rain.
 Her strength is failing fast...
 Charlotte Bronte's most beloved novel dramatised by Rachel Joyce.
 Jane Amanda Hale
 St John Rivers George Watkins
 Diana Katie Redford
 Mary Rebecca Hamilton
 Rosamund Evie Killip
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
WED 09:00 Carbon Lifeforms (m002ks3r)
 The Carbon Cost of Tech, The Internet and AI
 Jon Long and Dr Tara Shine join forces for more of the hybrid comedy-magazine show that emits jokes and facts that (carbon) capture all things climate to demystify the issues and offer advice on how to make positive choices in our everyday lives.
 This week - The Carbon Cost of Tech, The Internet and AI with special guests Chris McCausland and Mike Berners-Lee.
 In previous episodes, we've covered Food, Travel and Christmas, so what's next? Well, it turns out that our previous episodes did not solve the climate crisis on their own. So, for this series, we will be looking at the topics of Tech and AI, Waste Management and Recycling, and The Fashion Footprint.
 Expect new in-studio guests and on-location experts, more games, more practical advice, more cold hard stats, and the return of Greenwash of the Week to shout out the heroes and villains of the climate crisis.
 Presenters: Jon Long and Dr Tara Shine
 Guests: Chris McCausland and Mike Berners-Lee
 Producer: Laura Grimshaw
 Executive Producer: Jon Holmes
 Live Sound: Jerry Peal
 Post-production Sound: Tony Churnside
 An unusual production for BBC Radio 4.
WED 09:30 Mythical Creatures (m001tj0l)
 3. Water Demons
 Rhianna Pratchett explores the dark world of water demons, from Jenny Greenteeth in the North of England to kelpies – shapeshifting water horses – in Scotland.
 She hears chilling details of their activities and their purpose but also learns what can be used for protection against these fearsome creatures.
 The fantasy writer is taking us across an enchanted British Isles to discover mythical creatures that lurk in all corners of the land.
 She's out to uncover what they can tell us about our history, our world and our lives today.
 Storyteller: Lari Don
 Contributor:
 Mark Norman
 Original Music by Ben MacDougall
 Sound Design: John Scott
 Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2023.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002l3ks)
 Lost and Found: The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder
 Through conversations with Christian musicians across genres, Radio 1 and 1Xtra presenter Swarzy explores favourite Parables of Jesus - those memorable teachings that convey a powerful spiritual message through relatable stories.
 Swarzy chats to West End star Rachel John about her favourite parable and why it resonates the most with her - the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder. The music is recorded by Rachel especially for Daily Service.
 Reading: Matthew 7 24-27
 Presenter: Swarzy Shire with Rachel John
 Music:
 Blessed assurance - Rachel John
 And Can It Be - Rachel John
 Jesus shall lead - Rachel John
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b017l87m)
 Rebuilding Britain for the Baby Boomers
 Maxwell Hutchinson analyses the great push to re-build post-war Britain.
 In the 1990s, architect and broadcaster Maxwell Hutchinson began recording interviews with the men who rebuilt Britain after the Second World War.
 These idealists - then in their 80s - told how they'd returned from war to a country ravaged by the Luftwaffe, determined to design a country fit for heroes.

Many were graduates of the left-leaning Architectural Association and brought their radical ideas, influenced by le Corbusier and Walter Gropius, to building:
 * Social housing for slum clearance families
 * Hospitals for the infant NHS
 * Schools for the children of the Butler Education Act
 * Bold new tower blocks that would transform the city skyline
 Most of them worked for local authorities and saw their profession as a public service. These 'duffle-coated pip-squeaks' as they were known, included Sir Phillip Powell, Sir Andrew Derbyshire, Ivor Smith, Peter Smithson, the father of Brutalism; Lord Esher and Jim Cadbury Brown. Many have since died.
 Using these interviews, plus newsreel and contemporary archive, this programme captures that idealism and reflects the later disillusionment when modernism - and architects - fell out of fashion.
 2011 was the 50th anniversary of Parkhill Flats, Sheffield. It was seen as the embodiment of the modernist movement - streets in the sky to replace the grim terraces bulldozed after the war to give families indoor lavatories, central heating and airy balconies.
 At first, the families couldn't believe their luck - they loved their modern new homes. But as the building began to show cracks and the community spirit failed to translate from slum-terrace to deck access, Parkhill Flats became a by-word for all that was rotten in the state of post-war architecture.
 It wasn't long before residents starting chucking their rubbish over the balconies, and the flats became the new slums. Peter Smithson, once blamed the residents of his much-criticised development, Robin Hood Gardens (a sister project to Parkhill) for letting the building go to rack and ruin; for 'painting their doors purple' and not applying 'the minor arts of occupation'. Parkhill Flats - the largest listed building in Europe - is undergoing extensive renovation by the trendy developers Urban Splash; so the story of this emblematic building, which Sheffielders love and loathe in equal measure, is still a talking point.
 Maxwell Hutchinson goes back to Parkhill to see the renovation, talk to former residents and find out if the post-war dream of the young architects who designed this colossal building can be revived.
 Produced at BBC Manchester by Lindsay Leonard.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (p0g26wm4)
 Series 2
 The Brontë Sisters
 James Walton chairs the literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Frank Delaney and Harry Ritchie.
 Author of the week: The Brontë Sisters
 Reader: Becky Hindley
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.
WED 14:30 Millport (b0076287)
 Series 2
 Growth
 Bunty's nowhere to be found when an EU official arrives to inspect her vegetables.
 Meanwhile, the rest of Millport is bitten by the fitness bug, but the lack of any sports facilities poses a few logistical problems...
 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/Inspector 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 Love by Ian Curteis (b07w68gg)
 2. Oh Baby
 The adventures of May and Ferdy continue when they discover a baby abandoned on the steps of the rectory.
 Meanwhile, Archdeacon Pocket is making some very personal enquiries as to the nature of their relationship...
 Starring Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Bernard Hepton.
 Another adventure for the senior citizens written by Ian Curteis.
 May Barbara Leigh-Hunt
 Ferdy Bernard Hepton

Merv Phillip Joseph
 Pocket Martin Hyder
 Edna Jennie Stoller
 Elizabeth Helen Ayres
 Tracey Laura Doddington
 Producer: Marc Beeby
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.
WED 15:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m002l3kv)
 Imelda Staunton and Jim Carter
 A series of duologues set in bed performed by actors who are partners in real-life.
 Back at their theatrical digs, two actors have an animated post-mortem about that night's chaotic show....
 Starring Jim Carter and Imelda Staunton.
 Written by Russell Davies.
 Ned.....Jim Carter
 Eva.....Imelda Staunton
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in November 1994.
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WED 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b007k0zr)
 Suzanne
 The Kiwi band's future is threatened when Bret goes on a date.
 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
 Neil Finn
 Emma Kennedy
 Additional Material by Joel Morris.
 Musicians: David Catlin-Birch and Mark Allis
 Producer: Will Saunders
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 2005.
WED 22:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jsrx)
 Series 1
 Scurvy
 The Mastersons set sail across the Atlantic, but there are dangerous sheep lurking in them there waters.
 Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is an improvised historical saga of a family at war with itself.
 Starring:
 Paul Merton
 Josie Lawrence
 Caroline Quentin
 Jim Sweeney
 Phelim McDermott
 Producer: Phil Clarke
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.
WED 23:30 The Haunting (m0000qmt)
 Series 2
 Hosting
 Travel through the bad gateway in this modern ghost story as writer and performer Tom Neenan discovers what horrors lurk in our apps and gadgets.
 In this episode, a podcast has an unwanted guest.
 Modern technology is terrifying. The average smartphone carries out 3.36 billion instructions per second. The average person can only carry out one instruction in that time. Stop and think about that for a second. Sorry, that's two instructions - you won't be able to do that.
 But what if modern technology was literally terrifying?
 What if there really was a ghost in the machine?
 Series of comedy horror stories written by Tom Neenan.
 Tom Tom Neenan
 Heidi Jenny Bede
 William Vincent Franklin
 Dominic Ewan Bailey

Producer: David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.
WED 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00slxyx)
 Episode 2
 Islington-based poet Paul Hamilton meets a fruit linguist, and visits a young offenders institute to demonstrate the rehabilitative powers of poetry.
 Poetry spoof by Kevin Eldon and Stewart Lee.
 Starring Kevin Eldon.
 With:
 Olivia Colman
 Peter Serafinowicz
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

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 Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal
 3. Tarantulas in Trojan Horses
 A mysterious internet hacker is complicating murder inquiries for Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
 There's also a fresh discovery along the Regent's Canal...
 Starring Imelda Staunton.
 Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.
 DSI Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
 Dad Geoffrey Matthews
 DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone
 Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne
 Scuzzy Paul Panting
 Phast Phind Barbara Barnes
 Charmaine Jane Whittenshaw
 Stuart Hillier Geoffrey Whitehead
 Jimmy Kim Wall
 Honest Jack John Hollis
 Mac Alice Arnold
 Surgeon David Timson
 Producer: Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.
THU 06:30 Detective (b03h7yny)
 Series 1
 The Birthday Party - part 2/2
 Detective Inspector Mannock arrives to take charge of investigations into the suspicious gathering of crooks at a swish birthday party.
 Just what is Terry Neale up to?
 Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.
 Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran DS Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as his young sidekick, DC Blair Maxton.
 DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 DI Mannock Maurice Colbourne
 Neale Tony Anholt
 Thorn Alan Lake
 Barman Adrian Egan
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1980.
THU 07:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00b2txd)
 Series 1
 1. Goodbye Gregory
 The late Gregory Patterson was a stalwart of the Roman Catholic Parishioners.
 But how will Mrs Patterson cope now with her headstrong daughter, Barbara?
 How will young Robert face up to his new responsibilities?
 Surely football-crazy priest Father Benedict can help?
 A six-part black comedy by Martin Davies
 Father Benedict.....Desmond Barrit
 Mrs Patterson.....Brenda Blethyn
 Robert Patterson.....Paul Parris

Charlotte Coleman.....Barbara Patterson
 Martino Lazzeri.....Guy Entwistle
 Mr Plant.....Gordon Reid
 Andy.....Mark Straker
 Janet.....Claire Skinner
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1993.
THU 07:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)
 Series 3
 The Clock
 Gerald and Diana hear some bumps in the night.
 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:
 Douglas Blackwell
 Patricia Hughes
 Written by Basil Boothroyd.
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1979.
THU 08:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b0610l82)
 Series 2
 Alcohol
 Comedian Simon Evans returns with a series about the economics of some of the goods - or bads - we are addicted to.
 If you crave your daily coffee, can't get by without a cigarette, feel that mid-afternoon slump without your sugar-fix, or can't face an evening without a glass of wine, you are definitely not alone.
 But have you ever thought about the economics that has made your addiction possible? Who does it profit? And would you want to make some canny investments that take advantage of our human weaknesses?
 Simon walks us around the economics, history and health issues behind these oh-so-addictive commodities - and pokes fun at our relationship with them.
 With economics guru, More Or Less host Tim Harford and Queen of investment know-how, Merryn Somerset-Webb.
 Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton.
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.
THU 08:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam Nicolson (b010nrtr)
 4. Setbacks and Struggles
 Adam Nicolson reads from his account of his family home and his vision for its future.
 Nicolson's ambitious plans for the return of Sissinghurst to a productive farm encounter suspicion and opposition.
 Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.
 Produced by Sara Davies.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
THU 08:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072n5x9)
 9. Secret
 Has St John discovered Jane's secret?
 Charlotte Bronte's most beloved novel dramatised by Rachel Joyce.
 Jane Amanda Hale
 St John George Watkins
 Mary Rebecca Hamilton
 Diana Katie Redford
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
THU 09:00 Please Use Other Door (m0014g0j)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 A series of sketches in which someone is forced to watch Succession, a man applies for a business loan for a company whose aim is doing evil and a woman dates the Pied Piper.
 Performed by:
 Gabby Best
 Will Hartley
 Chris Ryman
 Rebecca Shorrocks
 Witney White
 Toby Williams
 Written by Kat Butterfield and Dan Audritt, Sophie Dickson, Laura Major, Rob Darke, Alex Nash and Sam South, Ed Amsden and Tom Coles, Cody Dahler, Toby Williams, Ed Tew, Anna Goodman, Imogen Andrews, Matt Harrison, Carwyn Blayney, Natasha Dhanraj, Alice Etches and Nathalie Antonia, Chris Ryman, Simon Alcock, Leigh Douglas, Chazz Redhead, Paul F Taylor, Jo Wiggins, Cameron Loxdale, Lewis Cook, Owen Petty, Tom Oxenham, Rebecca Heitlinger and Bill Dare.
 Produced and created by Bill Dare.
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022.
THU 09:30 Mythical Creatures (m001tj0y)
 4. Redcaps
 Fantasy writer Rhianna Pratchett takes us across an enchanted British Isles to discover mythical creatures that lurk in all corners of the land. She uncovers what they can tell us about our history, our world and our lives today.
 In this episode, Rhianna tentatively heads to Scotland, in search of a small but vicious castle-dweller that soaks its cap in its

victims' blood – The Redcap.
She explores why stories of such violent creatures originated in a region with its own turbulent past, and finds out how their use has shifted over time.
Storyteller: Graeme Johncock
Contributors: Icy Sedgwick, David C. Weinczok
Additional Voiceover: Neil Hutchinson
Presenter: Rhianna Pratchett
Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison
Original Music by Ben MacDougall
Sound Design: John Scott
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2023.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m00213vn)
Lost and Found: The Parable of the Good Samaritan
Through conversations with Christian musicians across genres, Radio 1 and 1Xtra presenter Swarzy explores favourite Parables of Jesus – those memorable teachings that convey a powerful spiritual message through relatable stories.
Swarzy chats to Christian rapper Still Shadey about the parable that most resonates with him – the Good Samaritan.
Reading: Luke **10:25-37**
Presenter: Swarzy Shire with Still Shadey
Music: Order my steps – Still Shadey and Melodees from Heaven
Lift your name – Still Shadey
Spiritual Sense – Still Shadey and DC3
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00764gb)
HG Wells
Author Fay Weldon proposes the writer and visionary HG Wells.
Presented by Humphrey Carpenter.
Expert witness: Biographer, Vincent Brome, who met Wells and many of his mistresses.
Biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life.
Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life?
Producer: Miles Warde
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
THU 10:30 A Call from Joybubbles (b08hlnjq)
In the 1960s and 70s, a whole subculture of teenagers – many of them blind – became fascinated by the United States phone system.
They spent their time finding ingenious ways to hack into it and make the network do things that not even the phone company could have imagined. They were known as the phone phreaks.
This is the story of a love affair with the phone network and of the precocious teens who outwitted and explored it. It's also the story of the genius at the centre of that subculture.
Producer: Jeremy Grange
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.
THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007j18k)
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THU 11:30 Detective (b03h7yny)
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THU 12:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00b2txd)
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THU 12:30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C Potter (b007jzss)
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THU 14:00 Counterpoint (b04lpxx5)
Series 28
Heat 5, 2014
Russell Davies hosts the wide-ranging general knowledge music quiz.
The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.
The fifth trio of competitors are in Media City, Salford for Heat 5 of the 2014 series.
* Bill Cawley from Leek in Staffordshire
* Diane Hallagan from Leeds
* David Thompson from Ulverston
Producer: Paul Bajoria
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.
THU 14:30 HR (b00hv33d)
Series 1
A Role-Play
Peter discovers that he has to reapply for his own job. But he's not the only one...
Nigel Williams's comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.
Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas Le Prevost
Director: Peter Cavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.
THU 15:00 Love by Ian Curteis (b07w9jx5)
3. Making Headlines
The adventures of May and Ferdy continue when potential scandal comes a-calling.
Starring Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Bernard Hepton.

Another adventure for the senior citizens written by Ian Curteis.
May Barbara Leigh-Hunt
Ferdy Bernard Hepton
Merv Phillip Joseph
Pocket Martin Hyder
Edna Jennie Stoller
Elizabeth Helen Ayres
Tracey Laura Doddington
Producer: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.
THU 15:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m00213vr)
Dame Judi Dench and Michael Williams
A series of 15-minute plays set in bed, with real-life couples cast as couples.
Sal and Ian are finding it difficult to sleep as they travel down from Edinburgh. Their trip has gone well, but what exactly have they been doing?
Written by Russell Davies
Sal.....Judi Dench
Ian.....Michael Williams
Producer Jonathan James-Moore
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 1994.
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THU 20:30 HR (b00hv33d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 Love by Ian Curteis (b07w9jx5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 21:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m00213vr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
THU 22:00 Call Jonathan Pie (p0f5yhj3)
5. Online
Pie's agent advises him to get on social media to help him garner a younger fan base. Out of his comfort zone, Pie soon gains a troll... the mysterious Mr 'O'. Who could that be?
Meanwhile, Roger asks Sam to help him clean up his work laptop because it's full of evidence of Roger's 'extracurricular activities'. The revelations about Roger are matched by what the team finds out about Jules. Probably too much information all round.
Jonathan Pie Tom Walker
Jules Lucy Pearman
Sam Aqib Khan
Roger Nick Revell
Agent Daniel Abelson
Special guest... James O'Brien
Voiceovers Bob Sinfield and Rob Curling
Callers ... Cole Anderson-James, Sarah Gabriel, Ed Kear, Thanyia Moore,
Writer Tom Walker
Additional material Sarah Gabriel
Script Editor Nick Revell
Producers Alison Vernon-Smith and Julian Mayers
Production Coordinator Ellie Dobing
Original music composed by Jason Read.
Additional music Leighton James House.
A Yada-Yada Audio Production.
THU 22:30 iGOD (b00x9xb8)
Procrastination
A parallel Earth is obliterated when a lazy Ian decides to take the afternoon off.
We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms every day.
iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as pointless as moisturising an elephant's elbow.
Starring David Soul and Simon Day.
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 episode, a different parallel world is accidentally wiped out by an ordinary bloke called Ian (Simon Day).
With a full range of sound effects and wonderfully funny and surreal twists, iGOD is an aural extravaganza.
Ian Simon Day
The Narrator David Soul
Also starring:
Rosie Cavaliero

Alex MacQueen
Dan Tetsell
Written by Sean Gray.
Producer: Simon Nicholls
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.
THU 22:45 Ivor Cutler - A Stuggy Pren (b00cq9n1)
Episode 3
Ivor Cutler concocts a lyrical kirmash of songs, stories and poems.
With:
Renowned linguist Dylan Edwards
Phonetic thinker Alison O'Kill
Producer: Neil Cargill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1994.
THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002lgwn)
Nigel Planer 4/4
Two hours of comedy, every night from **10pm**. Tonight, Jon Holmes wraps up his four-part conversation with Nigel Planer.
THU 23:00 Date Night (m0002z4w)
Series 1
Episode 1
DATE NIGHT, noun: A pre-arranged occasion when a couple who have been together for a long time commit to a regular night out in order to keep their relationship alive.
Semi-improvised comedy show in which a series of couples are desperately trying to keep their relationship functioning by creating a weekly date night intervention.
For some, the relationship is already broken, for others it's their pre-emptive strike in the hope of new-found longevity.
More often than not, the stakes are high, involving children, careers and homes.
Written, semi-improvised and performed by:
Richard/Barry/Patrick/Terry Marc Wootton
Maddy Katherine Parkinson
Terri Catherine Tate
Rita Ellie White
Carol Monica Dolan
Narrator Fi Glover
Producer: Anna Madley
A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2019.
THU 23:30 Hair in the Gate (b007k3t3)
Series 1
Episode 4
The TV arts show team schmooze Hollywood royalty at the Cannes Film Festival. Stars Harriet Thorpe. From October 1993.
Sitcom set in the glitzy world of TV arts show 'Art'ing About'.
Written by Clive Coleman and Andy Parsons
Starring:
Harriet Thorpe
Lorelei King
Forbes Masson
Geoffrey Whitehead
Alistair McGowan
Geraldine Fitzgerald
David Holt
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 in October 1993.

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FRI 05:00 Love by Ian Curteis (b07w9jx5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m00213vr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007j18k)
Julie Enfield Investigates: The Net and the Canal
4. Beyond the Firewall
Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield thinks she's moving closer to a solving the murder mystery.
However, her internet tormentor has other ideas...
Starring Imelda Staunton.

Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.

DSI Julie Enfield Imeloa Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

DS Lawrence Evans Ross Livingstone

Goodfellow Denys Hawthorne

Scuzzy Paul Panting

Phast Phind Barbara Barnes

Charmaine Jane Whittenshaw

Jimmy Kim Wall

Simons Keith Drinkel

Mac Alice Arnold

Surgeon David Timson

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996.

FRI 06:30 Detective (b03h828w)

Series 1

The Coming Out Present

A newly paroled villain becomes involved in a security raid.

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook sees a way to settle an old score.

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran DS Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as his young sidekick, DC Blair Maxton.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Moody Michael McClain

Chief Insp. Roach David Daker

Harry Dean George Tovey

Collar James Cosmo

Barmaid Jenny Twigge

Ryan Harry Towb

Ross Paul Angelis

Brennan Alan Barry

Police Officer Trevor Cooper

Police Officer Michael McStay

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1980.

FRI 07:00 The Sit Crom (b00mbc2k)

Night Exercises

With the sovereign set for a visit, confusion reigns in Lady

Anne's bedchamber.

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

Slow Ned Chris Emmett

Gazebo Fogg Jack Klaff

Posthumous Nicky Henson

Counter Tenor Peter Hayward

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

FRI 07:30 The Likely Lads (m00212ct)

Series 2

Friends and Neighbours

Terry's grandad causes problems for Bob when he moves into

the neighbourhood. Bob's new girlfriend's parents are not

impressed...

Bob Ferris Rodney Bewes

Terry Collier James Bolam

Grandad Bert Palmer

Mrs Perrin Noel Dyson

Mr Perrin Glenn Melvyn

Lorna Angela Lovell

The second series of Dick Clements and Ian La Frenais'

television scripts adapted for radio by one of the programme's

stars, James Bolam.

The two series of radio adaptations are harvested from all three

television series, which were broadcast on BBC1 from 1964 to

1966.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.

FRI 08:00 Quanderhorn (b0b86qzl)

The Quanderhorn Xperimentations

Mummy! My Donkey's Head Is Exploding

Professor Quanderhorn and his crew are about to have their

spacecraft shredded like a savoy cabbage by a massive

gravitational wave. Only Martian hostage Guuuurk can save

them.

But will the self-declared 'miserable coward and despicable

turncoat' risk his life and even his very sanity by mind-leaping

into Quanderhorn's son, Troy, a half-insectoid, touted as 'a

major breakthrough in Artificial Stupidity'.

Meanwhile, behind the Post Office in the nearby village, a

glowing, throbbing meteorite is exuding a strange influence on

the local inhabitants.

When Dr Janussen, Guuuurk, Troy and even Quanderhorn

himself appear to be possessed by an alien intelligence, Brian is

faced with a perilous dilemma.

And who is that peculiar hot chestnut seller, who bears a

startling resemblance to Prime Minister Churchill?

Professor Quanderhorn James Fleet

Brian Nylon Ryan Sampson

Dr Gemini Janussen Cassie Layton

Guuurk ... Kevin Eldon

Troy Quanderhorn Freddie Fox

Winston Churchill/Jenkins John Sessions

Synthetic Voice Rachel Atkins

Music by Peter Brewis.

Created and written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall.

Director: Andrew Marshall

Producers: Rob Grant and Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

July 2018.

FRI 08:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam

Nicolson (b010nxrw)

5. The Way Forward

Adam Nicolson reads his account of growing up in a National

Trust treasure and his ambitious vision for its future.

Nicolson must now convince the people who work at

Sissinghurst to back his plans to return the estate to the working

landscape he knew as a boy.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.

Produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

FRI 08:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072n8dz)

10. Decisions

Jane has to make a decision but what should she do. As the

pressure from St John grows, Jane pleads for more time.

Charlotte Bronte's most beloved novel dramatised by Rachel

Joyce.

Jane Amanda Hale

Rochester Tom Burke

St John George Watkins

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

FRI 09:00 It's a Fair Cop (m000vrj4)

Series 6

2. Malicious Communication

Policeman turned stand-up Alfie Moore takes an audience

through real-life crime scenarios. This week, Alfie investigates

at what point unwanted feedback becomes criminal. How much

do we have a right to be protected from the criticisms of

others? This week's real case involves a vicar who has been

receiving some hate mail...

Written and presented by Alfie Moore

Script editor: Will Ing

Production co-ordinator: Beverly Tagg

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Studios Production.

First transmitted in May 2021.

FRI 09:30 Mythical Creatures (m001tjlc)

5. Mermaids

Fantasy writer Rhianna Pratchett takes us across an enchanted

British Isles to discover mythical creatures that lurk in all

corners of the land. She uncovers what they can tell us about

our history, our world and our lives today.

Rhianna is on the trail of one of her favourite mythical

creatures - the mermaid. She visits Conwy in North Wales, the

scene of a mermaid's curse, and dives into a myriad of salty

tales. Rhianna hears how the meaning and representation of

mermaids has changed throughout history and how the mermaid

can speak to the environmental movement in the 21st century.

Storyteller: Ffion Phillips

Contributor: Professor Sarah Peverley

Presenter: Rhianna Pratchett

Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison

Executive Producer: Mel Harris

Production Manager: Nikki Cannon

Original Music by Ben MacDougall

Sound Design and Mixing: John Scott

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

December 2023.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m00212cx)

Lost and Found: The Parables

Through conversations with Christian musicians across genres,

Radio 1 and 1Xtra presenter Swarzy explores favourite Parables

of Jesus - those memorable teachings that convey a powerful

spiritual message through relatable stories. From West End star

Rachel John to rapper Still Shadey - Swarzy finds out which

parables are most relevant to them as they navigate their lives in

the world as Christians.

Presenter: Swarzy Shire

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b0b0v37m)

Series 26

True Colors

'Your true colors... are beautiful, like a rainbow...'

Billy Steinberg's lyrics were originally inspired by his mother

but his songwriting partner Tom Kelly recognised its universal

appeal and with a slight rewrite, it became the song that Cyndi

Lauper made famous the world over.

Growing up in a small town in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Ken

Kidd could never truly be himself. Watching Cyndi Lauper

perform True Colors on MTV showed him that it was OK to be

his authentic self. Years later he describes his pride at watching

the Rainbow Flag being raised above the Stonewall National

Monument as he and other LGBTQ campaigners sang that same

song.

Lesley Pyne learnt to sing 'True Colors' with her local choir. It's

a song that resonated with her more than she had ever expected.

After six attempts at IVF, Lesley had to come to terms with the

knowledge that she wouldn't be able to have children. It wasn't

easy. It has taken years of digging deep to work through the

grief, but now she helps others to find their true colours and

firmly believes that they can be beautiful, like a rainbow.

And in 1999, Caroline Paige, a jet and helicopter navigator in

the Royal Air Force, became the first ever openly serving

transgender officer in the British military. She rose above the

extraordinary challenges placed before her to show her 'True

Colors' whilst serving her country on the front line in the war on

terror.

Featuring songwriter Billy Steinberg and music from The Rock

Choir.

Producer: Nicola Humphries

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2018.

FRI 10:30 The Matinee: The Creation of a Theatrical

Institution (b00xgc64)

Ned Sherrin investigates the lore and history of matinée

performances in theatres.

Featuring:

* June Whitfield

* Donald Sinden

* Sandy Wilson

* John Moffatt

* Joanna Riding

* Vivienne Gardner

* Sandy Wilson

* Michael Codron

* Mark Sinden

Producer: Philippa Ritchie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jl8s)

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FRI 11:30 Detective (b03h828w)

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FRI 12:00 The Sit Crom (b00mbc2k)

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FRI 12:30 The Likely Lads (m00212ct)

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Nicolson (b010nxrw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (b072n8dz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 Whispers (b007k2sf)

Series 3

Episode 2

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind

and slander at its heart.

Joining team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run

the gauntlet of gossip:

Richard Herring

Louise Doughty

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

FRI 14:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00906d7)

Series 3

Episode 3

Change is in the air when Amanda and Richard get happily

engaged.

But when Lucy and Daniel opt to change their lives, Lucy

resolves not to tell anyone.

What Daniel hasn't told Lucy is that he can't keep a secret...

Starring David Tennant and Elizabeth Carling.

David Spicer's comedy drama about modern life and

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

parents.

Daniel David Tennant

Lucy Liz Carling

Katie Tracy-Ann Oberman

Andy Tony Gardner

Amanda Nasreen Hussain

Richard Dave Lamb

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 The Matinee: The Creation of a Theatrical Institution (b00xgc64)

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FRI 20:30 Double Income, No Kids Yet (b00906d7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Love by Ian Curteis (b07w9x0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m002l2cz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (m000vrj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b01hxy6)

Series 2

Junk Mail

Tom takes issue with his local curry house and their addiction to delivering junk mail.

Tom also tracks the development of advertising and marketing - a development trajectory which has now led us to the rather ridiculous stage where we can be 'Facebook friends' with Jacob's Crackers.

Award-winning comedian Tom Wrigglesworth delivers another open letter.

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth, James Kettle and Miles Jupp.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.

FRI 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01d51th)

Series 1

With David O'Doherty

Comedian Alex Horne and his 5-piece band give us a Latin lesson as they ponder the language that unifies us all.

Special guest: David O'Doherty takes us for a noisy ride in the 'quiet carriage'.

The Band:

Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland

Saxophone/clarinet Mark Brown

Double Bass/Bass Will Collier

Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds

Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

FRI 23:30 Radio Active (b008gdb7)

Series 3

Probe Round the Back

Radio Active's regular analysis programme, Probe, takes a look behind-the-scenes at Britain's first national local radio station.

Starring:

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. With Jon Canter, Moray Hunter and John Docherty.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1983.