

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2025**SAT 00:00 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 song writing partner Tom Kelly recognised its universal appeal.

With a slight re-write, 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 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.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (b007j8s)

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 Imelda Staunton

Dad Geoffrey Whitehead

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.

SAT 01:30 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 side-kick, 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

Collator 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.

SAT 02:00 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 Morrison

Mercy, alias Melissa Miriam Margoyles

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.

SAT 02:30 The Likely Lads (m0021ct)

Series 2

Friends and Neighbours

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

The parents of Bob's new girlfriend are not impressed...

Starring James Bolam and Rodney Bewes.

Created and written for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais.

Adapted for BBC Radio by James Bolam.

Bob Ferris Rodney Bewes

Terry Collier James Bolam

Grandad Bert Palmer

Mrs Perrin Noel Dyson

Mr Perrin Glenn Melvyn

Lorna Angela Lovell

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.

Our warm thanks go to the Radio Circle for returning the audio to the BBC.

SAT 03:00 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 Guuurk 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, Guuurk, 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.

SAT 03:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam Nicolson (b010nxrw)

5. The Way Forward

Adam must now convince the workers at Sissinghurst to back his plans to return the estate to the working landscape he knew as a boy.

Adam Nicolson concludes his account of growing up in a

National Trust treasure and his ambitious vision for its future.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

SAT 03:45 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.

Conclusion of 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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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 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.

SAT 05:00 Love by Ian Curteis (b07w9x0c)

4. Burglary and Baked Beans

Ferdy and May decide to go on a painting holiday to Wales.

But they soon find themselves trapped in an adventure involving burglary and baked beans.

Starring Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Bernard Hepton.

Another adventure for the senior citizens written by Ian Curteis.

Ferdy Bernard Hepton

May Barbara Leigh Hunt

Elizabeth Helen Ayres

Edna Jennie Stoller

Humphrey John Baddeley

Talbot Stephen Critchlow

WPC Margaretson ... Carla Simpson

Imogen Priyanga Elan

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

SAT 05:45 Are You Still Awake? by Russell Davies (m00212cz)

Diana Quick and Bill Nighy

Last of a series of duologues set in bed performed by actors who are partners in real-life.

Stealing away from an overnight sitting at the House, a member of parliament just has time to pop back to the flat - and the marital bed.

Starring Diana Quick and Bill Nighy.

Written by Russell Davies

Thelma.....Diana Quick

Neville.....Bill Nighy

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 1994.

SAT 06:00 The Monk (m002ld75)

Ambrosio is a charismatic monk, who draws enormous, rapturous crowds to his sermons.

But in 16th century Madrid where superstition reigns with such despotic sway, to seek for true devotion would be fruitless.

An anxious and reluctant novice nun comes to understand more of the real passions unveiled in this Gothic tale of disguise, abduction, murder and incest.

Starring Michael Pennington, Allan McClelland and Sorcha Cusack.

Allan McClelland's drama is based on Matthew Lewis's novel 'The Monk: A Romance', first published in 1796

The Monk, Ambrosio ... Michael Pennington

The Demon Allan McClelland

Rosario/Matilda ... Sorcha Cusack

Agnes Jenny Funnell

Antonia Emily Morgan

Lorenzo Christopher Douglas

Christoval Brian Smith

Raymond Simon Hewitt

Prioress Anne Jameson

Elvira Tessa Worsley

Father Pablos Alan Thompson

Mother Camilla/Virginia Melinda Walker

Leonella Mary Wimbush

Flora Mia Soteriou

With:

Garard Green

Graham Blockey

Peter Acre

David Learner

Bernard Brown

Music composed and performed by David Chilton and Mia Soteriou.

Director: Michael Heffernan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1985.

SAT 08:00 A Day Like Sunday by Colin Finbow (m002ld77)

It is a sunless Sunday before a Bank Holiday.

As Arthur Blake's small daughter Alison buries him in the sand, he examines what is good in his life...

People reveal themselves to us, and to themselves, within the framework of a Sunday outing, and although we leave them with a question-mark, we know that the simple events of the day have changed their lives, if only covertly.

Starring Robert Hardy and Vivien Merchant

Written by Colin Finbow.

Arthur Robert Hardy

Angela, his wife Vivien Merchant
Alison, their daughter Cherie Lunghi
The Boy Gerald Rowland
Deckchair-man Nigel Clayton
With:
Garard Green
Alan Haines
Producer: Charles Lefeaux
First broadcast on BBC Network Three in July 1965.

Actor Robert Hardy is the latest to join BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100 Club.
Born on 29th October 1925, he died aged 91 in 2017.
SAT 09:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002ld79)
Series 3
A Leaving Do
The dear ladies throw a leaving do for Evadne's over-critical mother.
But will she take the hint?
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 August 1979.
SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (b00vs1tc)
Series 3
Episode 5
Kenneth Horne goes backstage in Theatreland - and 'Hornerrama' investigates holidays.
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 (m0014yhb)
Satire and Sitcoms
1. Round the Horne
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.
Recorded before a studio audience in the iconic BBC Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House - the home of British radio comedy.
In the first of three programmes, our foursome travel back to the golden years of 1960s and 70s to celebrate the satire boom and to trace the development of sitcoms both here and abroad.
Featuring:
* ROUND THE HORNE
Series 4 (9/16)
Kenneth Horne blasts off boldly in 'Journey to Uranus', a ditty from Rambling Sid Rumpo and 'Bona Books' with Julian and Sandy. From 1968.
Starring Kenneth Horne, Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden.
Plus extracts from:
Beyond the Fringe
Aftermyth of War
Till Death Us Do Part
Sadly Beryl Vertue passed away, aged 90, in 2022.
Series Producers: Paul Kobrak and Dixi Stewart
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2017.
SAT 11:00 The Monk (m002ld75)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 13:00 A Day Like Sunday by Colin Finbow (m002ld77)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 14:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002ld79)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (b00vs1tc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 15:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0014yhb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury (b016k89p)
Set in 1960's Illinois, USA: this is the story of two boys, and the evil that grips their small Midwestern town with the arrival of a "dark carnival" one Autumn midnight.
James Nightshade and William Halloway are two innocents, both aged 13.
Will was born one minute before Halloween, and Jim one minute after.
Both save the souls of the town - as well as their own.
Starring Theo Gregory and Joseph Lindsay.
Ray Bradbury's gem of modern Gothic literature, first published in 1962
Dramatised by Diana Griffiths
Will Theo Gregory
Jim Joseph Lindsay
Charlie Henry Goodman
Mr Dark Kenneth Cranham
Mr Coogar Gerard McDermott
Lightening Rod Salesman Gerard McDermott
Miss Foley Barbara Barnes
Dust Witch Buffy Davis
Robert Taran Stanzler
Young Miss Foley Amelia Clarkson
JED Ethan Brooke
Music composed by David Paul Jones
Sound by Paul Cargill
Director: Pauline Harris
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.
SAT 17:00 The Monk (m002ld75)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 19:00 A Day Like Sunday by Colin Finbow (m002ld77)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
SAT 20:00 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m002ld79)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (b00vs1tc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 The Real Comedy Controllers: The Things That Made Us Laugh (m0014yhb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Boosh (b007jnhj)
Tundra
Bad-tempered zoo boss Bob Fossil has a couple of assignments for his star zookeepers.
He's sending Vince to Spain to find a friend for the zoo's lonely prawn, and he's sending Howard to the Arctic, just for the sake of it
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
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 (m000z6dd)
Series 10
Deborah Frances White
Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.
In this episode, comedian, writer and podcaster Deborah Frances White reads from her teenage diaries.
She talks about growing up as a Jehovah's Witness - can her conversion be linked to the moment she wasn't picked for the Inter-School Dance Competition?
Producer: Harriet Jaime
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.
SAT 23:00 Domestic Science (b07krkh0)
Series 1
Episode 1
A heady combination of maths, science and comedy.
Hosted by Festival of The Spoken Nerd trio:
Stand up Mathematician - Matt Parker
Physicist - Steve Mould
Physicist and musician - Helen Arney.
It's science that you can play along with at home as the team look at domestic phenomena that we relate to on a day to day basis.
In this opening episode, the Shepard tone is explored along with the radioactivity of bananas and the conductivity of bones.
Producer: Julia McKenzie
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.
SAT 23:15 Influencers (m001q0xz)
Series 1
1. Gratitude
Ruth and Carla are a pair of online influencers.
They worry about company finances, plotting their next big move to give their shared business a boost and desperately thinking of things to add to their new Gratitude Diary.
They are bound together by a carefully controlled image that can lead to lucrative product placements and well-paid

endorsements - but only if the PR is playing just right.
And that's a problem - because, behind-the-scenes, things are not always as harmonious as they seem.
Written by and starring Katy Brand and Katherine Parkinson
Carla ... Katy Brand
Ruth ... Katherine Parkinson
Producer: Liz Anstee
A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2023.
SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b0092j13)
Series 4
Richard Wilson Interviews Arabella Weir
TV's famous grumpy pensioner passes the baton to the Fast Show gal in the relay chat show.
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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 March 2008.

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SUN 00:00 Dracula by Bram Stoker (m002ld7c)
Dark re-imagining of Bram Stoker's disturbing vampire tale of horror.
Nicky Henson stars as Count Dracula.
An all action adventure story, with ghosts, ghouls, lunatics, and seriously gripping chase sequences.
Narrated by various characters with different 'takes' on the progress of the story.
A thrilling ride through the dark psyche of Victorian England.
Omnibus of two-parts dramatised by Rebecca Lenkiewicz.
Count Dracula Nicky Henson
Dr Seward Charles Edwards
Renfield Don Gilet
Jonathan Harker Michael Shelford
Mina Murray Ellie Kendrick
Lucy Westenra Scarlett Brooks
Dr Van Helsing John Dougall
Arthur Joe Sims
Landlord's Wife/Maid Christine Absalom
Driver/Policeman Robert Blythe
Simmons Patrick Brennan
Vampiresses Sarah Thom/Elle Crook/Stephanie Racine
Child Harper Bone
Singer Adriana Festeu
Director: Jessica Dromgoole.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.
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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002lf99)
Celebrity Traitors
Alan Carr
Comedian Alan Carr is castaway by Lauren Laverne.
The award-winning comedian, writer and TV presenter is known for his love of silliness, dressing up and camp daftness.
His stand-up shows have filled arenas, and on TV he co-hosted the Friday Night Project and then his own show - Chatty Man.
Alan was born into a footballing family – his dad, Graham, was a professional player and then a manager. Alan first tried his hand at comedy while reading Theatre Studies at Middlesex University.
After he graduated, he took on a range of jobs before his ability to make friends laugh with his stories of working in a call centre in Manchester led him to try stand-up at a local venue.
Alan and his partner Paul were married in 2018 by Adele - who also organised the wedding, and paid for it.
In 2025, Alan is one of the contestants in BBC TV's Celebrity Traitors.....
DISC ONE: Aretha Franklin - Sister from Texas
DISC TWO: Donna Summer - Last Dance
DISC THREE: Prince - If I Was Your Girlfriend
DISC FOUR: Jon Secada - Just Another Day
DISC FIVE: Shirley Bassey - Excuse Me
DISC SIX: Adele - Melt My Heart to Stone
DISC SEVEN: Roberta Flack - Do What You Gotta Do
DISC EIGHT: Peggy Lee - Is That All There Is
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Peggy Lee - Is That All There Is
BOOK CHOICE: Argos Catalogue
LUXURY CHOICE: Foam roller

Producer: Cathy Drysdale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yz55m)
Series 2
Charnia
David Attenborough has always been fascinated by fossils; even as a boy he'd spend many hours exploring the local quarry near his home in Leicestershire.
Near the family home was a forest he visited frequently, but he didn't hunt for fossils there. He thought the rocks were too old to have any postcards of early life embedded in their layers.
But he was wrong - those rocks harboured a wonderful secret - a secret that would rattle the cages of the big thinkers of the time and would change the story of life on earth forever....
Written and presented by Sir David Attenborough.
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002lf9c)
Poetry Please - Gothic Poetry
Daljit Nagra ties in with the BBC's Gothic season and selects Poetry Please - Gothic Poetry from the BBC's poetry archive.
Roger McGough introduces an eerie selection of gothic poetry from Edgar Allen Poe, Sylvia Plath, Christina Rossetti and Percy Shelley.
With archive recordings from Sir John Gielgud and Robert Donat
Plus readings by Ariyon Bakare, Jasmine Hyde, Clive Swift and Shirley Henderson.
Producer Sally Heaven.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
SUN 07:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam Nicolson (Omniibus) (m002lf9f)
"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."
Adam Nicolson's grandparents, Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, bought Sissinghurst Castle in the Weald of Kent in 1930.
They turned its grounds into one of Britain's best-loved gardens.
Adam reads his own account of growing up there, and his vision of how to manage its future.
Omniibus of five parts abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.
Producer: Sara Davies
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001bk8b)
Louis Theroux
TV documentary maker and author Louis Theroux chooses 'Janie Jones' by The Clash and 'Sha-La-La (Make Me Happy)' by Al Green.
SUN 08:50 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omniibus) (b073bkpx)
Episode 2
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.
A fantastic mix of injustice, romance, passion and danger wrapped up in a glorious love story.
Omniibus of the last five of ten parts dramatised by Rachel Joyce.
Jane Amanda Hale
Rochester Tom Burke
Mrs Fairfax Susan Jameson
Bertha Tracy Wiles
Mason Ewan Bailey
Priest Gerard McDermott
Grace Poole Debra Baker
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.
SUN 10:00 Frankie Howerd (b007jn0j)
Series 4
Episode 6
The King of Titters is filled with the muse and reads some ditties - and battles giant animals in a spoof thriller.
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
Music from the Boston Barbers
Producer: John Browell
First broadcast in BBC Radio 2 in November 1975.
SUN 10:30 Mind Your Own Business! (m002lf9h)
Series 2
Hell Hath No Fury
Jimmy is trying to launch a new product - a mobile phone - and is Nan Forbes simply irreplaceable?
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
Greta Norma Ronald
Sue Plant Annee Blott
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1989.
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SUN 16:00 Haunted (b01qyswf)
The Grey Ones, by JB Priestley
A patient fears evil is at work in the shape of a sinister conspiracy.
Will his psychiatrist be able to help?
JB Priestley's creepy tale dramatised by Patricia Mays.
Patson Tony Britton
Dr Smith Jack May
Producer: Derek Hodnott
Director: Martin Williamson
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in July 1983.
SUN 16:30 Ringing the Changes by Robert Aickman (b0075yw2)
"Gerald had told Phryne that if they were to marry in June they couldn't honeymoon until October. He was all too aware of the perils of marrying a girl 24 years younger than himself, to add to them by taking a conventional honeymoon."
When Gerald and Phryne arrive at their destination, it's a curiously deserted seaside resort.
The church bells ring ... and ring.... and ring.
A chilling Hallowe'en special written by Robert Aickman.
Dramatised by Jeremy Dyson and Mark Gatiss.
Gerald George Baker
Phryne Fiona Allen
Narrator / Mr Pascoe Mark Gatiss
Commandant Shortcroft Michael Cochrane
Mrs Pascoe Barbara Shelley
Music: Joby Talbot.
Special sound design by 02
Director Pauline Harris
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SUN 19:50 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (Omniibus) (b073bkpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 Frankie Howerd (b007jn0j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 Mind Your Own Business! (m002lf9h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Fabulous (m000gtjm)
Series 2
Episode 2
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?
Life should be entertaining with a speed dating event at the office...
Starring Daisy Haggard.
Written by Lucy Clarke.
With:
Katy Brand
Stephen Critchlow
Justin Edwards
Mel Hudson
Joanna Neary
John Rowe
Jo Scanlan
Laura Solon
Dan Starkey
Ann Reid

Children:
Bradley Ford
Renee Clark
Chelsea Jabbau
Music by Osmyso.
Producer: Simon Nicholls
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.
SUN 22:30 Rum Bunch (b08nqkrp)
World's End on Sea
Justin Edwards, Mel Giedroyc and Dave Mounfield have been invited by the Mayor of seaside town World's End on Sea to perform a hair-raising tribute to Houdini.
Justin's invited the "nicest woman in showbiz", Rebecca Front, to join them. But he's unaware of history between Mel and Rebecca, dating back to them appearing on Celebrity Supermarket Sweep.
It turns out that Justin also doesn't know much about Houdini - believing him to be an Italian woman. Luckily Dave, fearing the show may be a disaster causing him to miss out on the free lighter promised by the Mayor, is on hand to rewrite the play.
Mel persuades Rebecca to perform a radio first, a recreation of one of Houdini's most daring stunts. But will the truth of what really happened on Supermarket Sweep ever be revealed?
Will the show restore the fortunes of the once fashionable seaside town? Will Dave get his free lighter?
Starring:
Justin Edwards
Mel Giedroyc
Dave Mounfield
With Rebecca Front.
House band: Jason Hazeley and David Reed - The Penny Dreadfuls.
Producer: Jim North
A Top Dog production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017 .
SUN 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (m000twhp)
Series 8
Instalment 4
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 is on - Hurricane Season.
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 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002lgy7)
Doug Naylor 1/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Laura Lexx chats to Red Dwarf co-creator Doug Naylor.
SUN 23:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b007ynmg)
Series 1
Episode 4
After getting a job at a supermarket, Tom finally proposes to Sadie, but first he must ask her father for permission.
Tom's 'imaginary' band get in on the act. Will it all end with a song and a dance?
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
Melody Emma Clarke
Songs: Andrew McGibbon. Nick Romero and Suggs
Director: Chris Neill
Producers: Torquill MacLeod, Julian Mayers and Andrew McGibbon.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2025

MON 00:00 Haunted (b01qyswf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 Ringing the Changes by Robert Aickman (b0075yw2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002lf99)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yz55m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002lf9c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Sissinghurst: An Unfinished History by Adam Nicolson (OmniBus) (m002lf9f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001bk8b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (OmniBus) (b073bkpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Frankie Howard (b007jn0j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Mind Your Own Business! (m002lf9h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jlw5)
Hercule Poirot - Murder in Mesopotamia
1. Visions
Amy Leatheran has never felt the lure of the mysterious East. But when she travels to an ancient site deep in the Iraqi desert to nurse the wife of a celebrated archaeologist; events prove stranger than she could ever have imagined.
Her patient's bizarre visions and nervous terror seem unfounded, but as the oppressive tension in the air thickens, events come to a terrible climax - in murder...
Agatha Christie's whodunnit in a tale of angst and archaeology. Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.
From the book first published in 1936 and dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.
Hercule Poirot John Moffatt
Louise Leidner Dorothy Tutin
Dr Leidner William Franklyn
Amy Leatheran Becky Hindley
Dr Reilly Norman Rodway
Coleman David Jarvis
Sheila Reilly Cathy Sara
Miss Johnson Elizabeth Spriggs
Father Lavigny John Hartley
Richard Carey Gavin Muir
Mrs Mercado Elaine Claxton
Mercado Neville Jason
Producer: Eynyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

MON 06:30 Detective (b03hw1vb)
Series 1
The Legacy
Detective Sergeant Dave Brook seems personally affected by a theft from a young woman.
DC Max, meanwhile, is hauled in by their boss...
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
Mrs Kendall Jessie Evans
Billie Sellers Roy Holder
Susan Graham Victoria Plucknett
Tommy Johnny Wade
Producer: Martin Fisher
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

MON 07:00 In the Balance (b007jsg6)
Episode 3
If George Cragge can keep close on the trail of the World Cup murderer then his BBC job looks secure - for the time being at least.
Meanwhile, there's rumblings about the leadership of the Tory Party following a Vote of No Confidence.
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
Superintendent Jefferson Barry Foster
Prime Minister Jeremy Clyde
Max.....Peter Woodthorpe
John Matthews Jim Carter
Crispin Trent Robert Bathurst
Caroline.....Susie Brann
Harry Davis.....Christian Rodska
With:
Geoffrey Whitehead
Keith Wickham
Tracy-Ann Oberman
Ioan Meredith
Chris Pavlo
Shirley Dixon
Music by Paul Mottram.
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007k48l)
Series 1
Something Nasty in the Vault
An unexploded bomb lands Captain Mainwaring and Sergeant Wilson in a jam.
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
Private Pike Ian Lavender
Major Smith Jack Watson
Captain Rodrigues Alan Tilvern
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 (b01r0fv7)
Series 1
Taking Overs
A successful pilot sparked the first of two series of Eddie Robson's sitcom about an alien invasion of a small English village.
Starring Hattie Morahan and Julian Rhind-Tutt.
Katrina Lyons was only visiting Cresdon Green, where she grew up, to borrow cash from her parents.
But when she tried to return to London, it turned out alien beings known as the Geonin had lowered a force field around the village - refusing to let anyone in or out.
Unfortunately almost everyone in the village is too cowardly, apathetic, polite or stupid to stand up to this alien menace, so Katrina has no choice but to start the resistance movement herself. In the cricket pavilion.
In this episode, the force field around the village is keeping out all the rain, so the villagers can no longer moan about the weather.
Uljabaaan realises this means they're moaning about him instead.
So he distracts villagers with a cricket match - aliens versus humans - whilst trying to build a device to simulate rain.
Katrina sees an opportunity to sabotage Uljabaaan's computer - if she can keep the match going long enough...
Katrina Lyons Hattie Morahan
Field Commander Uljabaaan Julian Rhind-Tutt
Margaret Lyons Jan Francis
Richard Lyons Peter Davison
Lucy Alexander Hannah Murray
Computer John-Luke Roberts
Producer: Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2013.

MON 08:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074g229)
The Visitors Book, Part 1/2
Victoria's friend Aaron has moved to a two-bedroom house in Walthamstow, London.
But why does he have a visitors book?
And why is Victoria so determined not to sign it?
The first of two parts read by Polly Frame
Tales of the supernatural in modern, everyday settings, by Sophie Hannah.
Producer: Jeremy Osborne
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions. First broadcast in March 2016.

**** Sophie Hannah is a best-selling writer of psychological crime fiction. In 2013, her novel The Carrier won the Crime Thriller of the Year Award at the Specsavers National Book Awards. The Monogram Murders, a Poirot novel approved by the Agatha Christie estate, was published in 2014.

MON 08:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04k9gj4)
1. The Mission
Peter is a devoted husband and devoted man of faith.
He's called to the mission of a lifetime.
It's one that takes him galaxies away from his wife, Beatrice.
Set in the near future, Michel Faber's powerful novel, first published in 2014.
Starring Joe Armstrong, Hayley Atwell and Dougray Scott.
Adapted in ten parts by Miranda Emmerson.
Narrator.....Dougray Scott
Peter.....Joe Armstrong
Beatrice.....Hayley Atwell
Grainger.....Kelly Burke
Oasan/ Tuska.....Mark Edel-Hunt
Jesus Lover Number One/ Severin.....Michael Bertenshaw
Jesus Lover Number Five/ BG.....Damian Lynch
Jesus Lover Number Four.....David Acton
USIC Psychologist.....Jane Slavin
USIC Doctor.....Elaine Claxton
Other parts played by members of the company
Director: Emma Harding
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

MON 09:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m002l37c)
Series 4
Episode IV: A New Pope
Paul Sinha tests his audience in Ayer on their knowledge of universities, Popes and islands. In return, they get to quiz him about notable Scottish footballing achievements and the Scottish Grand National.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Additional material: Oliver Levy
Additional questions: The Audience
Original music: Tim Sutton
Recording engineer: Hamish Campbell
Mixed by Rich Evans
Producer: Ed Morrish
A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4

MON 09:30 Mythical Creatures (m001tqbv)
6. Hobs

Rhianna Pratchett hears tales of folkloric hobgoblin-like creatures nicknamed 'hobs' from the North York Moors.
These small, hairy creatures might do your chores while you're asleep. Like many other friendly household spirits they can be useful - but also temperamental. You need to stay on the right side of your hob!
Rhianna, keen for some help around the house, takes notes on how to keep your hob happy, and what happens when it's not. She also explores what such tales can tell us about our lives - past and present.
The fantasy writer continues her trek 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: Rosie Barrett
Other Contributors:
Bob Fischer
Mark Norman
Natalie Lawrence
Original Music by Ben MacDougall
Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2023.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002ldfs)
Servant songs of Isaiah - Justice
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Servant songs of Isaiah - Justice
Presenter: Angel Morgan
Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4 [8-9]
Music:
Justice - The Revelation Room ft Luke Finch & Alive
McFarlane
Move - Jesus Culture
Hero - Kirk Franklin

MON 10:00 That Reminds Me (b007jnlp)
Series 2
Victor Spinetti
Welsh stage and screen star Victor Spinetti entertains an audience, as he shares reminiscences about his career in acting. His memories range from The Beatles to Sir Laurence Olivier.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

MON 10:30 Mysteries of Sleep (b09h34y9)
Series 1
Sleepwalking
Why do some of us do bizarre things in our sleep?
Like riding a motorbike, using a shoe to phone for a pizza or even having sex while sleeping?
These are complex behaviours and yet sleepwalkers aren't aware of what they're doing and often have no memory of their strange night-time activities.
These sleep disorders are known as non-REM parasomnias and include conditions like night terrors and sleep eating.
So why does it happen?
In the first of a three-part series, neurologist, Dr Guy Leschziner, talks to patients he's been treating at his sleep clinic at Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals in London.
They include Jackie who began sleepwalking as a child and continued her strange night-time behaviour as an adult, riding her motorbike whilst sleeping.
We hear from James whose night terrors have become so violent his wife has begged him to get help; from Alex who rescues people from floods in his sleep. And we talk to Tom, whose recent diagnosis of sexsomnia has had a significant impact on his life.
These remarkable sleepwalking experiences help us to understand the complex workings of the human brain.
Producer: Sally Abrahams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jlw5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Detective (b03hw1vb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 In the Balance (b007jsg6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007k48l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r0fv7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074g229)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04k9gj4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00w78h2)
Series 58
Episode 5
Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
With:
Paul Merton
Sheila Hancock
Ian MacMillan
Gyles Brandreth

From the British Library, London as part of its Evolving English Exhibition.

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

MON 14:30 Drama on 3 (m000mxt7)

Christabel

In Coleridge's original poem Christabel started in 1797, a young girl meets a mysterious woman and invites her in to her castle, though all portents – dog, water, bell – strike against her. Inside, in bed, something mysterious and unmistakably sexual happens...

Siblings Sam and Bella, in lockdown in the Lake District in Spring 2020 decide to make a podcast of a text being studied for exams, Samuel Taylor Coleridge's unfinished poem Christabel.

Sam, a young performance poet, like Coleridge at the same age, has an interest in drugs and what they make you see. Bella - forthright, precious, anxious – like Christabel, has a dog, though rather a small one, and the ghost of a mother.

Sam and Bella take their podcast outside, into woods and a graveyard and encounter another mysterious, Romantic element – the lake and the landscape around it. In this play, the hills and waters have a voice, the Choir of St Leoline, there to tell Sam and Bella something about themselves – though also to have some fun on the way.

Both Sam and Bella are in thrall to a third, mysterious character, Taylor, a musician who Sam found beside a lake and brought home for lockdown. Who she might be, or what, is the recurrent question of the play, just as 'who is Geraldine' is the central question of Christabel.

Sam Luke Wright

Bella Phia Saban

Taylor Krissi Bohn

With specially composed music by Katie Chatburn performed by Juice and Bellatrix.

Director: Susan Roberts

A BBC Drama North production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2020.

MON 15:50 Inheritance Tracks (b08d8cv4)

Bill Bailey

Comedian and musician Bill Bailey chooses 'Magic Moments' by Perry Como and 'Once in a Lifetime' by Talking Heads.

MON 16:00 That Reminds Me (b007jnlp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 Mysteries of Sleep (b09h34y9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jlw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 17:30 Detective (b03hw1vb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 18:00 In the Balance (b007jsg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007k48l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r0fv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074g229)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04k9gj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b00w78h2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 Drama on 3 (m000mxt7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (b08d8cv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:50 today]

MON 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m002137c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 The Right Time (b00ch3bx)

Series 3

Episode 6

Star Trek shock, love cheats - and digging deep.

The sketch comedy for people growing older disgracefully.

Starring:

Graeme Garden

Eleanor Bron

Neil Innes

Clive Swift

Roger Blake

Paula Wilcox

Written by Graeme Garden, Mark Brisenden, Mike Barfield, Mike Coleman, Bob Sinfield, Chris Thompson & Pete Reynolds, Colin Bostock-Smith and Simon Roberts.

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 (m00213q0)

Series 118

Titles, Jewels and 'Chocolate' Bars

Alasdair Beckett-King, Laura Lexx, Ahir Shah and Ava Santana join Andy Zaltzman for this week's quiz.

Brace yourselves for stories about the stripping of both Royal Titles and Royal Crown Jewels as well as the big question of the moment, are things better or worse than they used to be?

Written by Andy Zaltzman

Additional material by: Milo Edwards, Cameron Loxdale, Ruth

Husko and Marty Gleeson

Producer: Gwyn Rhys Davies

Exec Producer: Richard Morris

Production Coordinator: Giulia Lopes Mazzu

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00w0d8p)

Series 6

Edith

An eminent historian arrives in the infernal kingdom and Satan strikes a bizarre bargain with her.

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan Andy Hamilton

Edith Annette Crosbie

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Other characters played by:

Michael Fenton Stevens

Philip Pope

Felicity Montagu

Producer Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2025

TUE 00:00 That Reminds Me (b007jnlp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Mysteries of Sleep (b09h34y9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jlw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Detective (b03hw1vb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 In the Balance (b007jsg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007k48l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Welcome to Our Village, Please Invade Carefully (b01r0fv7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074g229)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04k9gj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b00w78h2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Drama on 3 (m000mxt7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:50 Inheritance Tracks (b08d8cv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:50 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jlwq)

Hercule Poirot - Murder in Mesopotamia

2. Death

The Belgian sleuth is on hand when a death occurs in the heat of the desert.

Agatha Christie's whodunit stars John Moffatt as Hercule

Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Coleman David Jarvis

Amy Leatheran Becky Hindley

Miss Johnson Elizabeth Spriggs

Mrs Mercado Elaine Claxton

Emmott Peter Whitham

Dr Leidner William Franklyn

Dr Reilly Norman Rodway

Louise Leidner Dorothy Tutin

Father Lavigny John Hartley

Captain Maitland Richard Todd

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

TUE 06:30 Detective (b03hws84)

Series 1

Time on Their Hands

Teamwork with Detective Sergeant 'Morgan the Mighty' means a chance for Dave Brook to score a personal victory on a night job.

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

DS Morgan Godfrey James

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Meg Norma Ronald

Keller David Kelly

Paddy Vass Anderson

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

TUE 07:00 King of Bath (b045q4t8)

By Any Other Name

No self-respecting Bath heiress would join the travelling players, but when one does, Beau Nash comes to the rescue.

Starring David Bamber.

Six-part comedy drama series by Arnold Evans casting the 18th-century dandy Richard 'Beau' Nash in a series of adventures.

Beau Nash David Bamber

Annie Eiry Thomas

Lucy Lynn Seymour

Dr Cheyne Andrew Wincott

Hazlitt Peter Gunn

Fanny Alice Arnold

Composer: John Hardy

Directed at BBC Wales by Alison Hindell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b00fgzr6)

Series 8

Tiddlywinks

After defeat at the hands of Cambridge, Neddie Seagoon seeks his gameful revenge with tiddlywinks.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1958.

TUE 08:00 To Hull and Back (b07mxtb9)

Series 2

This Must Be It

Can Sophie finally manage to escape the clutches of her

overprotective mother, Sheila?

With her hopes pinned on an acting audition, she reluctantly enlists the help of her mother - who takes her role a bit too seriously.

Will this prove to be the lucky break Sophie has been waiting

for?

Starring Lucy Beaumont and Maureen Lipman.

Return of the warm-hearted sitcom written by Lucy Beaumont.

Sophie Lucy Beaumont

Sheila Maureen Lipman

Alan Matt Sutton

Jean Kerrie Marsh

Ernie Norman Lovett

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

TUE 08:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074gntd)

The Visitors Book, Part 2/2

Victoria investigates why Aaron's new house in Walthamstow

has been named Netterden?

Tales of the supernatural in modern, everyday settings, by

Sophie Hannah.

Concluded by Polly Frame.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions, first broadcast in March 2016.

TUE 08:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kbjhn)

2. The Explorer

Peter is a devoted husband and devoted man of faith.

He's called to the mission of a lifetime.

It's one that takes him galaxies away from his wife, Beatrice.

Peter starts to explore the USIC base on Oasis, but is eager to

meet his new flock - the planet's enigmatic native inhabitants.

Back on Earth, the weather is doing strange things.

Set in the near future, Michel Faber's powerful novel, first

published in 2014.

Starring Joe Armstrong, Hayley Atwell and Dougray Scott.

Adapted by Miranda Emmerson.

Narrator.....Dougray Scott

Peter.....Joe Armstrong

Beatrice.....Hayley Atwell

Grainger.....Kelly Burke

Oasan/ Tuska.....Mark Edel-Hunt

Jesus Lover Number One/ Severin.....Michael Bertenshaw

Jesus Lover Number Five/ BG.....Damian Lynch

Jesus Lover Number Four.....David Acton

USIC Psychologist.....Jane Slavin

USIC Doctor.....Elaine Claxton

Other parts played by members of the company

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

TUE 09:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m002135f)

Series 14

3. Lewisham

Mark Steel visits Lewisham in south London and creates a show for the local audience.

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 (m001tqd9)

7. Giants

As a child, Rhianna Pratchett was told of sleeping giants on the hilltops near her grandparents' house in Wales.

Now she returns to the Welsh mountains and to Cader Idris – a striking mountain in the Eryri National Park – to meet a particularly intriguing giant.

Rhianna discovers why giants have been important to humans for centuries and asks what giant tales might offer us in the present day.

The fantasy writer continues her trek 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: Peter Stevenson

Other Contributors:

Erin Kavanagh

Dr Mary Bateman

Original Music by Ben MacDougall

Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison

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

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002ldjm)

Servant songs of Isaiah - A light for the nations

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

Theme: Servant songs of Isaiah - A light for the nations

Presenter: Rev Kirsty Thorpe

Reading: Isaiah 49: 5-7

Music:

Lead kindly light - The Sixteen

Nunc Dimittis (Burgon) - Natalie BBC Young Chorister of the

Year 2023 with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra

Light of the World - Geraldine Latty

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000bfhg)

Nemone Metaxas and Raymond Antrobus

DJ and former athlete, Nemone Metaxas and deaf poet and educator Raymond Antrobus join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Patrick Modiano, Jay Bernard and Dolly Alderton.

Everything I Know About Love by Dolly Alderton,

Publisher: Penguin

Surge by Jay Bernard

Publisher: Chatto & Windus

Honeymoon by Patrick Modiano

Publisher: David R. Godine

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

TUE 10:30 Mysteries of Sleep (b09hrkwd)

Series 1

Dreaming

Imagine waking up and finding you're paralysed. Unable to move. Dark, shadowy figures enter your room, demonic images press against your face. You open your mouth to scream but you can't make a sound. A heavy pressure bears down on you. You feel like you're suffocating. The more you panic, the longer it lasts. Welcome to the terrifying world of sleep paralysis - just one of the sleep disorders experienced by patients of neurologist, Dr Guy Leschziner, from Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals in London.

In this programme, he explores this and other medical conditions that affect normal dreaming and assesses what they tell us about the brain and its control of our sleep.

We meet Evelyn who experiences sleep paralysis and horrific hallucinations. Christian describes his narcolepsy, a rare brain condition that makes him suddenly fall asleep at inappropriate times - including when driving a forklift truck. Adrian recounts his experience of cataplexy, a sleep disorder that can happen during the day and means he suddenly loses control of his muscles. And we hear from John who has REM sleep behaviour disorder (known as RBD) which causes him to act out his dreams, kicking and thrashing in his sleep, sometimes injuring himself and his wife, Liz. And we learn how RBD may be an early warning of degenerative brain conditions like Parkinson's disease and certain types of dementia.

Presenter: Dr Guy Leschziner

Producer: Sally Abrahams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jlwq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:30 Detective (b03hws84)

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Sophie Hannah (b074gntd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel

Faber (b04kbjhn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m001mc5p)

Series 29

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians

are encouraged to tell lies.

They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as horses, cleaning, airports and New Zealand.

With:

Alan Davies

Holly Walsh

Angela Barnes

Henning Wehn

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2023.

TUE 14:30 The Lost Stradivarius by John Meade Falkner (m002ldjt)

The discovery of an Italian composition and a priceless violin, coupled with the appearance of a ghost.

So begins a startling chain of events in the life of student John Maltravers.

Starring Paul Rhys.

John Meade Falkner's celebrated novel, first published in 1895.

Dramatised by Jeremy Front

John Maltravers Paul Rhys

Sophia ... Patience Tomlinson

Constance ... Colleen Prendergast

Mrs Temple ... Joanna David

William Gaskell ... Nicholas Boulton

Edward ... Alex Lowe

With:

Shirley Dixon

Joanna Monro

Chris Pavlo

Sean Baker

Christopher Scott

Original music by Ilona Sekacz.

Musicians: Wilf Gibson and Tony Stenson

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1996.

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TUE 22:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m002135f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00crj7j)

Series 1

Episode 4

Walter Brindle has some important news.

This frees up time for the pursuit of romance between almost every member of the lusty museum staff.

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 Arbutnot Geoff McGivern

Stelios Constantinopolis Chris Pavlo

Andrea Marshall Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

TUE 23:00 Susan Calman Makes Me Happy (m000bk7f)

Family

Taking part in BBC TV's Strictly Come Dancing made Susan Calman happy.

Completely, totally happy. And having lived with anxiety for so long, it was something of a surprise to discover something new that gave her feelings of joy.

So, Susan is setting out to explore and explain the other things in life that bring her happiness.

For starters, aided and abetted by her studio audience and wife Lee, she delves into family.

Meaning those you're related to by blood, those you choose and those that choose you.

Written by Susan Calman and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2019.

TUE 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002lgy9)

Doug Naylor 2/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Laura Lexx chats again to Red Dwarf co-creator Doug Naylor.

TUE 23:30 Bunk Bed (m000rdlw)

Series 8

Episode 3

Everyone craves a place where their mind and body are not applied to a particular task. The nearest faraway place.

Somewhere for drifting and lighting upon strange thoughts which don't have to be shoed into context, but which can be followed like balloons escaping onto the air.

Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander.

Patrick Marber and Peter Curran are joined by singer Guy Garvey and actor Rachel Stirling on the spare mattress. Can their marriage withstand the horizontal scrutiny?

They ponder separate sleeping arrangements as the key to happiness, tweeting at night, the call of the Eider duck and depressing songs.

Producer: Peter Curran

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

TUE 23:45 Guy Browning's Small Talk (b0076mys)

Series 2

How to Go to a Party

"When you step into a party, everyone is locked into hugely enjoyable conversations with popular, attractive people who are waiting to hate you."

All you need to know about making merry and avoiding being 'de-mingled'.

Comedian Guy Browning continues to provide 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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WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jlx8)

Hercule Poirot - Murder in Mesopotamia

3. Killer?

The Belgian sleuth must dig for more clues.

Is there a killer amongst a team of desert archaeologists?

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Richard Carey Gavin Muir

Amy Leatheran Becky Hindley

Dr Reilly Norman Rodway

Dr Leidner William Franklyn

Sheila Reilly Cathy Sara

Miss Johnson Elizabeth Spriggs

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

WED 06:30 Detective (b03hx6tw)

Series 1

The Pin-Up Murder - part 1/2

Chief Inspector Mannock returns to co-opt Detective Sergeant Dave Brook into keeping a stripper safe from harm.

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 Mannock Maurice Colbourne

Cindy Carol Hawkins

Kate Ryan Liz Gebhardt
 Doctor David Strong
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.
WED 07:00 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00scw6t)
 Series 2
 Market Forces
 After laying into the amorality of advertising at a party full of advertisers - Giles is surprised to be asked to write an ad campaign for a microwavable meat pie.
 Meanwhile, unforeseen opportunities seem to be opening up for Judith and David.
 Stars Douglas Hodge, Paul Bigley and Amanda Root.
 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 Simon Greenall, Abigail McKern, Nick Holder, Colleen Prendergast, Colin McFarlane and Geoffrey Whitehead.
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1996
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b008p8pl)
 Series 5
 The Prize Money
 A TV quiz show win for the Lad soon sparks a stampede of people after his cash!
 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 (m000qkn1)
 Series 5
 An American in Yxsjö
 The little town of Yxsjö begins to come to terms with 'the Covid' and turns its attention to the local economy.
 British comedian Geoff is now a Swedish citizen and fully (as he thinks) accepted into the bosom of his growing Swedish family.
 But a fly lands firmly in the ointment, when an email arrives from a rich American Andersson who's been tracing his genealogy and turns out to be a long lost cousin.
 The family Andersson fall in love with the go-getting cousin Wilb, especially when he offers to help out financially - but, of course, Geoff thinks he smells a rat.
 Danny Robins' romantic Swedish comedy, is partly recorded on location with a mainly Swedish cast.
 Geoff: Adam Riches
 Linda: Sissela Benn
 Sten: Thomas Oredsson
 Gunilla: Anna-Lena Bergelin
 Wilbur: Nic Sampson
 John: Harry Nicolaou
 With Thomas Eriksson and Johanna Wagrell
 Written by Danny Robins
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020.
WED 08:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074j5tm)
 The Last Boy to Leave
 Max's birthday party at home has been riotous.
 But who is the courteous little boy who hasn't yet been taken home?
 Tales of the supernatural in modern, everyday settings, by Sophie Hannah.
 Read by Polly Frame
 Producer: Jeremy Osborne
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions, first broadcast in March 2016.
WED 08:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kf5zn)
 3. First Encounters
 Peter is a devoted husband and devoted man of faith.
 He's called to the mission of a lifetime.
 It's one that takes him galaxies away from his wife, Beatrice.
 USIC pharmacist Grainger drives Peter out to the nearest settlement for his first encounter with his new flock - the planet's enigmatic native inhabitants.
 But the letters from his wife Beatrice back on Earth tell of food shortages and natural disaster.
 Set in the near future, Michel Faber's powerful novel, first published in 2014.
 Starring Joe Armstrong, Hayley Atwell and Dougray Scott.
 Adapted by Miranda Emmerson.
 Narrator.....Dougray Scott
 Peter.....Joe Armstrong
 Beatrice.....Hayley Atwell
 Grainger.....Kelly Burke

Oasan/ Tuska.....Mark Edel-Hunt
 Jesus Lover Number One/ Severin.....Michael Bertenshaw
 Jesus Lover Number Five/ BG.....Damian Lynch
 Jesus Lover Number Four.....David Acton
 USIC Psychologist.....Jane Slavin
 USIC Doctor.....Elaine Claxton
 Other parts played by members of the company
 Director: Emma Harding
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.
WED 09:00 Carbon Lifeforms (m002l3dz)
 The Fashion Footprint
 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 Fashion Footprint with special guests Bo Carter and Phoebe English.
 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 The Carbon Cost of Tech, The Internet, 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: Bo Carter and Phoebe English
 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 (m001trvl)
 8. Selkies
 Rhianna Pratchett heads to the Scottish coast to meet a shape-shifting sea creature called the Selkie.
 Selkies are seals in the water, but can remove their seal skins and become humans on the land.
 Rhianna explores the tale of The Selkie Wife. She delves into what it reveals about murky parts of our own history, and asks how it can be used to empower and help people today.
 The fantasy writer continues her trek 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: Shona Cowie
 Other Contributors:
 Sharon Blackie
 Lari Don
 Original Music by Ben MacDougall
 Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2023.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002ldl8)
 Servant songs of Isaiah - A servant king
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Servant songs of Isaiah - A servant king
 Presenter: Seth Pinnock
 Reading: Isaiah **52:13-53:2**
 Music:
 If my people - Lucy Grimble
 Servant King - Graham Kendrick
 Blessed assurance - Cece Winans and the Fisk Jubilee Singers
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b087p473)
 Asa Briggs: The Last Victorian Improver
 Tristram Hunt tracks the life's work of the historian Asa Briggs - instrumental in the founding of the University of Sussex and the Open University.
 By the time of his death, Asa had come a long way.
 From a childhood helping run his dad's struggling shop in Depression-era West Yorkshire, he began his career at amazing speed. At 16, Asa arrived at Cambridge University from his grammar school. At 21, he was cracking codes at Bletchley Park.
 In 1945, he turned down the offer of a safe Labour seat. In his late 20s, he had a fellowship at Oxford. In 1951, he went on a road trip round Syria and Turkey with a young student of his - Rupert Murdoch.
 Briggs became the official historian of the BBC, where he learned to run institutions - and then grabbed the chance to build one himself.
 At the new University of Sussex, he was there from the start, helping to make it the most visible of the new universities of the 1960s. And then he played a major role in shaping the Open University.
 Tristram Hunt explores the energetic life of one of his heroes. He argues that Briggs was steeped in the Victorian era.
 First, through his Victorian grandfather, who took him on tours of the architectural glories of the North of England.
 Second, Briggs was a leading historian of the Victorian era, and played a huge role in rescuing it from negative stereotypes.
 But third, Asa Briggs was a Victorian himself - in the sense that he wanted to sustain their great effort to improve life. His mission to open up access to education modernised and built on the Victorians' legacy.

With:
 Dan Briggs
 Jean Seaton
 David Kynaston
 Miles Taylor
 Bill Cash MP
 Produced by Phil Tinline in association with the Open University.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m0005gyv)
 Series 2
 James Joyce
 James Walton chairs the literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Lynne Truss and Nigel Williams.
 Author of the week: James Joyce
 Reader: Becky Hindley
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1999.
WED 14:30 Titus Groan by Mervyn Peake (m00019hn)
 The arrival of baby Titus, the 77th Earl of Groan, causes consternation in the crumbling citadel of Gormenghast
 The first of two plays based on the Gormenghast novels by Mervyn Peake.
 Starring Sting, Freddie Jones, Bernard Hepton and Judy Parfitt.
 Dramatised by Brian Sibley.
 Steerpike Sting
 The Artist Freddie Jones
 Dr Prunesquallor Bernard Hepton
 Irma Prunesquallor Judy Parfitt
 Sepulchrave David Warner
 Gertrude Eleanor Bron
 Clarice and Cora Sheila Hancock
 Fuchsia Jill Lidstone
 Flay Cyril Shaps
 Sourdust Robert Eddison
 Barquentine Maurice Denham
 Swelter Stratford Johns
 Nannie Slagg Hilda Schroder
 Keda Melinda Walker
 Rantel Graham Blockey
 Braigon Peter Acre
 Director: Glyn Dearman
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in Decxember1984.
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WED 22:30 Flight of the Conchords (b007k17r)
 Neil Finn Saves the Day!
 After the kiwi band splits, Jemaine holds auditions in the toilets
 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
 Justin Edwards
 Jarred Christmas
 Rosie Carnahan

Additional Material by Joel Morris.

Musicians: David Catlin-Birch and Mark Allis.

Producer: Will Saunders

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 2005.

WED 23:00 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jstr)

Series 1

The Sweat of the Mastersons

A young Charles Masterson seeks his fortune in Dickensian London, a town seething with body-snatchers, opium dens and female impersonators....

Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is an improvised historical saga of the Mastersons - 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 (m0000v6h)

Series 2

Shofa

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 taxi app offers some unexpected destinations. 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

Amar Naz Osmanoglu

Taxi Controller Georgie Fuller

Producer: David Tyler

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

WED 23:45 Poets' Tree (b00snx7d)

Episode 3

Islington-based poet Paul Hamilton hears poetry written by a computer and conducts a rare interview with the legendary poet Celia Tierny.

He also meets the English teacher who inspired him to try poetry.

Poetry discussion programme 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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Hercule Poirot - Murder in Mesopotamia

4. Tragedy

As the Belgian sleuth continues quizzing the suspects, a second tragedy strikes the archaeological dig.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Mrs Mercado Elaine Claxton

Emmott Peter Whitman

Mercado Neville Jason

Amy Leatheran Becky Hindley

Carl Reiter Tom Bevan

Dr Leidner William Franklyn

Miss Johnson Elizabeth Spriggs

Father Lavigny John Hartley

Richard Carey Gavin Muir

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

THU 06:30 Detective (b03hxq62)

Series 1

The Pin-Up Murder - part 2/2

Detective Sergeant Dave Brook stands to lose Judie's respect if he can't make their anniversary.

But duty is calling him...

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 Mannock Maurice Colbourne

Frank Catling Keith Buckley

George Catling Keith Buckley

Judie Jacqueline Tong

Bill John Hollis

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

THU 07:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00c5r8c)

Series 1

2. The Mould in the Gold

Father Benedict is holding a Golden Oldie night in honour of the late Gregory Patterson.

But is it the right occasion for a eulogy from his only son,

Robert?

Not when Barbara Patterson is determined to ruin the evening.

A black comedy series written by Martin Davies.

Robert Patterson Paul Parris

Father Benedict Desmond Barritt

Mrs Patterson Brenda Blethyn

Barbara Patterson Charlotte Coleman

Guy Entwistle Martino Lazzari

Janet Tyson Claire Skinner

Andy Hunt Mark Straker

Leisure Manageress Jill Meers

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1993.

THU 07:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f40lw)

Series 1

Episode 1

Quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies in the debut show.

Written and performed by Tim Brooke-Taylor, John Cleese,

David Hatch, Jo Kendall, Bill Oddie and Anthony Buffery.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Bill, Graeme and Tim went on to become BBC TV's The Goodies and John Cleese helped found Monty Python's Flying Circus. David Hatch went on to be a producer, Controller and then Managing Director of BBC Radio. Jo Kendall later featured in The Burkiss Way.

Songs by Bill Oddie and Hugh Macdonald.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1964.

THU 08:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b061t68k)

Series 2

Tobacco

Comedian Simon Evans continues his 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?

This time it's tobacco. It's been called the single biggest avoidable cause of death in the world today yet it has remained an investment goldmine, with a single pound invested in tobacco stocks in 1900 now being worth over 6 million pounds. Simon speaks to Robert West, Professor of Health Psychology and Director of Tobacco Studios at University College London about current global trends in smoking.

He's also joined by economics guru, More Or Less host Tim Harford and the Queen of investment know-how, Merryn Somerset-Webb, as he walks us around the economics of these very familiar commodities and pokes fun at our relationship with them.

Written by Simon Evans, Benjamin Partridge and Andy Wolton.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2015.

THU 08:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074wh4r)

All the Dead Mothers of My Daughter's Friends, Part 1/2

Who is the new, bitchy mother that Mel meets at the school gate? And how does she know so much about Mel and her daughter, Bee?

Tales of the supernatural in modern, everyday settings, by

Sophie Hannah.

Sophie Hannah is a best-selling writer of psychological crime

fiction. In 2013, her novel The Carrier won the Crime Thriller of the Year Award at the Specsavers National Book Awards.

The Monogram Murders, a Poirot novel approved by the Agatha Christie estate, was published in 2014.

Read by Lorraine Ashbourne

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions, first broadcast in March 2016.

THU 08:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kf8px)

4. Photographs

Peter is a devoted husband and devoted man of faith.

He's called to the mission of a lifetime.

It's one that takes him galaxies away from his wife, Beatrice.

Peter shows his Oasan congregation some photos of life on Earth.

But as life on Earth becomes increasingly difficult, the distance between him and Beatrice grows ever vaster.

Set in the near future, Michel Faber's powerful novel, first published in 2014.

Starring Joe Armstrong, Hayley Atwell and Dougray Scott.

Adapted by Miranda Emmerson.

CAST

Narrator.....Dougray Scott

Peter.....Joe Armstrong

Beatrice.....Hayley Atwell

Grainger.....Kelly Burke

Oasan/ Tuska.....Mark Edel-Hunt

Jesus Lover Number One/ Severin.....Michael Bertenshaw

Jesus Lover Number Five/ BG.....Damian Lynch

Jesus Lover Number Four.....David Acton

USIC Psychologist.....Jane Slavin

USIC Doctor.....Elaine Claxton

Other parts played by members of the company

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

THU 09:00 Please Use Other Door (m0014p8w)

Series 1

Episode 3

Naturalistic sketches taking a sometimes dark look at the world of work, relationships, institutions and families. Should helmets be worn by children at all times and the guilty pleasure of schadenfreude.

Performed by:

Gabby Best

Will Hartley

Chris Ryman

Rebecca Shorrocks

Winney White

Toby Williams

Writers: 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

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2022.

THU 09:30 Mythical Creatures (m001tqrz)

9. Banshees

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 is on a quest to find out about an Irish death omen, The Banshee. Rhianna explores the importance of this creature's cry, the significance of her haggish female form, and why the belief of her remains strong today.

Storyteller: Liz Weir

Other Contributors: Dr. Kelly Fitzgerald, Sharon Blackie

Presenter: Rhianna Pratchett

Producers: Lorna Skingley and Sarah Harrison

Original Music by Ben MacDougall

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

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002lfxl)

Servant songs of Isaiah - Faithful servant

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

Theme: Servant songs of Isaiah - Faithful servant

Presenter: Richard Littledale

Reading: Isaiah 50: 4- 9

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b007lgl0)

George Bernard Shaw

Comedian Dr Phil Hammond nominates the playwright, critic and political activist George Bernard Shaw as his great life.

Presented by Matthew Parris.

From the soggy Hay Festival of 2007.

The 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 May 2007.

THU 10:30 Mysteries of Sleep (b09jd32l)

Series 1

Sleep Deprivation and Insomnia

Lack of sleep can make us sick, fat and slow. But what if a sleep disorder is to blame? What happens when no matter how much sleep you get, it's never enough?

Neurologist Dr Guy Leschziner explores medical causes of sleep deprivation or disruption and their consequences. We meet some of his patients, including 17 year-old Vincent, whose internal body clock runs on a different rhythm from the world around him, leaving him wide awake when everyone else is tucked up in bed. We hear from Mary Rose, whose restless legs stop her from getting to sleep and staying asleep and Claire, whose severe insomnia led to a breakdown. And we talk to Maria, whose mysterious symptoms turned out to be due to one of the most common sleep disorders, sleep apnoea.

In this programme, we learn about the medical causes of lack of sleep and the serious impact that these conditions have on our brain function, mood and general health.

Presenter: Dr Guy Leschziner

Producer: Sally Abrahams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jlxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Detective (b03hxq62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00c5r8c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f40lw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b061t68k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074wh4r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kf8px)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Counterpoint (b04mbw5v)

Series 28

Heat 6, 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, folk, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

The trio of competitors are in the BBC's Maida Vale studios in London for Heat 6.

* John Durbin from the Vale of Glamorgan

* Edward Kershaw from Twickenham

* Bruce Lindfield from Brighton

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

THU 14:30 The Eve of St Agnes by John Keats (m000skhj)

A gothic fantasy in which the heroine Madeline hopes to be visited on St Agnes' Eve, according to legend, by the vision of the man she is to marry. The story inspired the romantic poet John Keats to write his celebrated poem.

Beadsman David Calder

Keats Michael Maloney

Porphyro Robert Glenister

Madeline Emma Fielding

Angela Tessa Worsley

Baron Geoffrey Whitehead

Hildebrand Stephen Critchlow

Maurice Jonathan Keeble

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker

Director Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1995.

THU 15:30 Poetry Please (m002lfxn)

The Eve of St Agnes by John Keats

In 'Poetry Please', Roger McGough introduces Keats's erotic and magical poem The Eve of St Agnes read by actress Lindsay Duncan.

January 20th is the Eve of St Agnes.

Producer Beth O'Dea

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (b007llg0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:30 Mysteries of Sleep (b09jd32l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

THU 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jlxs)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00f40lw)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kf8px)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 Counterpoint (b04mbw5v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 The Eve of St Agnes by John Keats (m000skhj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:30 Poetry Please (m002lfxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 today]

THU 22:00 Call Jonathan Pie (p0fsypw8)

6. Women

When Roger warns Pie that he must widen his demographic,

Pie decides to dedicate an entire show to "women's issues".

Pie's combative and contrary style does not suit the topic and

Pie is taught a lesson or two by the female callers. Jules also

gets involved by threatening Pie with quite serious bodily harm

if he doesn't shut his "rancid instant-coffee stinking mouth". Pie

is dismayed as he never touches instant coffee.

Jonathan Pie Tom Walker

Jules Lucy Pearman

Sam Aqib Khan

Roger Nick Revell

Voiceovers Bob Sinfield and Rob Curling

Callers ... Ellie Dobing, Sarah Gabriel, Thanyia Moore and

Emma Thornett.

Writer Tom Walker

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 (b00xhjry)

Religion

We all worry about the end of the world, as economists and

environmentalists speak in apocalyptic terms everyday.

iGOD says that trying to predict the end of the world is as

pointless as moisturising an elephant's elbow.

An unnamed, all-seeing narrator shows us that it is stupid to be

worrying, as he looks back at some of the most entertaining

apocalypses on parallel Earths.

Starring Simon Day and David Soul.

In this episode a parallel earth is obliterated when Ian

inadvertently mucks up global religion.

Ian Simon Day

The Narrator David Soul

With:

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 (b00ctktw)

Episode 4

Juicy waterflowers, winking at Orion, hunting for bargains - and

a naughty delivery from overseas...

The master of offbeat musings presents more thoughts, poems,

songs and sketches.

Ivor Cutler is aided and abetted by:

Craig Murray-Orr

Alison O'Kill

Producer Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1994.

THU 23:00 Date Night (m00035wh)

Series 1

Episode 2

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/Richard/Fiona/Rob Marc Wootton

Maddy Katherine Parkinson

Rita Ellie White

Jamali Hammed Animashaun

Gary Jamie Demetriou

Terri Catherine Tate

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 (b00911f5)

Series 1

Episode 5

The TV arts show team try boosting ratings with their own

awards show. Stars Harriet Thorpe and Lorelei King.

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

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025

FRI 00:00 Great Lives (b007llg0)

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FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jlxs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

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FRI 03:00 Simon Evans Goes to Market (b061t68k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b074wh4r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kf8px)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Counterpoint (b04mbw5v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 The Eve of St Agnes by John Keats (m000skhj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:30 Poetry Please (m002lfxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jly9)

Hercule Poirot - Murder in Mesopotamia

5. Whodunnit?

Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot battles to reveal the identity of the desert murderer...

Gripping conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring John Moffatt.

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Dr Leidner William Franklyn

Coleman David Jarvis

Captain Maitland Richard Todd

Mrs Mercado Elaine Claxton

Sheila Reilly Cathy Sara

Dr Reilly Norman Rodway

Richard Carey Gavin Muir

Amy Leatheran Becky Hindley

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

FRI 06:30 The Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham (m0006f90)

1. The End Begins

It all begins with the end - the end of the world - almost.

It happens during a night of brilliant green flashes - meteors?

Perhaps - or satellite weapons. Who can say?

Survivor Bill Masen recalls how the world was plunged into

darkness with the dawning monstrous horror of ambulant plant life...

John Wyndham's classic sci-fi novel was first published in

1951.

Dramatised in six parts by Giles Cooper.

Gary Watson Bill Masen

Freda Dowie Elspeth

Barbara Shelley Josella

Garard Green Umberto Palanguez

Ralph Truman Managing Director

Michael Deacon Young Bill

Peter Pratt Mr. Masen

Peter Baldwin Walter Lucknor

Jan Edwards Nurse

Rolf Lefebvre House Surgeon

Haydn Jones Publican

John Pullen Radio Commentator

This compelling tale has been made into a film, two TV series and three radio versions.

Music composed by David Cain.

Producer: John Powell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1968.

FRI 07:00 The Sit Crom (b00mf205)

The Wasps' Nest

The search for enemies leads to love triumphing over fire.

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

Jack Donald McKillop
Cloughy Bartlett Mullins
Mrs Collier Olive Milbourne
Louise Christine Collins
Colette Bettine Le Beau
Waitress Joan Pickering
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.
This episode is adapted from the very first TV appearance of 'The Likely Lads', which aired 16/12/1964 on BBC1
Producer: John Browell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.
FRI 08:00 Quanderhorn (b0b91t03)
The Quanderhorn Xperimentations
A Little Thing Like Chocolate Gates Can't Stop Us
Is 1952.
Again.
Professor Quanderhorn and his crew are besieged by a mob of alien-possessed villagers. Their only hope - a highly-trained spy parrot with a bad attitude and an irritating gramophone record by the Queen of the Hammond organ.
Having been permanently fitted with a rather dangerous experimental bra, Brian finally steels himself to face the nightmare horrors of the professor's cellar, unaware that a secret camera is set to expose him.
Meanwhile, Dr Janussen has discovered a message from Virginia revealing the terrible secret that turned her into a broccoli monster.
As Troy and Guuurk join the not-quite-romantic pair while fleeing the merciless cellar defences, Troy inadvertently presses the wrong lift button and they find themselves heading pell mell....for the Moon.
The Quanderhorn Xperimentations - an adventure beyond human understanding.
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
Created and written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall
Directed by 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 July 2018.
FRI 08:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b07559m2)
All the Dead Mothers of My Daughter's Friends, Part 2/2
Mel learns more about Lisa Paskin, and about the difference between day-time and night-time ghosts.
Tales of the supernatural in modern, everyday settings, by Sophie Hannah.
Sophie Hannah is a best-selling writer of psychological crime fiction. In 2013, her novel The Carrier won the Crime Thriller of the Year Award at the Specsavers National Book Awards. The Monogram Murders, a Poirot novel approved by the Agatha Christie estate, was published in 2014.
Read by Lorraine Ashbourne
Producer: Jeremy Osborne
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk Productions, first broadcast in March 2016.
FRI 08:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kfger)
5. Unto Dust
Peter is a devoted husband and devoted man of faith.
He's called to the mission of a lifetime.
It's one that takes him galaxies away from his wife, Beatrice.
In today's episode, Peter is called to preside over a funeral service of one of his colleagues on the USIC base.
And for Bea, back on Earth, life grows increasingly complicated.
Set in the near future, Michel Faber's powerful novel, first published in 2014.
Starring Joe Armstrong, Hayley Atwell and Dougray Scott.
Adapted by Miranda Emmerson.
CAST
Narrator.....Dougray Scott
Peter.....Joe Armstrong
Beatrice.....Hayley Atwell
Grainger.....Kelly Burke
Oasan/ Tuska.....Mark Edel-Hunt
Jesus Lover Number One/ Severin.....Michael Bertenshaw
Jesus Lover Number Five/ BG.....Damian Lynch
Jesus Lover Number Four.....David Acton
USIC Psychologist.....Jane Slavin
USIC Doctor.....Elaine Claxton
Other parts played by members of the company
Director: Emma Harding
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.
FRI 09:00 It's a Fair Cop (m000w5vk)
Series 6

4. Vehicle Stop
Policeman turned stand-up Alfie Moore takes an audience through real-life crime scenarios. This week's topic is a vehicle stop - when do the police have a right to stop your car? Alfie recalls the real-life case of his encounter with an unco-operative driver in Scunthorpe.
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 (m001tqzz)
10. Wulver
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 explores the tale of a mysterious wolf-like creature in Shetland. This mythical beast is not all it might, at first, seem to be. Rhianna digs into the story and finds out what it could reveal about folklore – and ourselves - in the 21st century and what the future might hold for mythical creatures.
Storyteller: Graeme Johncock
Other Contributors: Catriona Macdonald, Dr Mary Bateman, Mark Norman
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 (m002lfv)
Servant songs of Isaiah - Despised and rejected
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Servant songs of Isaiah - Despised and rejected
Presenter: Bishop David Walker
Reading: Isaiah 53: 3- 6
Music:
Beauty for brokenness - Graham Kendrick
Amazing Grace - Rumbi (BBC Recording)
What a friend we have in Jesus - David & Yvonne Lyon
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b09nvs2t)
Series 25
Kraftwerk: Computer World
How Kraftwerk's classic album Computer World has changed people's lives.
On their first wedding anniversary, David Sanborn and Jennifer Huber remember their Kraftwerk themed celebrations.
Ramona Gonzales from the band Nite Jewel recounts how a car crash and a chance encounter with Computer World changed the course of her life.
And Andy McCluskey from Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark recalls the Kraftwerk concert that inspired his musical career.
Kraftwerk were forged in the shadow of the Second World War, out of a desire to create a new, German music. Uwe Schütte from Aston University explains how Computer World embodies the politics of this time and points the way to a computerised future.
Brian Carney recalls how the album's glamour and sheen changed his horizons in the industrial town of St Helens.
And in South Central Los Angeles Greg Broussard, aka Egyptian Lover, shows how this album brought love into his life.
Life, love and an electronic future as experienced through the music of this pioneering German band.
Producer: Melvin Rickarby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
FRI 10:30 The Night Visiting (b03bqws9)
The award-winning folk musician Tim van Eyken has travelled the world performing traditional songs.
He also works in the theatre and was the Song Man in the National Theatre's production of 'War Horse'.
One of the first songs he ever heard, from his mother, was 'The Bay of Biscay'. In this a woman is visited in the night by her lover, returned after seven years at sea. It turns out that he was drowned, the visitor is his ghost... and he cannot stay.
There are many varieties of night visiting song: tales of seduction; stories of deception, when the visitor turns out not to be the expected lover; and songs of ghostly visitation.
Tim sets out to probe the history, meaning and significance of these songs. He talks to the singer Martin Carthy about their power. Dr Vic Gammon sets them in their international context - there are in Europe down songs. He hears from Bella Hardy, the first song she ever wrote was a new night visiting song.
Tim believes that the night visiting songs are more than old yarns; that they speak to us today of desire, love and loss - and sexual and class politics. He tests his ideas with the Jungian psychotherapist, Warren Colman.
Professor Chris French, who researches the paranormal, and film-maker Carla MacKinnon, who have both been working on sleep paralysis, consider the psychology of the songs, what might actually be happening to the people in them.
Tim considers, too, how the night visiting is a trope in our literature. Isn't the balcony scene in 'Romeo and Juliet' a night

visit? What of Cathy in 'Wuthering Heights'? Throughout, we hear beautiful, haunting, night visiting songs, performed by the people Tim speaks to, and taken from archive recordings.
Producer: Tim van Eyken
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2013.
FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jly9)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 14:00 Whispers (b007k2sl)
Series 3
Episode 3
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:
Dan Tetsell
John O'Farrell
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.
FRI 14:30 Drama on 4 (b086kjqg)
The Mysteries of Udolpho by Ann Radcliffe
Emily St Aubert is forced to leave France and go and live with her Aunt and her new husband, Count Montoni, in his isolated castle in Italy.
Before long Emily discovers that the castle is a place of nightmares and Montoni a desperate man who will stop at nothing to terrorise both his wife and his niece.
Ann Radcliffe's Gothic romance revelled in both terrorising and titillating its readers. This was the sensational novel of its era, filled with dark deeds, dastardly villains and supposedly supernatural events.
As with many other Gothic novels, The Mysteries of Udolpho has at its centre a powerless young heroine often trapped in a mysterious location and pitted against an evil villain; the book revels in exploring the politics of power, pleasure and pain and sexual desire. Ann Radcliffe felt that terror was superior to horror, which nullified the senses, whereas she preferred to write about the psychological experience of being full of fear and dread manifested through the art of suggestion. Radcliffe was also unusual in always giving a rational explanation for the strange goings on in her novels.
Hattie Naylor's dramatisation takes the core of the four volumes of the novel to explore those edicts most at the heart of the Gothic Novel.
Emily Georgia Groome
Madame Cheron Tracy Wiles
Count Montoni John Dougall
Cavigni Finlay Robertson
Verizzi Luke Thompson
Annette Natasha Cowley
Ludovicio Stephen Wight
Count Morano John Bowler
Sister Agnes Karen Bartke
Abbess Alison Belbin
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.
FRI 15:30 The Amorous Ghost by Enid Bagnold (b00m9jbl)
Mr Templeman's wife is away, but it someone appears to have been sleeping in her nightgowns.
Enid Bagnold's short story read by Paul Daneman.
Producer: Mitch Raper
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1991.
FRI 15:45 Short Works (m00014zw)
The Flood by Deepa Anappara
It's monsoon season, and as the rain turns into floods, a woman is trapped in her home. But is she really alone? The ghost in her house begs to differ. But it may not be as terrifying as it first appears; perhaps it can even help her with her grief. But will she escape the flood in time?
An Indian ghost story from an exciting new voice in fiction, Deepa Anappara.
Reader: Indira Varma
Producer: Justine Willett
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
FRI 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jly9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 17:30 The Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham (m0006f90)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 18:00 The Sit Croom (b00mf205)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 The Likely Lads (m002lfxs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Quanderhorn (b0b91t03)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Visitors Book and Other Ghost Stories by Sophie Hannah (b07559m2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 The Book of Strange New Things by Michel Faber (b04kfgcr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 Whispers (b007k2sl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Drama on 4 (b086kjgq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:30 The Amorous Ghost by Enid Bagnold (b00m9jbl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 today]

FRI 21:45 Short Works (m00014zw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 It's a Fair Cop (m000w5vk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07pgwp0)
Series 1
The Announcement
Stand-up comic Josh comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.
Josh and his wife Monique attend a family funeral where Josh manages to fall out with everyone and spectacularly fails to keep the news of the pregnancy under wraps.
Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.
Written by Josh Howie.
With:
Spencer Brown
Carol Dance
Stella Duffy
Kerry Godliman
Steve Jameson
Peter Walsingham
Producer: Ashley Blaker
A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2016. .

FRI 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b01dgh8t)
Series 1
Nick Helm
What is the relationship between man and dog and dinosaurs and puns?
Comedian Alex Horne is joined by his own 5 piece jazz band for music and comedy.
With Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee: Nick Helm.
Host Alex Horne
Trumpet/banjo Joe Auckland
Saxophone/clarinetMark Brown
Double Bass/Bass Will Collier
Drums and Percussion Ben Reynolds
Piano/keyboard Joe Stilgoe
Guest performerNick Helm
Producer: Julia McKenzie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

FRI 23:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002lgyh)
Doug Naylor 3/3
From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Laura Lexx chats again to Red Dwarf co-creator Doug Naylor.

FRI 23:30 Radio Active (b007jvcs)
Series 3
Radio Active's Funday in Blackport
Have fun and plenty of it with Radio Active's fun day out on the promenade in Blackport.
Enough games, celebrities and competitions to generate a great deal of fun. Plus, somebody **MUST** win a Radio Active Car Sticker.
Starring:
Helen Atkinson-Wood
Angus Deayton
Geoffrey Perkins
Philip Pope
Michael Fenton-Stevens
Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. With Jon Canter, Roger Planer, Antony Nicholson, Moray Hunter and John Docherty.
Producer: Jamie Rix
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1983.