

SATURDAY 07 FEBRUARY 2026

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m000d850)

Days

"It's a goodbye song, but it's also an inspirational song. It could also mean a new beginning" - Ray Davies

Written by Ray Davies and released by the Kinks in 1968 'Days' had a very different sound to the rest of their repertoire. Sorrowful but uplifting it's been embraced by listeners across the world who have found solace and hope in its lyrics.

Having been covered by numerous artists (most notably Kirsty MacColl), it speaks to people of all generations and captures moments in their lives.

For Sim Wood it's an anthem to great friendships and discovery whilst for actor Gabriel Vick it's a song that has journeyed with him from a place of fond memories to heartfelt remembrance. John Slater, who was born the same year that it was released, has his own celebratory take on 'Days' and for Laura and John Mapes it's the song that gave them the words they so needed to express.

With contributions from rock critic and writer, Barry Miles. Producer: Nicola Humphries

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.

*** If you are suffering distress or despair and need support, including urgent support, a list of organisations that can help is available at bbc.co.uk/actionline.

*** Or you can call for free to hear recorded information on 0800 066 066.

SAT 00:30 The Last Picture Show (b0076kx5)

John Wilson visits the National Gallery and Tate Britain in London, as their Caravaggio and Turner, Whistler and Monet exhibitions come to an end.

He meets members of the art loving public who have arrived just in time - or not.

Plus the experts responsible for taking down and transporting the masterpieces.

Producer: Peter McHugh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

SAT 01:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer (m002qv9q)

2. Surprises

The Kremlin: 6th June 1966. In Russia, Major Romanov is tracking down the Tsar's Icon. In England, Adam Scott has received a strange bequest.

Starring Michael York, Simon Ward and Tom Chadbon. Jeffrey Archer's tale of a secret history that threatens a deadly escalation of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Dramatised by Brian Sibley.

Adam Scott Michael York

Alexander Romanov Simon Ward

Lawrence Pemberton Tom Chadbon

Sir Morris Richard Vernon

Poskonov Vladek Sheybal

Brezhnev Czeslaw Grocholski

Zaborski John Church

Petrova Jill Lidstone

Heidi Helena Breck

Bischoff David March

Sedgewick Richard Durden

Pastor Ronald Herdman

Cashier Elaine Claxton

Harold Wilson John Bird

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 November 1986.

SAT 01:30 Cadfael (b007jldr)

The Virgin in the Ice

4. The Wolves' Nest

Brother Cadfael searches for Ives Hugonin and Brother Elyas who are missing in a blizzard.

Starring Philip Madoc as Brother Cadfael.

Written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc

Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Ermina Moira Buffini

Leonard Leonard Fenton

Hugh Douglas Hodge

Le Gaucher Peter Laird

Ives Dean Magri

Olivier Raad Raw

Outlaw Jonathan Adams

Soldier Steve Hodson

Sergeant Jonathan Tafler

Other parts played by the cast.

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

SAT 02:00 My Mammy and Me (m002qv9s)

Series 1

1. Fatal Attraction

Will Mr Right ever come along to release Isobel from her Mammy's apron strings?

Managing to avoid the bingo with Mammy, she heads to a singles' club...

Pilot episode of the Scotland-based sitcom written in six-parts by Cathy McPhail.

Mammy Eileen McCallum

Isobel Kate Donnelly

Wullie Jake D'Arcy

Ida Barbara Rafferty

Tom Forbes Masson

Elsie Carolyn Boneyman

Marian Clare Hemphill

Recorded at the Chandler Studio Theatre in Glasgow.

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1994.

SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jlt3)

Series 3

Cuckoo in the Nest

Harold Steptoe is shocked to meet his older half-brother from Australia.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Arthur Kenneth J Warren

Other parts played by David Brierly

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1971.

SAT 03:00 The Break (b07j40ww)

Series 1

The Girl from the South

Uncle Jeff, out of the blue, decides that his nephew Andy needs a girlfriend.

Andy decides that he does not. Jeff persists - Fish Shop Frank has his niece visiting from down south, and she is, by all accounts, "a lovely girl".

While waiting for Andy to agree, Jeff takes him to the local hypermarket ostensibly for supplies, but in fact because Jeff has read in a magazine that supermarkets are the ideal place for young singles to meet.

While Jeff is wrongly detained for shoplifting, Andy runs into an old flame from London. Liz. She's staying with her Uncle Frank - so this is the "lovely girl" Jeff's been banging on about!

Can Andy rekindle the relationship with his old flame?

Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Jeff Philip Jackson

Andy Tom Palmer

Frank Mark Benton

Corinne Alison Steadman

Joyce Alison Steadman

Liz Shobna Gulati

Carenza Shobna Gulati

Alan Rasmus Hardiker

Frank 2 Rasmus Hardiker

Director: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.

SAT 03:30 Girl With Dove by Sally Bayley (m0002222)

5. Colwood

Sally Bayley recalls how a strange home life made her bond with characters from books.

After a visit to the doctor and questions from Audrey, who means well, there is time to be spent at Colwood.

Which requires all the consolatory powers that Jane Eyre can muster.

But destiny does favour Sally.

Read by Lydia Leonard

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

SAT 03:45 Ladies of Letters (b01m850q)

Ladies of Letters Log On

5. Arrivals

Vera has a busy day with a new arrival at Sheepdippers.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - now trying to "outsurf" each other on the World Wide Web.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer Prunella Scales

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

SAT 04:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001wjgj)

Series 1

1. My Sphinx Has No Nose

Frank and guests find out what you thought about mead, Poirat and a stinky brontosaurus.

A panel game based on those reviews you leave when you shop online - the good, the bad and the downright baffling.

So, if you're the person who went on Trip Advisor to review

Ben Nevis as "Very steep and too high", this show salutes you!

With:

Simon Evans

Jessica Fostekew

Amy Gledhill

Ahir Shah

Written by Frank Skinner, Catherine Brinkworth, Sarah

Dempster, Jason Hazeley, Rajiv Karia, Karl Minns, Katie Sayer

& Peter Tellouche

Devised by Jason Hazeley and Simon Evans with the producer

David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

February 2024.

SAT 04:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076457)

Series 1

I'll Build That Bridge When I Come To It

Pete is in love with Cassie, but is she in love with him?

Cassie and Pete finally kiss, but do they like it?

Will Dad finally sort out the difference between pot plants and people?

And what's happened to PJ the postman who does Neil

Diamond impressions?

Starring Debra Stephenson and Dave Lamb.

Amanda Murphy's comedy-drama series about a friendship between a man and a woman.

Cassie Debra Stephenson

Pete David Lamb

PJ Brendan Burns

Dad Mike Grady

Simon Shaun Dooley

Rebecca Mika Simmons

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.

SAT 05:00 Wally K Daly (m002qv9z)

Butterflies Don't Count

"The secrets of confession are inviolable - a lovely ringing phrase, but what a price we priests must pay...."

Father Peter can see that his colleague Father Tom is suffering after hearing about a terrible crime.

Starring Kevin Whately and Reginald Marsh.

Wally K Daly adapts his compelling BBC TV drama - first broadcast in 1978 as a Play for Today.

Tom ... Kevin Whately

Peter ... Reginald Marsh

Penitent ... Tony Haygarth

O'Neil ... T P McKenna

May ... Jill Shilling

Doctor ... John Church

Mr James ... Terence Edmond

Mrs James ... Kate Binchy

Directed by David Hitchinson for the BBC World Service.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.

**** Don't miss the sequel THE BROKEN BUTTERFLY on

BBC Radio 4 Extra on 7th February 2026.

SAT 06:00 Wally K Daly (m002r38c)

The Broken Butterfly

15 years ago, Father Tom heard a killer's confession and now the killer is out and heading his way....

Starring Kevin Whately and Reginald Marsh.

Wally K Daly's sequel to BUTTERFLIES DON'T COUNT available on BBC SOUNDS from 6th February 2026.

Matters of faith, morality and murder in Ireland as three priests become heavily involved in violent conflict as it reaches their parish.

Tom ... Kevin Whately

Peter ... Reginald Marsh

Penitent ... Tony Haygarth

Kathleen ... Marcella Riordan

Sion ... Sean Barrett

Deelan ... Des McAleer

O'Hagan ... Norman Rodway

Vietnamese boy ... Judy Bennett

Other parts played by:

Ronald Herdman

Jonathan Tafler

Theresa Streatfield

Alison Reid

John Church

Jonathan Adams

Peter Gunn

Gordon Reid

Directed by David Hitchinson for BBC World Service.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1992.

SAT 07:30 Without Warning and Only Sometimes by Kit de Waal (Omnibus) (m002r38f)

Kit de Waal's childhood was dominated by weekly visits to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and her mother's

commitment to its millenarian doctrine.

Her father dreamt of returning home to St Kitts.

So Kit and her resilient siblings found themselves caught between the three cultures of their Irish mother, their Caribbean father and 1960s Birmingham.

Kit is the author of 'My Name is Leon' and reads her own memoir of an unpredictable childhood in 1960s Birmingham.

First published in 2022.

Omnibus of five-parts abridged by Julian Wilkinson.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2022.

Photo credit: Sarah Lee

SAT 08:45 Tales From the Backbench by Peter Tinniswood (b00764w1)

Series 2

How Long, How Long?

Useless and forgetful MP, Sir Plympton Makepeace wonders why he allowed himself to be persuaded back into politics?

Starring Leslie Phillips.

More unreliable parliamentary ramblings written by Peter

Tinniswood.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

SAT 09:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008jw8g)

1. Rosalind Plowright

Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion, Dr Evadne Hinge, invite you to eavesdrop on some informal music and conversation.

Direct from their own music room, the dear ladies are joined by international operatic soprano, Rosalind Plowright.

Dame Hilda Bracket George Logan

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1990.

SAT 09:30 The Navy Lark (b018tx2t)

Series 12

Operation Cowes Barge

HMS Troutbridge heads to the Isle of Wight and Captain Povey needs a favour from the crew.

Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman and George Evans.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Number One Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caldicot

Mrs Povey Heather Chasen

The Admiral Tenniel Evans

The Rear Admiral Michael Bates

Belinda Norma Ronald

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1971.

SAT 10:00 Conversation Extra (m002r38h)

Sir Laurence Olivier

4 Extra delves deep in the BBC Archive for another classic interview.

Actor and director, Sir Laurence Olivier is in conversation with John Dyas.

He recalls moments and personalities in his life from days at school to his then position as Director of the National Theatre in London.

He also discusses his war effort and a variety of his roles on stage and in films, including his portrayal of Air Chief Marshal, Sir Hugh Dowding.

At the time of this interview, Sir Laurence Olivier was aged 62.

Producer John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1969.

SAT 10:30 Great Lives (b0076nmn)

Vivien Leigh

Barrister Christina Gorna nominates actress Vivien Leigh for great-life status.

She notably won Hollywood Oscars for her film performances in 'Gone with the Wind' and 'A Streetcar Named Desire'.

Gorna is joined by biographer Hugo Vickers to assess this charismatic star.

Presented by Humphrey Carpenter.

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: Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

SAT 11:00 Wally K Daly (m002r38c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 12:30 Without Warning and Only Sometimes by Kit de Waal (Omnibus) (m002r38f)

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SAT 14:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008jw8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 The Navy Lark (b018tx2t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Conversation Extra (m002r38h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 15:30 Great Lives (b0076nmn)

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SAT 16:00 Torchwood (b010m6lc)

4. The Dead Line

When a Cardiff Hospital is inundated with patients who have fallen into coma-like trances, Torchwood move in to investigate.

The trances appear to have been triggered by phone calls, all received on retro phones and made from a number that hasn't been active for over 30 years.

Determined to find out who's been calling the unfortunate victims, Jack rings the mysterious number.

"Two, oh, five, nine" Nothing. It's a dead line.

Until, it calls Jack back.

Starring John Barrowman.

Written by Phil Ford.

Based on a format devised by Russell T Davies.

Jack John Barrowman

Gwen Eve Miles

Ianto Gareth David-Lloyd

Rhys Kai Owen

Stella Dona Cross

Jan Eiry Thomas

Bob Matthew Gravelle

Tyler Brendan Charleson

Director: Kate McAll

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2009.

SAT 16:45 Having a Wonderful Time by JG Ballard (b06q5wmv)

An extended Las Palmas holiday - at someone else's expense - seems ideal.

But is there a hidden agenda?

JG Ballard's short story read by Patricia Brake.

Producer: Harriet Lang

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

SAT 17:00 Wally K Daly (m002r38c)

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SAT 18:30 Without Warning and Only Sometimes by Kit de Waal (Omnibus) (m002r38f)

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SAT 19:45 Tales From the Backbench by Peter Tinniswood (b00764w1)

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SAT 20:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008jw8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 The Navy Lark (b018tx2t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Conversation Extra (m002r38h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 21:30 Great Lives (b0076nmn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SAT 22:00 4 at the Store (b00cpvsk)

Series 1

Episode 1

Simon Bligh hosts an evening of stand-up comedy without having to leave your armchair.

Direct from London's Comedy Store

Featuring:

Dominic Holland

Sue Beard

Felix Dexter

Producer: Helen Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.

SAT 22:30 Fred at The Stand (b098jmxk)

Series 1

Hastings, Vee, McCabe and Delaney

Fred MacAulay is back at The Stand Comedy Club in Edinburgh doing what he does best - making people laugh.

The series brings another selection of some of the best of stand-up comedians working in the UK right now. Some you'll know and some you won't - yet.

In this episode:

* Canadian John Hastings gives an insight into his love life

* Sindhu Vee jokes about her family

* Susie McCabe talks holidays

* Gary Delaney delivers a series of blistering one liners.

Fred At The Stand is the closest thing your ears are going to get to an actual night in a comedy club.

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

SAT 23:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b03gg7n7)

Series 1

Problems with a Package

Tom's parents are in Tenerife but that doesn't stop him making his weekly check-in call.

Tom lives to regret persuading them to explore more than just the hotel whilst they're on holiday.

As the conversation unfolds, Tom takes time out to explain the situation, his parent's reactions plus anecdotes from the past illustrating his family's views.

During all this Hang Ups explores class, living away from 'home', trans-generational phenomena, what we inherit from our families and how the past repeats in the present. All in a 30 minute phone call.

So get underneath the skin of Tom and the Wrigglesworth family in a 30 minute totally legal bit of phone hacking.

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle.

Tom Wrigglesworth Tom

Judy Parfitt Granny

Paul Copley Dad

Kate Anthony Mum

Amy Wrigglesworth Amy

Additional material by Miles Jupp.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.

SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b008x3tl)

Series 4

The Breakfast Show

Radio Active's Breakfast Show is broadcast simultaneously on TV.

Lined up are a whole host of celebrity interviews, an agony aunt and live music!

What could possibly go wrong?

Radio Active is the one and only local national radio station.

Starring:

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Music by Philip Pope and Steve Brown.

Written by Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins and Jon Canter.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1984.

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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002r384)

The Interviewers

Sir David Frost

Following two appearances with Roy Plomley in 1963 and 1971 - Sir David Frost is castaway once more by Sue Lawley.

The veteran broadcaster is the only British TV presenter to have interviewed seven American presidents and six British Prime Ministers who has, over the past five decades, become a broadcasting institution.

Once known as a scourge of the Establishment, he's become something of an establishment figure himself, noted for his formidable contacts book, his star-studded parties, and for his gentle but revealing interviewing style.

Born in 1939, the youngest son of a Methodist minister and his wife, David was football and cricket-mad from an early age but with a burning ambition to go to Cambridge University. He arrived there in 1958, and threw himself into it, joining Footlights and editing Varsity and Granta.

After Cambridge, Ned Sherrin saw him performing a comedy act in a Mayfair bar and hired him up to present the iconic satirical programme That Was The Week That Was. Other successful programmes followed including Frost Over Britain and The Frost Report.

Breakfast with Frost ran for 12 years until early 2005. David is not retiring though and is due to present a new interview programme for Al-Jazeera International, and will also conduct occasional interviews for the BBC.

DISC ONE: Noël Coward - Mad Dogs and Englishmen

DISC TWO: Elton John - Your Song

DISC THREE: Coldplay - Fix You

DISC FOUR: Ray Charles - America the Beautiful

DISC FIVE: Michael Crawford - Music of the Night

DISC SIX: Bob Lind - Elusive Butterfly

DISC SEVEN: The Beatles - The Long and Winding Road

DISC EIGHT: Eric Coates's The Dam Busters March - Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir Charles Groves

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Eric Coates's The Dam Busters March

BOOK CHOICE: London A-Z

LUXURY CHOICE: Sunday papers

Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0012h9p)

Series 1

Platypus

Along the soft, muddy river banks of New South Wales, the female duck-billed platypus makes a burrow to raise her family.

Not only is this the strangest of creatures, it is also one of the most tricky to film.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002r387)

The Poetry Detective - Not in Love Poems

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Poetry Detective - Not in Love poems for the loveless, thwarted and unrequited. With Vanessa Kisuule.

From weddings to Valentine's Day cards, poetry and romance go hand-in-hand.

We go to poetry to woo, to wed and to mark our love. We look to poetry not only for a reflection of how we feel but also to shape an ideal of what love could, or should be.

But what about love thwarted and unrequited, love promised and never found? People living without romantic love, or finding love but struggling to accept it?

Can poetry speak to the loveless as well as the lovers?

"What would it look like if we didn't place romantic love as the organising principle of our lives? Could life be good anyway?"

Amy Key is the author of two poetry collections. She talks to Vanessa about a treasured anthology of haiku by Japanese women. Can these tiny, potent poems - written between the

17th century and the present day - help us reckon with longing?

And we hear from Ellen Bass, the Santa Cruz-based author of that poem. She talks about the lines of Tolstoy that inspired the poem and how writing it was transformative for her.

Produced in Bristol by Mair Bosworth for BBC Audio.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2022.

**** And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the

Month: Somewhere There is a Sky For Us.

SUN 07:30 Girl With Dove by Sally Bayley (Omnibus) (m0002s7)

Sally Bayley recalls how a strange home life made her bond with characters from books.

The author and podcaster found connection through the pages of Jane Eyre and anything with Miss Marple in it. She has to turn detective to find out what happened to Baby David - and to escape the clutches of Auntie Di, mum's sister.

And finally, where is the girl in the title of her account to be found?

Sally Bayley has a podcast called A Reading Life a Writing Life touching on similar themes.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Katrin Williams.

Read by Lydia Leonard

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

SUN 08:40 Last of the Red Hot Mamas (b074w4br)

The great American recording star Sophie Tucker died in New York on February 9th 1966.

Sophie was a singer, a comedian and a radio and recording star. She was funny and outspoken, known across America for her risqué performances and her self-effacing humour.

In the early part of the 20th century, she was one of America's most popular celebrities.

Hear from two people who knew her, alongside interviews from the BBC archives.

Producer: William Kremer

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in February 2016.

SUN 08:50 Ladies of Letters (b01mfz16)

Ladies of Letters Log On (Omnibus)

Episode 1

The discovery of email doesn't stop the flow of feminine vitriol. Starring Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence – now trying to "outsurf" each other on the World Wide Web.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes written by Lou

Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small ... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer ... Prunella Scales

Howard ... Christopher Kelham

Zizi / Karen ... Mia Soteriou

Nigel ... Benedict Sandiford

Benji ... Nicholas Boulton

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SUN 10:00 Stilgoe's Around (b00b8tw7)

Whitehall Theatre

Ricahrd Stilgoe is at the Whitehall Theatre, revealing the secrets of thespian life - where the real drama of the theatre is behind the scenes!

With:

Charles Collingwood

Belinda Lang

Francesca Brill

Plus musical guest Kathryn Tickell.

Written by Richard Stilgoe.

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1989.

SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b016n7xj)

From 28/04/1955

Can Eth finally get her fiance Ron Glum up the aisle?

Long-running classic comedy written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

June Whitfield

Wallas Eaton

Music from Alma Cogan, The Keynotes and the Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Guy Davies.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1955.

SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002r384)

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SUN 16:00 Scramble by Martin Kiszko (b007jwp8)

2. Uncomfortable Truths

The heroine, Mel has always supported the State, but when she uncovers some uncomfortable facts she begins questioning her work as a government scientist.

A tale of love and treachery, in which an individual is pitted against enormous odds. It's a totalitarian world in which music is so subversive that drastic action is taken.

Starring Clare Corbett.

Continuing composer Martin Kiszko's three-part sci-fi thriller.

Mel Clare Corbett

Jason Ben Tinniswood

Commander-in-chief David Collins

Agent Peters Ben Addis

Agent Daniels Simon Winkler

Levant Christian Rodska

Young Mel Femka Whitney

Producer: Mark Smalley

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in March 2006.

SUN 16:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jqbs)

Episode 6

Is Shazir the real enemy? Can Arcos and his hero friends escape

the Palace of Memory?

Starring Francis Thomson.

Conclusion of the fantasy-adventure by Peter Thomson and

Jamie Thomson.

Arcos Francis Thomson

Kaddah Trevor Peacock

Vanna Liz Whiting

Shazir Crawford Logan

Bereneth Edward Kelsey

Va Melanie Hudson

Alvica Emma Fielding

Rashiq Theresa Streatfeild

Xander Robert Portal

Producer: Peter Hutchings

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SUN 19:50 Ladies of Letters (b01mfz16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

SUN 21:00 Stilgoe's Around (b00b8tw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b016n7xj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b00zf76j)

Series 3

We Need To Talk About Brian

Clare is preparing to move to a new home with Brian.

But a disturbing discovery she makes while packing forces her to question the decision.

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

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

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

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life

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

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Ray Richard Lumdsden

Helen Gemma Craven

Irene Ellen Thomas

Megan Nina Conti

Simon Andrew Wincott

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

SUN 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00ckmj4)

Series 2

Visitors

When Nick's teenage niece and his oldest wild rock n roller

friend both come to stay, Nick finds himself a surrogate parent, but for whom?

A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.

With:

Alistair McGowan

Doon MacKichan

Brian Bowles

Mickey Hutton

Susannah Doyle

Producer: Ioan Magnusson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993.

SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qdsms)

Series 2

The Dinner Party

Damien and Anthony invite their nearest and dearest round for

a dinner party to celebrate some good news:

Anthony has finally decided to start his own investment company, whilst Damien has finally got from Sky Arts a new series all about the culinary habits of the great poets.

Unfortunately, things do not get off to an auspicious start when Anthony is beset by incurable hiccups, and Damien's agent Ian arrives with marital problems in tow.

Includes recipes for Baked Camembert, Trout "en papillote" and Rum Baba.

Sitcom written by and starring Miles Jupp, charting the life of cookery writer Damien Trench and his partner Anthony.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony MacIlveny Justin Edwards

Damien's Mother Selina Cadell

Damien's Dad Philip Fox

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

SUN 23:30 Hearing with Hegley (b03sb6t8)

Series 2

Episode 7

A bespectacled John Hegley celebrates the wearing of glasses. The poet laureate of alternative comedy entertains a London audience in Barnet.

With Nigel Piper and The Popticians

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

SUN 23:45 Bunk Bed (m0014pdb)

Series 9

Episode 7

Bed-bound wit, philosophy and story telling from Patrick

Marber and Peter Curran.

They discuss fear of death on a scale of 1 to 10, and enjoy a ghostly visitation from the extraordinary voice of a king of silent film comedy, Buster Keaton.

Produced by Peter Curran.

A Foghorn Company production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in 2022.

MONDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2026

MON 00:00 Scramble by Martin Kiszko (b007jwp8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Heart of Hark'un (b007jqbs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002r384)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001zh9p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002r387)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Girl With Dove by Sally Bayley (Omnibus) (m0002s7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Last of the Red Hot Mamas (b074w4br)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Ladies of Letters (b01mfz16)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Stilgoe's Around (b00b8tw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b016n7xj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer (m002r3lx)

3. Suspicions

Zurich. 13th June 1966. In seeking the Tsar's Icon, Major Romanov has discovered that there is a fortune waiting him in a Swiss bank.

Adam is also on his way to Switzerland to collect his inheritance.

Starring Michael York, Simon Ward and Tom Chadbon.

Jeffrey Archer's tale of a secret history that threatens a deadly escalation of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Dramatised in seven episodes by Brian Sibley.

Adam Scott Michael York

Alexander Romanov Simon Ward

Lawrence Pemberton Tom Chadbon

Sir Morris Richard Vernon

Busch Harry Towb

Snell William Fox

Matthews Brian Hewlett

Poskonov Vladek Sheybal

Zaborski John Church

Heidi Helena Breck

Bischoff David March

Petrova Jill Lidstone

Roget Andrew Branch

Other parts played by:

Susie Brann

Sheila Grant

Ronald Herdman

Deborah Makepeace

Stuart Organ

George Parsons

Jonathan Tafler

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 November 1986.

Our warm thanks go to the Radio Circle for returning this series to the BBC archive.

MON 06:30 Cadfael (b007jldz)

The Virgin in the Ice

5. Discoveries

Medieval detective monk Brother Cadfael discovers outlaws have taken Ives Huginon prisoner.

Starring Philip Madoc.

It's winter 1139 and England is still racked with civil war.

Conclusion written by Ellis Peters and dramatised by Bert Coules.

Brother Cadfael Philip Madoc

Narrator Sir Michael Hordern

Ermina Moira Buffini

Leonard Leonard Fenton

Hugh Douglas Hodge

Le Gaucher Peter Laird

Ives Dean Magri

Elyas Crispin Letts

Axeman Peter Gunn

Boterel Andrew Wincott

Other parts played by the cast.

Music by Peter Salem.

Producer: Phil Clarke.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1992.

MON 07:00 In the Chair (b007jq8n)

Episode 6

Maverick hack George Cragge is certain he knows the identity of the killer.

Meanwhile, who will be the BBC's next Director-General?

Starring Michael Williams and Barry Foster.

Mark Tavener's blackly humorous murder mystery.

George Cragge Michael Williams

DCI Frank Jefferson Barry Foster

The Prime Minister Hugh Laurie

Crichton-Potter Richard Griffiths

Martin McCabe John Bird

Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry

Marcia Mallon Rebecca Front

Jim Hardie Kenneth Cranham

Director of Personnel Geoffrey Whitehead

The Chancellor Simon Greenall

John Jonathan Keeble

Caroline Susie Brann

Music by Paul Mottram.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)

Series 2

Uninvited Guests

Calamity strikes when Captain Mainwaring's men must share the church hall with the ARP Wardens.

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 Michael Knowles and Harold Snood.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1975.

MON 08:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000yv92)

Series 2

3: The News

Ellie Taylor welcomes you to "Safe Space", a place where anyone can offload their controversial opinions without fear of judgment.

She talks to members of the public about their gripes and dislikes.

Is there too much news?

It's on all the time on a million different channels. Enough is

enough! It's not good for our health, and should be banned.

Joining Ella to prove her point is regular sidekick Robin

Morgan

With special guest: Isabel Hardman, political journalist and

assistant editor of The Spectator, who shares her views on the

logic of getting rid of the news entirely.

Written by Ellie Taylor and Robin Morgan

Producer: Sam Michell

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

August 2021.

MON 08:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel

Bart Story (b018g2z1)

1. Unity Theatre

Lionel Bart was a unique musical talent.

He found fame with the hugely successful musicals Oliver! and

'Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be'.

Plus, he became a hit-making machine for some of Britain's

first rock'n'roll stars - Tommy Steele, Marty Wilde and Cliff

Richard - as well as giving the James Bond movie franchise its

first song.

He socialised with figures from both serious and populist culture, and experienced a downfall that was as spectacular as his theatrical triumphs.

David and Caroline Stafford's biography of Bart draws on previously unseen archive sources and interviews with those closest to him.

Beginning with Lionel's East End childhood in London - and early exposure to music.

Read by Alistair McGowan.

Abridged in five parts by Julian Wilkinson

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

MON 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mrg64)

Ladies of Letters Log On

6. Readings

With Irene away, Vera invites a tarot card reader on the show.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as

Irene.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - now trying to "outsurf" each other on the World Wide Web.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer Prunella Scales

Producer: Claire Gove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002qrx2)

Series 96

1. The best curry in Bradford

This week Just A Minute returns to the glorious city of

Bradford, 24 years after we last recorded there way back in

2002. Comedian Chris Cantrill was born and bred in Bradford

and is making his debut on the show. How will he get on when

he plays with regulars Paul Merton, Lucy Porter and Zoe Lyons

on subjects like singing in the shower, heartbreak hotel and

Alan Bennett?

Host: Sue Perkins

Players: Paul Merton, Lucy Porter, Zoe Lyons, Chris Cantrill

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Additional material by Ruth Husko

An EcoAudio certified production.

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 09:30 Inside Pages (m001h45s)

Caerphilly

Ian Wylie journeys to some of Britain's hidden corners to view small towns through the lens of the people who don't ignore them - their local reporters.

Some of the towns are struggling, others are thriving.

The one thing they have in common is they're pretty much invisible in the eyes of the national media, even though they are

home to tens of thousands of people.

They don't have football teams. They're not pretty resorts that attract tourists. They can't even claim to be a contested marginal

seat that will determine the outcome of a general election.

Our guides are the passionate people who remain committed to

telling the stories of what's happening in their small towns.

Through their newspapers, websites and social media posts they

refuse to turn the page on local news reporting - often at some

personal cost.

Ian travels to Caerphilly in South Wales. It's a small town with a

familiar issue - it feels dwarfed by Cardiff, the big city nearby.

Produced and presented by Ian Wylie

Executive producer: Ian Bent

Sound designer: John Scott

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

January 2023.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002r3m0)

Kenneth Williams - John Baptises Jesus

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Kenneth Williams's Christian faith was a significant part of his life and impacted him deeply. At the height of his fame in the

1970s he was asked to record excerpts from the Bible. This

week, as we approach what would have been his 100th birthday,

the Daily Service showcases some of the recordings - many of

which haven't been broadcast until now.

The reflections are presented by Williams' friend the Very

Reverend Mark Oakley, a student at the time of their friendship

and now Dean of Southwark. He explores the readings and what

they tell us about the human condition and the faith of the

master storyteller we hear narrating them.

With thanks to Scripture Union and Jennifer Robertson.

Music:

Just As I Am - St Martin's Voices

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord - Rivers and Robots

Breathe on Me, Breath of God - Choir of Jesus College,

Cambridge

MON 10:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b008yj95)

Series 1

The Silence of the Lambs

Paul Gambaccini continues his history of the Oscars, as he

examines the film that boasts the shortest ever Oscar-winning

lead performance by an actor - Anthony Hopkins.

In 1992, The Silence of the Lambs became the second post-war

film to win all five of the major Academy Awards.

Jodie Foster (Best Actress in a Leading Role) recalls the

experience of working alongside both Anthony Hopkins (Best

Actor in a Leading Role) and Jonathan Demme (Best Director) Ted Tally (Best Writing, Screenplay Adapted From Other Medium) considers the extent to which The Silence of the Lambs (Best Picture) reveals more about celebrity culture than serial killers.

Producers: Paul Kobrak & Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

MON 10:30 Hold On Tight, Please (m002r3m2)

The rear-entrance Routemaster bus reaches its 50th birthday in 2004.

With its planned withdrawal in London, comedian and writer Linda Smith hops on board to celebrate its colourful life and times in the capital.

Recalling her own fond memories of this very British icon, she talks to conductors, drivers, and enthusiasts, and discovers how the bus has inspired people, starred on screen, travelled the world, symbolised peace, and found many surprising new uses.

Producers: Emma Wallace and Liz Jaynes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

MON 11:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer (m002r3lx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Cadfael (b007jldz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 In the Chair (b007jq8n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000yv92)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel

Bart Story (b018g2z1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mrg64)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Many a Slip (b007js24)

From 30/05/1978

Quizmaster Roy Plomley challenges his contestants to spot the

mistakes.

Eleanor Summerfield and Gillian Reynolds

battle

David Nixon and Tim Rice

With some tune-twisters from Steve Race

Devised and written by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1978.

MON 14:30 Married (b00dbqws)

Series 3

Episode 2

With the two universes collided, Dirk sees an ideal opportunity

to make money so opens 'Cafe Apocalypse'.

This gives Robin ample opportunity to dole out some of his

usual scathing criticism - especially as Lesley has decided to

display her new artwork there too...

Starring Hugh Bonneville.

Confirmed bachelor Robin Lightfoot is dealing with life in a

parallel universe where he has kids and an ex-wife who hates

him.

Tony Bagley's comedy drama series.

Robin Hugh Bonneville

Lesley Josie Lawrence

Maxine Ann Gosling

Ned Sam Bradley

Arthur Smith Himself

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.

MON 15:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r3m4)

As Long As Ye Both Shall Live by Aubrey Woods

A tragedy to have your husband killed in a car crash on your

honeymoon.

Or is it?

Valerie knows virtually nothing about Jean-Louis - it was a

whirlwind romance.

Only now does she begin to find things out about him.

Things she would rather not know.

Starring Heather Sears.

Written by Aubrey Woods.

Valerie Heather Sears

Etienne Delpech David March

Paul Blomfield Basil Moss

Garance Delpech Jane Wenham

Francis Anders / Jean-Louis Delpech Geoffrey Matthews

Martin Jordan Hugh Ross

Jarrow Alan Rowe

Caroline Anders Carole Boyd

Felton Vernon Joyner

Hillier Denis McCarthy

Aunt A Betty Huntley-Wright

Aunt H Hazel Coppen

Laurence Stephen Thorne

Lorry Driver Hector Ross

Official Sion Probert

Producer Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1974.

As Long As Ye Both Shall Live is part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's

MON 16:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b008yj95)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 Hold On Tight, Please (m002r3m2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer (m002r3lx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 17:30 Cadfael (b007jldz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 18:00 In the Chair (b007jq8n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b00q9gk2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000yv92)

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MON 19:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (b018g2z1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mrg64)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Many a Slip (b007js24)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 Married (b00dbqws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r3m4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002qrx2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 The Routemasters (b007jnqx)

1. Taking the Michelangelo

Mistaking it for a London night bus to Mitcham, Bernie inadvertently ends up a prisoner on a time-travelling double-decker.

He's transported back to 16th century Rome to thwart two meddling time-travellers.

Can he rescue Michelangelo?

Written in four parts by Andrew McGibbon.

Raymond Andrew McGibbon

Hilderghast Amanda Donohoe

Conductor Karl Minns

Bernie Owen Evans

Michelangelo Andy Mulligan

Kurzio Dan Freedman

Interpolator Alex Lowe

Additional material by:

Rob Colley

Kevin Greening

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Meyers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002r7jl)

Chloe Petts 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen Bailey speaks to comedian Chloe Petts.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002qv7w)

Series 119

5. The Prince of Darkness

Is there a way out for Keir Starmer after the Peter Mandelson scandal? Who fled 'under the cover of darkness' from their royal lodgings? What exactly is a humble address? And why are iguanas falling out of trees? Helping Andy answer some of the big questions of the week are Desiree Burch, Pierre Novellie, Daniel Finkelstein and Catherine Bohart.

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Cody Dahler, Eve Delaney and Sarah Mills

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producers: Richard Morris and James Robinson

Production Coordinator: Giulia Lopes Mazzu

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00899zt)

Series 1

Welcome to the Museum of Everything

Feel free to wander round our many galleries and experience the history of everything. Learn about the history of everything.

For instance, learn about the history of wicker, tour a stately home and discover the real identity of Jack the Ripper.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Danny Robins

Dan Tetsell

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026**TUE 00:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b008yj95)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Married (b00dbqws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r3m4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer (m002r4nt)

4. Hiding

Geneva. 16th June 1966. Heidi has been killed.

Swiss police want to speak to Adam Scott, who takes refuge in St Peter's Cathedral.

Starring Michael York, Simon Ward and Tom Chadbon.

Jeffrey Archer's tale of a secret history that threatens a deadly escalation of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the

United States.

Dramatised by Brian Sibley.

Adam Scott Michael York

Alexander Romanov Simon Ward

Lawrence Pemberton Tom Chadbon

Sir Morris Richard Vernon

Bush Harry Towb

Snell William Fox

Matthews Brian Hewlett

Valchek Sean Barrett

Zaborski John Church

Robin Jane Leonard

Dean Rusk Ed Bishop

Brunweld Don Fellows

Other parts played by:

Richard Durden

Stuart Organ

Shaun Pendergast

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 November 1986.

TUE 06:30 Jules Verne (b007jty4)

Around The World in Eighty Days

1. An Over-Hurried Departure

A bet is made, the Bank of England is robbed and the gas is left on.

Eccentric gentleman, Phileas Fogg's new valet Passepartout had been hoping for a quiet life...

Starring Leslie Phillips.

Jules Verne's classic story, first published in 1872.

Dramatised in four parts by Terry James.

Phileas Fogg Leslie Phillips

Passepartout Yves Aubert

Sergeant Fix Jim Broadbent

Lord Albermarle Ronald Fraser

Mr Flanagan Ronald Herdman

Mr Stuart John Church

The Doorman Mark Straker

Consul Terence Edmond

Forster Nicholas Murchie

Beggarmoman Joanna Myers

Original music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

TUE 07:00 Oh Mother! (m002r4nw)

The Seance

Nelly's widowed friend Mavis misses her husband.

Can Nelly help her reach him via seance?

Starring Mollie Sugden and Patricia Brake.

Christopher Sykes' sitcom about a 38 year old woman still

living at home with her mum in Purley, in the Surrey commuter-

belt for London.

Nelly Mollie Sugden

Beverly Patricia Brake

Percy Spalding Michael Robbins

Mavis Pat Coombs

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1980.

**** Sadly not all episodes have survived in the BBC archive.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jyf4)

Series 9

The Call of the West

Count Moriarty and Grytpype-Thynne sell saxophones to the

Indians in a cowboy caper.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan.

Starring:

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Peter Sellers

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 Greenlade

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1959.

TUE 08:00 Jack & Millie (b0bb048)

Series 1

Special Lunch

Jack and Millie have a son. And Melvin has an app. And Melvin's wife Delphine has a dog. And Daniel Craig has both his eyebrows.

A Special Lunch turns into a Totteridge tale of decking, Bond, beef tomahawks and a married lifetime's-worth of verbal sparring.

Jeremy Front's comedy is about an older couple who are fully engaged with contemporary life while being at war with the absurdities of the modern world.

Starring Jeremy Front and Rebecca Front.

So Millie's son Melvin has given her a new tablet with a voice recorder?

So suddenly Jack and Millie have decided to record everything that happens to them.

Jack.....Jeremy Front

Millie.....Rebecca Front

Melvin.....Harry Peacock

Delphine.....Jenny Bede

With special guest:

Bruv.....Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong

Producer: David Tyler

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

TUE 08:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (b018sgzx)

2. Tommy Steele

Lionel Bart meets Joan Littlewood and writes the songs for 'Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be'.

A unique musical talent.

Lionel found fame with the hugely successful musicals Oliver! and 'Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be'.

Plus, he became a hit-making machine for some of Britain's first rock'n'roll stars - Tommy Steele, Marty Wilde and Cliff Richard - as well as giving the James Bond movie franchise its first song.

He socialized with figures from both serious and populist culture, and experienced a downfall that was as spectacular as his theatrical triumphs.

David and Caroline Stafford's biography of Bart draws on previously unseen archive sources and interviews with those closest to him.

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson.

Read by Alistair McGowan.

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

TUE 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mh0fc)

Ladies of Letters Log On

7. Appeal

Irene wants to use 'Dales Diaries' to launch an appeal for her son.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - now trying to "outsurf" each other on the World Wide Web.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer Prunella Scales

Benjy Nicholas Boulton

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

TUE 09:00 You Heard It Here First (m002qrl3)

Series 3

4. 'Your Smugness Emanates'

Chris McCausland asks Fin Taylor and Fatiha El-Ghorri to take on Alasdair Beckett-King and Harriet Kemsley. The teams must figure out which audience members are lying (whilst blindfolded), guess what on earth some adorable children are trying to describe, and work out what famous films are being depicted from abstract sound cues.

Producer: Sasha Bobak

Assistant Producer: Eve Delaney

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman

A BBC Studios Production.

TUE 09:30 Inside Pages (m001h6j2)

Goole

Journalist Ian Wylie continues his tour of overlooked towns that rarely make the national news - but who have their own headline hunters.

Ian visits the East Riding of Yorkshire, to meet some of the journalists working on the Goole Times.

Produced and presented by Ian Wylie

Executive producer: Ian Bent

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2023.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002r4ny)

Kenneth Williams - The Good Samaritan

Kenneth Williams - The Good Samaritan

Kenneth Williams's Christian faith was a significant part of his life and impacted him deeply. At the height of his fame in the

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With thanks to Scripture Union and Jennifer Robertson.

Music:

When I Needed Neighbour – Wells Cathedral Choir

Open Thou My Eyes – The Cambridge Singers

Day By Day – St Martin's Voices

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000k9bh)

Val McDermid & Martha Lane Fox

Crime writer Val McDermid and businesswoman Martha Lane

Fox join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Emma Smith, Ali Smith and Patrick Hamilton. From 2020.

This is Shakespeare: How to Read the World's Greatest

Playwright by Emma Smith

Publisher: Pelican

How to be Both by Ali Smith

Publisher: Penguin

The Slaves of Solitude by Patrick Hamilton

Publisher: Little Brown

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2020.

TUE 10:30 Landscape With Canals and Machines: The

Legacy of LTC Rolt (b00vrssh)

Hermione Cockburn and Timothy West investigate the writer LTC Rolt, and his passion for the industrial landscape.

LTC Rolt achieved something remarkable - he changed the character of the British, for the better, by altering their perception of their land and history. Before he began writing, and campaigning, our industrial landscape was regarded a desecration of a rural idyll.

It was Rolt who taught us to value it, to appreciate its beauty and to appreciate the achievements of those who created the great engines, viaducts, lighthouses, ships and railways that revolutionised Britain - and the world.

The father of industrial archaeology, Rolt wrote definitive biographies of the Stephenson, Brunel, Watt and Telford. He wrote about railways, aeronautics and cars (his 1920s Alvis is still going), and 'High Horse Riderless' is an important early work of environmental philosophy. Plus he wrote fiction, including ghost stories.

His book 'Narrowboat' led to the establishment of the Inland Waterways Association and the canal network's navigation channels, structures, towpaths, bridges, tunnels and aqueducts were saved in the nick of time.

Rolt is now recognised as a pioneer of the leisure industry. He went on to rescue the bankrupt Tallylyn narrow-gauge railway and taught volunteers to restore, then run it. Such an endeavour had never been attempted before but now this is a model for renovation and conservation schemes all over contemporary Britain, and all over the world.

Hermione Cockburn, with help from Timothy West (who also has a narrowboat) and Rolt's widow, Sonia, tells the story of this remarkable engineer and author and reveals how his work shapes our thinking today - not just about our past but how we deal with it for the future.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

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(m002r4nt)

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TUE 14:00 Hidden Treasures (b055q39m)

Harewood House

From gorgeous fashion creations to athlete wrestling with a python.

Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted Antiques Quiz.

From the Long Gallery at the Earl of Harewood's family home in West Yorkshire.

With:

Henry Sandon

Sally Kevill-Davies

Tim Bentinck

Kevin Baker

Producer: Annie Bristow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

TUE 14:30 Says on the Tin (b00g4fv7)

Toothpaste

Disgraced maverick American ad-man Elliott Thurber is forced to transfer to the new London branch of Parabola Media.

Starring Michael Brandon.

Six-part sitcom set in the shallow, dog-eat-dog world of

advertising - written by Christopher William Hill.

Elliott Thurber Michael Brandon

Esther Finn Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker Pippa Haywood

Zadie Joannah Tincey

Ted Bruckner Malcolm Tierney

Toothrot Chris Pavlo

Customs Officer Stephen Critchlow

WomanJanice Acquah

Child Manjeet Mann

Stewardess Donnla Hughes

Plaque Inam Mirza

Producer: Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.

TUE 15:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r4p1)

Noon Ghosts by Catherine Lucy Czerkawska

An old man, exiled in Scotland, is haunted by memories of his life in Poland before the Second World War.

"...The mid-day ghost ... coming towards you in the heat of the day. Coming through the cornfields when you least expect such things. You can't close your eyes and creep under the covers and wait for the daylight to come. Not with the mid-day ghost. It's just there, in front of you."

Starring Callum Mill, Henry Stamper and Jill Fenner.

Written by Catherine Lucy Czerkawska.

Andrzej Callum Mill

Jan Henry Stamper

Young Andrzej David Bannerman

Ursula Jill Fenner

Anton Sean Barratt

The Leech Woman / Mrs. Kahul Gwyneth Guthrie

Mrs. Laskowska Diana Olsson

Directed at BBC Radio Scotland by Marilyn Ireland.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1981.

Susan Calman is the least relaxed person she knows.

She has no down time, no hobbies (unless you count dressing up your cats in silly outfits) and her idea of relaxation is to play Grand Theft Auto, an hour into which she is in a murderous rage with sky-high blood pressure. Her wife had to threaten to divorce her to make her go on holiday last year. Her first for four years. But she's been told by the same long-suffering wife that unless she finds a way to switch off, and soon, she's going to be unbearable.

So Susan is looking at her options to try and immerse herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her inner zen and outer tranquillity. Can she ditch the old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new Susan Calm?

This time, John Finnemore takes her on a spontaneous holiday. Keep Calman Carry On is an audience stand up show in which Susan reports on how successful she's been - both at relaxing and at the pursuit itself - as well as playing in and discussing a handful of illustrative clips from her efforts.

It's an attempt to find out how people find solace or sanctuary in these worlds and how Susan can negotiate her own place in them.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

TUE 23:30 Will Smith Presents the Tao of Bergerac

(b007vl20)

3. Romance

Jersey-born comedian Will Smith continues his obsession with 1980s BBC TV detective series Bergerac.

He's using an audio book of its star, John Nettles, reading the Tao, to navigate the minefield of his life, with the help of a special guest.

Now Will is exploring his bad luck with romance.

With:

Amelia Bullmore

Dan Tetsell

Olivia Poulet

Tara Blaise

John Nettles

Written by Will Smith and Roger Drew.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

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5. Border

Solothurn, Switzerland. 17th June 1966. Adam Scott, crawling up the side of a ravine, has been shot at by the KGB's Major Valchek.

Starring Michael York as Adam Scott, Simon Ward as

Alexander Romanov and Tom Chadbon as Lawrence

Pemberton.

Jeffrey Archer's tale of a secret history that threatens a deadly escalation of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Dramatised in seven episodes by Brian Sibley.

Adam Scott Michael York

Alexander Romanov Simon Ward

Lawrence Pemberton Tom Chadbon

Sir Morris Richard Vernon

Busch Harry Towb

Snell William Fox

Matthews Brian Hewlett

Valchek Sean Barrett

President Johnson Bruce Boa

Dean Rusk Ed Bishop

Jim Tim Reynolds

Betty Jennifer Piercey

Linda Karen Ascoe

Banks Eric Stovell

Piers James Goode
Other parts played by Andrew Branch, Avril Clark, Ronald Herdman, George Parsons and Edward de Souza.
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 December 1986.
WED 06:30 Jules Verne (b007jtyc)
Around The World in Eighty Days
2. Distractions in the Jungle
In which Phileas Fogg rides an elephant, Sergeant Fix loses sight of him and Passepartout saves the day...
Starring Leslie Phillips.
Jules Verne's classic story, first published in 1872.
Dramatised by Terry James.
Phileas Fogg Leslie Phillips
Passepartout Yves Aubert
Sergeant Fix Jim Broadbent
Hong Kong Policeman Jonathan Adams
The Clerk Ronald Herdman
Bombay Police John Church
The Guide Mark Straker
The Judge Terence Edmond
The Conductor Nicholas Murchie
Indian Woman Joanna Myers
Aouda Diana Quick
Brigadier Cromarty Garard Green
Elephant Driver Lyndham Gregory
Original music by Wilfredo Acosta.
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.
WED 07:00 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (b00sz56p)
Series 3
Death
Giles needs his flatmate Judith, to play the part of his wife at a family funeral.
He also needs some transport to get there...
Starring Tony Slattery, 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 Tony Slattery
David Paul Bigley
Judith Amanda Root
Other parts played by:
Richard Turner
Patience Tomlinson
Geoffrey Whitehead
Barbara Murray
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jps5)
Series 6
The Poetry Society
The Lad's new avant garde friends produce some poetical gems - with a little help from Sid and Bill.
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
Fenella Fielding
Warren Mitchell
Fraser Kerr
Theme and incidental music composed and conducted by Wally Stott.
Producer: Tom Ronald
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1959.
WED 08:00 Plum House (b07krdvm)
Series 1
Lights, Camera, Pudding
The museum team are startled to hear that Peter has agreed to Plum House being used as a location in a period TV drama.
And not just any period drama, but Buttermere Hall - the Cumbrian Poldark, the Lake District Downton Abbey - which just happens to be Maureen and Emma's favourite Sunday night series.
It could be a massive publicity coup for Plum House, but with Peter dreaming of a starring role, Maureen insisting on catering for the crew, Alan fretting about his broken spade and Emma desperate to meet leading man Christopher Tennyson, will the team end up blowing it?
Starring Simon Callow and Jane Horrocks.
Comedy about the inept staff at an historic house written by Ben Cottam and Paul McKenna
Every year thousands of tourists flock to the Lake District. But one place they never go to is Plum House - the former country home of terrible poet George Pudding (1779-1848). Now a crumbling museum, losing money hand over fist, it struggles to stay open under its eccentric curator Peter Knight.
Can anyone save Plum House from irreversible decline?
Peter Simon Callow
Maureen Jane Horrocks
Julian Miles Jupp
Tom Tom Bell
Alan Pearce Quigley
Emma Louise Ford
Christopher Tennyson Darren Boyd

Harriet Karina Fernandez
Tony Rob Jarvis
Julie Thaila Zucchi
Director: Paul Schlesinger
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.
WED 08:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (b018sh0t)
3. Where is Love?
Lionel Bart was a unique musical talent. He found fame with the hugely successful musicals Oliver! and 'Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be', but he was also a hit-making machine for some of Britain's first rock'n'roll stars - Tommy Steele, Marty Wilde and Cliff Richard, as well as giving the James Bond movie franchise its first song. He grew up in Stepney and worked at both the Unity Theatre and Joan Littlewood's Theatre Workshop in Stratford East.
He socialised with figures from both serious and populist culture, and experienced a downfall that was as spectacular as his theatrical triumphs.
David and Caroline Stafford's biography of Bart draws on previously unseen archive sources and interviews with those closest to him.
Today, Bart gives Cliff Richard his first number one and begins work on his own musical masterpiece, 'Oliver!'
Read by Alistair McGowan.
Abridged by Julian Wilkinson
Produced by Emma Harding
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
WED 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mhlp2)
Ladies of Letters Log On
8. Joy
Can Irene get to the bottom of the story about her son?
Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.
The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - now trying to "outsurf" each other on the World Wide Web.
Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.
Vera Small Patricia Routledge
Irene Spencer Prunella Scales
Howard Christopher Kelham
Yvonne Mia Soteriou
Christopher Benedict Sandiford
Malcolm Phillip Joseph
Producer: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
WED 09:00 Crossing The Floor (m002qtf8)
Satirist Rosie Holt, co-writing with acclaimed comedy writer David Quantick, brings her viral hit MP alter-ego into a sit-com which is Yes Minister for a generation who have endured some truly loopy politicians.
Conservative backbencher 'Rosie Holt MP' is known for her car crash interviews. Rosie is full of passionate conviction - but that conviction changes depending on the demands of the moment, especially if it means being closer to power. Depressed about the almost certain imminent Labour landslide election victory she "crosses the floor", just in time to be on the winning side in the 2024 election, where she finds herself in a Labour Government.
The far-left factions terrify her while the centrists can't be persuaded to believe in anything remotely radical. Meanwhile, her Tory party friends relay tales of how the Conservatives are becoming increasingly deranged in defeat.
Can Rosie compromise her values? Does she actually have any values?
Starring:
Rosie Holt as alter-ego Rosie Holt MP
Mark Bonnar as Merlin Grimsdale
Ellie White as Nellie,
Amy Gledhill as Sarah
Freya Carter as Faye
Emily Lloyd Saini as Aisha
Also, Ewan Bailey and Brendan Murphy
Written by Rosie Holt and David Quantick
(additional script editing Alison Vernon-Smith)
Directed by Sally Avens
Produced by Julian Mayers
A Yada Yada production for BBC Radio 4
WED 09:30 Inside Pages (m001h41r)
Stone
Journalist Ian Wylie journeys to some of the hidden corners of Britain to view small towns through the lens of the people who don't ignore them - their local reporters.
Ian visits Stone in Staffordshire to meet Jon Cook, editor of a local news website.
Produced and presented by Ian Wylie
Executive producer: Ian Bent
Sound designer: John Scott
A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2023.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002r3ls)
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With thanks to Scripture Union and Jennifer Robertson.
Music:
The Lord's My Shepherd (Brother James's Air) - Ruby Chorister
O Love - The Daily Service Singers with Laura Wright
Brother Sister Let Me Serve You - Northumbria Community
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0012fdt)
Self on Sebald
WG Sebald created extraordinary fictions with Austerlitz, The Emigrants and The Rings of Saturn, that hovered between the real and the imagined.
He died in 2001 aged 57. Will Self pieces together the writer's life and words.
With images and simple, yet fantastically powerful writing he told stories of loss, exile and loneliness that spoke to his own personal life. A German living in England, writing in his native tongue, haunted by history and existing in two worlds. That of his fatherland which had exterminated its Jewish populations and made a compact with memory and truth. And an England that had firebombed German cities during the war. The second silence in post war German writing and thought.
In works like Austerlitz, where the burden of memory and forgetting unhinges its central character, a former Kindertransport refugee, the past silts up before breaking through in unexpected ways. The Emigrants delicately portrays the lives in exile and return of German Jewish survivors whereas The Rings of Saturn evokes landscape and the past in unsettling yet subtle ways.
Will Self has long been drawn to the multi-layered worlds of WG Sebald's fiction. Here, in the company of Sebald biographer Carole Angier and former friend, poet Stephen Watts, Self moves through the Sebaldian landscape whilst exploring the archive devoted to one of the truly great writers of the late 20th Century.
Producer: Mark Burman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2022.
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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m0009rk2)
Series 3
6. Evelyn Waugh
James Walton tests the skills of Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Louise Doughty and Imogen Stubbs in the game of literary correctness.
Author of the week: Evelyn Waugh
Reader: Beth Chalmers
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.
WED 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2d1)
Series 1
Family Hold Back
How does Maud manage to come up trumps in the middle of the night?
Sue Limb's sitcom about events at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.
Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes star as sisters Alison and Maud.
Alison Denise Coffey
Maud Miriam Margolyes
Mr Mullett Chris Emmett
Mr Duckett Geoffrey Whitehead
Mrs Duckett Judy Flynn
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.
WED 15:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r3lv)
A Fair Exchange by Grant Eustace
A car is found apparently abandoned on the Forth Bridge road and a fishing boat finds a young naval officer's body washed up on Inchkeith.
Was his death an accident, suicide, or something more sinister?
Starring Martin Jarvis as Scott Mortimer.
Written by Grant C. Eustace.
Scott Mortimer Martin Jarvis
Lt-Cdr Tony Waterman Jonathan Kent
Lt John Palmer John Wheatley
Ronnie McLevy Alexander John
Fiona Campbell Ciaran Madden
Mrs Duncan Eva Stuart

Bruce Taggart Frank Ellis
Edward Cawton Christopher Scoular
Sir Spencer Beamish Richard Hurdall
Beriosov John Livesey
Janet Kathryn Hurlbutt
Young fisherman / Bateman Graham Faulkner
Semeonova Mary Zuckerman
Russian conductor Peter Forest
Director: Christopher Venning
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1981.

A Fair Exchange is part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hidden Treasures collection of selected titles returned to the BBC by various collectors.
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3. In the Beginning
Enter a brave new world created and presented by John Dowie. John Dowie checks into a boarding house in order to read the Gideon's bible from cover to cover.
With:
Jim Sweeney
Steve Steen
Tony Haase
Cathryn Harrison
Music from the Ronnie Golden Small Band.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002r7jq)
Chloe Petts 3/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen Bailey chats again to comedian Chloe Petts.
WED 23:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (m000vypf)
Series 9
Episode 2
With no live studio audience, John Finnemore took the opportunity to try something completely new.
Every episode in this series of Souvenir Programme is made up of scenes from one person's life, played in reverse order.
There's no narrative to the episode; it's still a sketch show, not a sitcom... but the sketches in each episode all happened to one person, played by one member of the cast, over the course of their lifetime.
This episode is all about Deborah, and takes place between a catchup Zoom in lockdown one, and a bedtime story she was told in 1962.
Written and performed by John Finnemore
With
Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Lawry Lewin
Simon Kane
Carrie Quinlan
Recorded and edited by Rich Evans at Syncebox Post
Producer: Ed Morrish
A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.
WED 23:30 The Skewer (m002qtfp)
Series 15
5. This Charming Mandelson
Peter Mandelson meets The Smiths, Sleeping Beauty is inappropriately awoken by a former Prince, and a Chinese spider welcomes a British fly.
The multi-Gold Comedy winning satire at the Radio Academy Awards returns, as Jon Holmes mashes up news with pop-culture into a current affairs comedy concept album.
Producer: Jon Holmes
An unusual production for BBC Radio 4
WED 23:45 Holland's Shorts (m001p0xk)

Episode 5
Dominic's thoughts on satnav, the pro-celebrity golf circuit, room service, and the charming and peaceful holiday destination of Austria.
Written by and starring Dominic Holland.
With:
Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Martin Hyder
Ed Weeks
Music by Jim Howard.
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

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6. Arrest
The Louvre, Paris. 18 June 1966. Adam has discovered the document inside the Tsar's Icon and realised why both Russia and America are so anxious to have it by 20 June. He has been arrested by the French police.
Starring Michael York as Adam Scott, Simon Ward as Alexander Romanov and Tom Chadbon as Lawrence Pemberton.
Jeffrey Archer's tale of a secret history that threatens a deadly escalation of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States.
Dramatised in seven episodes by Brian Sibley.
Adam Scott Michael York
Alexander Romanov Simon Ward
Lawrence Pemberton Tom Chadbon
Sir Morris Richard Vernon
Busch Harry Towb
Snell William Fox
Matthews Brian Hewlett
Stavinsky Cyril Shaps
Jeanne Lesley MacKie
Albert Tomkins Ronald Herdman
Brezhnev Czeslaw Grocholski
Zaborski John Church
Russian radio announcer John Hollis
Other parts played by Andrew Branch, Avril Clarke and George Parsons
Director: Glyn Dearman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 December 1986.
THU 06:30 Jules Verne (b007jtyl)
Around The World in Eighty Days
3. The Missing Acrobat
In which Fogg fights a duel and the Pacific railroad nearly collapses...
Starring Leslie Phillips.
Jules Verne's classic story, first published in 1872.
Dramatised by Terry James.
Phileas Fogg Leslie Phillips
Passepartout Yves Aubert
Sergeant Fix Jim Broadbent
Batucler Jonathan Adams
Sailor Ronald Herdman
Captain Busby John Church
Engineer Mark Straker
Japanese Assistant Joanna Myers
Princess Aouda Diana Quick
Colonel Proctor William Hootkins
Original music by Wilfredo Acosta.
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.
THU 07:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00fwqbl)
Series 2
Scouting for Boys
West Bromwich offer Robert a trial, but Father Benedict doesn't want to lose him.
Acclaimed comedy of faith, families and football written by

Martin Davies.
Father Benedict Desmond Barrit
Mrs Patterson Brenda Blethyn
Robert Patterson Richard Pearce
Barbara Patterson Melanie Hudson
Guy Entwistle Martino Lazzari
Andy Hunt Mark Straker
Janet Nicola Buckingham
Guy Henry Woolley
Ron Peter Serafinowicz
Producer: Richard Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1994.
THU 07:30 Give Or Take (m0010qdf)
7. Unexpected Visitor
Sam and Annabel are disturbed by an intruder.
Is a burglar trying to steal their cash from winning the football pools?
Wally K Daly's sitcom starring David Roper and Sharon Duce.
Sam David Roper
Annabel Sharon Duce
Bolton Bill George A. Cooper
Desk Sergeant David Tate
Announcer: Peter Donaldson
Theme music by Jim Parker.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1980.
THU 08:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0021983)
Series 3
Nottingham to Skegness
Alexei Sayle takes another train journey and breaks the golden rule of travelling by train in the UK - by actually talking to his fellow passengers.
In this episode, he begins a new series of rail journeys with a trip from Nottingham to the seaside town of Skegness.
Among his many fellow travellers, he meets
* Leyla and Cecelia who are off to Skegness to spend an 80s weekend packed with bands from the golden era of their youth;
* Ashton, who has bought a caravan to live in and is working at a seaside bar
* Karen and Donna are seaside bound too as Karen is finally having her hen party after a 20 year engagement
* Rick and Dawn who are part of the army of volunteers who adopt railway stations and care for them
* Fabian, who is now at Nottingham university, leaving behind his small Lincolnshire home town and his childhood friends
* James, who tells Alexei that working on the railway changed his life.
Producers: Peter Lowe and Nick Symons
A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2024.
THU 08:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (b018shlv)
4. More, More, More!
Lionel Bart's new stage musical, 'Oliver!' opens at the New London Theatre. Lionel leaves the theatre during the performance, but then comes back to hear the audience's reaction. He soon gets to work on a follow up musical called Maggie May starring Rex Harrison's wife Rachel Roberts. David and Caroline Stafford's biography of Bart draws on previously unseen archive sources and interviews with those closest to him.
Read by Alistair McGowan
Abridged by Julian Wilkinson
Produced by Emma Harding
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.
THU 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mhmml)
Ladies of Letters Log On
9. Problems
Vera's family works out their problems on live television. Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.
The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence – now trying to "outsurf" each other on the World Wide Web.
Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.
Vera Small Patricia Routledge
Irene Spencer Prunella Scales
Howard Christopher Kelham
Benjy Nicholas Boulton
Producer: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
THU 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002qtj4)
Finlay Christie Is Younger Than You
In this Stand-up Special Finlay Christie makes his Radio 4 debut in front of a live audience at The Brunswick in Brighton. He provides insight into how he and his generation have grown into the adults they're now expected to be. Using new and existing material from his critically acclaimed Edinburgh shows he'll cover topics like; the expectations of different generations; "pensioners complaining they can't heat their house. That sounds like a boast – You've got a house?!" ...
- the differences between the generations; "People say young people are more sensitive, but every generation is sensitive, we're just sensitive about different stuff. We're sensitive about pronouns, old people are sensitive about Princess Diana."
- how his generation feel about the world; "Gen Z are very nihilistic. World's gonna end in our lifetimes and we don't care. One girl in Sweden cared and that made the news."
"TikTok has made me see people who watch films as

intellectuals. Ooh, you have a penchant for cinéma?? Ohohoho."

And how it now feels to be a man; "the difference between Man and Boy - "Landlord bad.... rent boy..nice...." "It's a boy" - "congratulations". "It's a man" - "allegations."

At 19, Finlay became one of the youngest ever winners of the prestigious So You Think You're Funny competition, following in the footsteps of Peter Kay, Lee Mack and Sarah Millican. 3 years later, his debut Edinburgh show "OK Zoomer" was nominated for NextUp's "Best Show" award and was released as a special in October 2023. His material, based around his experience as a Gen Z, led Chortle to describe him as "the voice of his generation."

Producer: Julian Mayers

THU 09:30 Inside Pages (m001h6j6)

Hawick

Journalist Ian Wylie journeys to some of the hidden corners of Britain to view small towns through the lens of the people who don't ignore them - their local reporters. Some of the towns are struggling, others are thriving. The one thing they have in common is they're pretty much invisible in the eyes of the national media, even though they are home to tens of thousands of people.

Ian goes to Hawick in the Scottish Borders, where he meets the editor of a new and thriving local newspaper and discovers the fate of a well-known wool factory.

Produced and presented by Ian Wylie

Executive producer: Ian Bent

Sound designer: John Scott

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 broadcast in January 2023.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002r4tj)

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Kenneth Williams's Christian faith was a significant part of his life and impacted him deeply. At the height of his fame in the 1970s he was asked to record excerpts from the Bible. This week, as we approach what would have been his 100th birthday, the Daily Service showcases some of the recordings - many of which haven't been broadcast until now.

The reflections are presented by Williams' friend the Very Reverend Mark Oakley, a student at the time of their friendship and now Dean of Southwark. He explores the readings and what they tell us about the human condition and the faith of the master storyteller we hear narrating them.

With thanks to Scripture Union and Jennifer Robertson.

Music:

Be Thou My Vision (Bob Chilcott) - The Oxford Choir
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God - St Martin's Voices
Holy Spirit Living Breath of God (Gabriel's Oboe) - Keith and Kristyn Getty

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00txh1b)

Walt Disney

Gerald Scarfe, merciless cartoon satirist of political figures, chooses an icon who created icons: Walt Disney.

Matthew Parris, Gerald Scarfe and guest experts Brian Sibley and Richard Williams, creator of Roger Rabbit, discuss the life of a complex cultural icon.

Gerald Scarfe spent much of his childhood in his sick bed, so it's not surprising that Disney cartoons and feature films meant so much to him. He can still recall the thrill at the prospect of seeing Pinocchio at the cinema, and then the agony of being lead away again in the rain because the tickets were too expensive.

Walt Disney came from a working family. His god-fearing father Elias, said by one writer to have 'hated Capital, and favoured Labour, but really needed to make a buck', found work where he could. So Walt lived a peripatetic childhood, and sought solace in drawing and play acting.

Hard times early on did not make Walt frugal with money in adulthood, and despite the huge successes of the golden era of Disney, it was only with the opening of Disneyland that Walt attained any substantial personal wealth.

You don't have to look far to find myth surrounding Walt Disney.

Even after his death, rumours that his body had been cryogenically frozen spread so widely that they soon slipped into folklore. He had actually been cremated, but the readiness with which the cryogenic claim was accepted perhaps bears witness to a man who was terrified of dying, who believed in the white hope of technology and who, some might say, had been searching all his life for an escape into an immortal, fairy-tale world.

A man who was seemingly unpretentious, and did not fit the image of movie mogul with his scruffy tweed jacket and awkward demeanour, yet a man who was accused of being a tyrannical egomaniac. The son of a socialist who ended up naming names at the House of Un-American Activities committee. Above all else perhaps though, they discuss the life of a man who strove tirelessly for perfection and who changed the cultural landscape of a little boy called Gerald, and arguably of the world, for ever.

Gerald Scarfe himself is best known for his classic images lampooning the great and the good of politics, and also in his iconic animation for Pink Floyd's The Wall. He reveals in this programme that he also spent time working on the Disney production Hercules.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

THU 10:30 A Gothic Cathedral (b0075cdg)

Simon Fanshawe tells the story of Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases - the retirement project of an eminent Victorian with a passion for order, organisation and classification.

Roget was like a George Eliot character - and having been to Edinburgh Medical School, he felt entitled to just pitch in. He was involved with the first uses of electricity, worked with Humphrey Davey and Sir James Watt and Jeremy Bentham on major projects of the time. He even tried to build a computer. Interviewees: Jim Crace, Betty Kirkpatrick, Philip Hobsbawn, David Crystal, John Vincent, Lawrence Norfolk and Tom Sutcliffe

Reader: Bill Wallis

Producer Paul Dodgson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.

THU 11:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer (m002r4tf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Jules Verne (b007jtyl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00fwqbl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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THU 13:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (b018sh1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mhmm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Foul Play (b00jh5hn)

Series 3

Death By a Short Head

Who killed a top racing horse jockey?

Crime writers Lady Antonia Fraser and Anthony Price try to solve who committed the dastardly crime.

Murder mystery panel game devised, written and chaired by Simon Brett.

Witnesses played by:

Maria McErlane

Lee Simpson

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

THU 14:30 HR (b00tt4it)

Series 2

Remodelling

Sam, fearing the sense of purposelessness that often hits retirees, decides to redecorate his house.

But his housemate Peter gets worried. Has he some darker purpose in mind?

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

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Nigel Tony Bell

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

THU 15:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r4tl)

A Criminal Practice by Terrance Dicks

Newly-qualified and full of youthful idealism, Matthew Larrabee joins his uncle's firm of solicitors.

But George Larrabee has a criminal practice, and Matthew finds himself defending hardened villains like Ginger Smith.

Fred Selby, the little man in trouble, is much more Matthew's sort of client. But a lawyer's life can be full of surprises - as Matthew finds out...

Written by Terrance Dicks.

Matthew Larrabee Anthony Jackson

George Larrabee Preston Lockwood

Penelope Hibbert Elizabeth Proud

The Judge Walter Fitzgerald

Clerk of the Court ... Douglas Hankin

Ginger Smith Charles Leno

Fred Selby Bartlett Mullins

Mr Phelps / Usher Alexander John

Jenkins Geoffrey Wincott

Miss Reed Beth Boyd

Mr Lewis Alan Dudley

Det Con Stanton Nigel Clayton

Det Sgt Barker Victor Lucas

Det Insp Braithwaite Humphrey Morton

Guido Palermo / Foreman of the Jury Antony Vaccars

Director: John Gibson

First broadcast as Midweek Theatre on the BBC Light

Programme in July 1967.

THU 17:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer

(m002r4tf)

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THU 17:30 Jules Verne (b007jtyl)

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THU 18:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00fwqbl)

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THU 18:30 Give Or Take (m0010qdf)

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THU 19:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0021983)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (b018sh1v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mhmm1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 Foul Play (b00jh5hn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 HR (b00tt4it)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r4tl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002qtj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 Fab TV (m00175j5)

I Am Not A Number

Conclusion of the comedy series paying homage to TV's cult action adventure shows of the 1960s and 70s.

I AM NOT A NUMBER!

But Number 48 doesn't want to be a free man. He wants to stay in the village - but they keep chucking him out!

Written by and starring Neil Mullarkey and John Irwin.

With:

Irina Brook

Chris England

Robert Harley

Lee Simpson

Music by Richard Vranich

Producer Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.

THU 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section

(b042ztrc)

Series 3

Tom Basden

Stand-up Alex Horne and his band explore the theme of home and leisure through live music and comedy.

With songs about radiators, a pork pie - and Wayne Rooney amongst others.

With guest comedian:

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FRI 04:30 HR (b00t4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 A Matter of Honour by Jeffrey Archer (m002r4tn)

7. Caught

Northern France. 19 June 1966. Adam has escaped from the Russian embassy in Paris and is heading for home with the Tsar's Icon, little knowing that Romanov is on his trail. Starring Michael York as Adam Scott, Simon Ward as Alexander Romanov and Tom Chadbon as Lawrence Pemberton.

Jeffrey Archer's tale of a secret history that threatens a deadly escalation of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Dramatised in seven episodes by Brian Sibley.

Adam Scott Michael York

Alexander Romanov Simon Ward

Lawrence Pemberton Tom Chadbon

Sir Morris Richard Vernon

Busch Harry Towb

Snell William Fox

Matthews Brian Hewlett

Poskonov Vladek Sheybal

Bischoff David March

Robin Jane Leonard

Tomkins Ronald Herdman

Russian ambassador Harold Kasket

Auctioneer Jeffrey Archer

Other parts played by Andrew Branch, Eklaire Claxton, James

Goode, Stuart Organ, Jonathan Tafler and Manning Wilson.

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 December 1986.

Our warm thanks go to the Radio Circle for returning this series to the BBC archive.

FRI 06:30 Jules Verne (b007jtyx)

Around The World in Eighty Days

4. Burning to Get Home

In which Fix gets his man, Passepartout's watch is nearly on time and Phileas Fogg takes drastic action.

Will he get to the Reform Club in time?

Starring Leslie Phillips.

Conclusion of Jules Verne's classic story.

Dramatised by Terry James.

Phileas Fogg Leslie Phillips

Passepartout Yves Aubert

Sergeant Fix Jim Broadbent

Mr Ralph Jonathan Adams

Mr Flanagan Ronald Herdman

Mr Stuart John Church

The Doorman Mark Straker

Princess Aouda Diana Quick

Captain Speedy Peter Marinker

Mudge Terence Edmond

Original music by Wilfredo Acosta.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1992.

FRI 07:00 My Mammy and Me (m002r4tq)

Series 1

2. Conned

Isobel meets a door-to-door salesman selling his original art, or so he says.

Desperate to make improvements to the home, she invites him in for tea...

Cathy McPhail's sitcom about Isobel's attempt to untie her mother's ever-tightening apron strings.

Mammy Eileen McCallum

Isobel Kate Donnelly

Willie Jake D'Arcy

Ida Barbara Rafferty

Con Forbes Masson

WPC Carolyn Boneyman

The Jet and Sgt Blood.....Sean Scanlan

Mr Patel/MC/Budgie.....Lewis Macleod

Recorded at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Glasgow.

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1995.

FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jzsd)

Series 3

Steptoe and Son and Son

A visitor brings Harold Steptoe some unexpected news.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

Girl Gwendolyn Watts

Sailor Richard Griffiths

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1971.

FRI 08:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09h2rby)

Series 2

Mutton Rissoles

Spring, 1965. Trisha moves into a new bedsitter with toast-loving Moira.

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's romantic comedy, inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic.

Extracts from *Cooking in a Bedsitter* are read by Eleanor Bron.

Trisha Beattie Edmondson

Deepak Nikesh Patel

June Ellie Darvill

Len Rupert Holliday-Evans

Moira Isabella Inghald

Robert Clive Hayward

Karl Adam Fitzgerald

Julie Abbie Andrews

Director: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

FRI 08:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (b018sgp1)

5. The Right Thing to Do

Lionel Bart writes the theme song for *From Russia With Love* - but then things go downhill.

Joan Littlewood tries to collaborate with Bart on 'Twang' but can no longer rely on him as he slides towards alcoholism and bankruptcy. "I used to be a flash git who had everything..." he

told a *Mirror* reporter. The composer joins AA.

Fortunately, in the 1980s and 90s, revivals of his earlier work and television's *The Young Ones* - provide a return to grace.

Read by Alistair McGowan

Abridged by Julian Wilkinson

Produced by Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

FRI 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mhqbq)

Ladies of Letters Log On

10. Promises

How will the relationship merry-go-round resolve itself?

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - now trying to "outsurf" each other on the World Wide Web.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer Prunella Scales

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

FRI 09:00 Dan Does Dating (m002r3b8)

Series 1

4. Celeste

Think of the worst date you've been on, or heard about. Now imagine having to go through that every week. That's what happens to Dan Dickerson in *Dan Does Dating*, a new non-audience sitcom by Michael Beck. And his dates feel the same way.

This week, Dan compares the first date he's on with how the first dates of his partnered-up friends went - or, at least, how they told him they went...

Dan ... Christopher Macarthur-Boy

Celeste ... Tina Gray

Chris ... Ray Bradshaw

Jack ... Stephen Buchanan

Jamila ... Nalini Chetty

Diane ... Zara Gladman

Tattooist ... Kougar Baatarkhuu

Angry Man ... Jonny Donahoe

Mum ... Lubna Kerr

Fiona ... Layla Kirt

Dad ... Sanjeev Kohli

Sarah... Lisa Livingstone

Partygoer ... Eleanor Morton

Moviegoer ... Sophie Wilkinson

Written by Michael Beck

Recorded and edited by Diane Jardine at Sonido Studios,

Clydebank

Produced and directed by Ed Morrish

A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 09:30 Inside Pages (m001h3z3)

Tavistock

Journalist Ian Wylie travels to some of the hidden corners of

Britain to view small towns through the lens of their local

reporters.

Ian's last visit is to Tavistock in Devon, a thriving town with a strong community spirit but not many opportunities for younger people.

Produced and presented by Ian Wylie

Executive producer: Ian Bent

Sound designer: John Scott

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in

January 2023.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002r4ts)

Kenneth Williams - The Rich Man and Lazarus

Kenneth Williams's Christian faith was a significant part of his life and impacted him deeply. At the height of his fame in the

1970s he was asked to record excerpts from the Bible. This week, as we approach what would have been his 100th birthday,

the *Daily Service* showcases some of the recordings - many of which haven't been broadcast until now.

The reflections are presented by Williams' friend the Very Reverend Mark Oakley, a student at the time of their friendship

and now Dean of Southwark. He explores the readings and what they tell us about the human condition and the faith of the master storyteller we hear narrating them.

With thanks to Scripture Union and Jennifer Robertson.

Music:
I give you a new Commandment - St Martin's Voices
In Christ Alone - Jonathan Ogden
Illuminate the Shadows - The Porter's Gate

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m001msqn)
I Only Have Eyes For You
When I Only Have Eyes For You first emerged in 1934 it was a jaunty ditty written by Harry Dubin and Al Warren for the movie "Dames". But it gained huge popularity when the 1950s doo wop group The Flamingos under the musical arrangement of Terry Johnson transformed it into a dreamy otherworldly love song. Terry explains how he went about turning the song into an evergreen hit that has been covered by many including Art Garfunkel and Carly Simon.

Musicologist Luis Cruz attributes the genius of the song to its pedal chord - the repeated use of the C note. It adds to the feeling of fixation he says where the singer cannot see anyone else but the object of his affection.

The song is obviously one that speaks of deep love and Vivian Fransen was one of many who chose the song to play at her wedding. She'd been introduced to the Art Garfunkel version in 1975 when she met the man who was to become her husband. 12 years later he revealed a secret he'd been keeping from her which ended their marriage and caused her to reassess the song's meaning.

Jess Farr Cox would sing the song to her aged rescue dog Pico as his health deteriorated. Only that song and the theme to Antiques Roadshow would send him to sleep when he was in pain and distress and she still gets emotional when she hears it over a year after he was eventually put to sleep. People underestimate the love you get from a rescue dog, she says. Chris Deerin is a political journalist and part of Scottish band Fat Cops. He recorded a version of I Only Have Eyes For You for the Tiny Changes Young People's Mental Health Charity founded following the death of the singer Scott Hutchison in 2018. Chris says he and fellow musician Bobby Bluebell had always loved the song and felt it was a fitting tribute to fellow musician Scott.

Producer: Maggie Ayre
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2023.

FRI 10:30 Chant (b04jppz2)
Richard Coles delves into the 1990's when a recording of Benedictine monks singing became so popular it sold in the millions around the world.

If an album of classical music sold anywhere near one million copies at that time, it was considered unusual. For one to sell more than that was unprecedented. Adding further to this phenomenon was the fact that this was unfamiliar music at the time, Gregorian Chant, performed not by celebrity artists who might attract a large following, but by monks from a remote corner of Northern Spain. EMI marketed this album Canto Gregoriano, or Chant as it was named in America, as a unique antidote to stress.

Richard Coles with former EMI employees Kick Klimbie and Jane McCann, retrace EMI's marketing tactics in the promotion of Canto Gregoriano. Professor Adrian North will also be providing insights throughout the programme into the psychology of marketing, exploring what drives people to buy certain things, and how music can impact upon us physically and emotionally.

Richard Coles also takes a trip to the Isle of Wight, where Gregorian Chant is still an important aspect of life at both St Cecilia's Abbey and Quarr Abbey, and questions whether such music is still capable of having any meaning or impact upon our lives in the twenty-first century.

Producer: Luke Whitlock
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

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FRI 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b01mhqbq)
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FRI 14:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001wq3z)
Series 1
2. Ponce & Prejudice
Frank and guests Desiree Burch, Simon Evans, Kerry Godliman and Andrew Maxwell find out what you thought about a dodgy snowglobe, a denim thong and a risky waffle. This is the panel game show which celebrates those good, bad, or totally baffling online reviews. Written by Frank Skinner, Catherine Brinkworth, Sarah Dempster, Jason Hazeley, Rajiv Karia, Karl Minns, Katie Sayer & Peter Tellouche
Devised by Simon Evans and Jason Hazeley with the producer

David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2024.

FRI 14:30 A Short Gentleman (b018xt55)

Episode 1

Robert sails through all his exams, but finding a girlfriend is more testing.

Hugh Bonneville stars as Robert Purcell, QC.

He's a perfect specimen of the British Establishment, who applies faultless legal logic to his disastrous personal life.

Jon Canter's comic novel, first published in 2008.

Adapted in four parts by Robin Brooks.

Robert Purcell Hugh Bonneville

Father James Hayes

Mother Nichola McAuliffe

Young Robert Josef Lindsay

Pilkington Ewan Bailey

Ticky Moxon-Smith Katherine Jakeways

Judy Page Tracy Wiles

Alan Temperley Gerard McDermott

'Brilliant, but for God's sake don't let this book fall into the hands of any women - if they find out what we're really like we'll never hear the end of it.' Charlie Higson

'A witty, accomplished, and highly entertaining warning about the folly of ambition.' Mail on Sunday

'Elegantly written, civilised and genuinely funny.' The Scotsman

'Robert is infectious. You might just catch yourself bringing his loathsome logic to your own domestic dilemmas.' Time Out.

Jon Canter read Law at Cambridge, where he was President of Footlights, then worked as an advertising copywriter before becoming a radio and TV scriptwriter. His comic novels include

Seeds of Greatness, A Short Gentleman and Worth.

Director: Jonquil Painting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in From January 2012.

FRI 15:00 Hidden Treasures (m002r4tv)

Child in a Dark Wood by Ellen Dryden

Paris. 1859. Caroline Sheridan Norton, granddaughter of

Richard Brinsley Sheridan, has won independence from her miserable husband the hard way: by losing custody of her sons

to him. Now, grown-up, they are reunited with her.

But one is ailing, and moreover Caroline cannot help

remembering the death of a third son, many years before.

She has committed her life towards changing British law and

ending "the wicked injustice we mothers had to suffer."

Starring Penelope Wilton as Caroline Norton and George Baker as George Norton.

Written by Ellen Dryden.

Caroline Norton Penelope Wilton

George Norton George Baker

Maid Carole Boyd

Fletcher (Penney) Alex Jennings

Fletcher, as a boy Jonathan Taylor

Miss Vaughan Madi Heddi

Brin, as a boy Samuel Durrans

Brin David Peart

Sailor Richard Huw

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1983.

And can it really be possible for the voice of Matthew Kelly to

take over Radio 4?

Comedic adventures in insomnia for the night hours written by

Toby Jones and Edward Kemp.

Roger Reed Toby Jones

Matthew Kelly Matthew Kelly

Speaker/Continuity Martin Martin Hyder

MP Beth Chalmers

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

FRI 22:45 Life With Lederer (m0012nym)

Series 1

4. The Dinner Party

Cookbook and bottle in hand, Helen Lederer nervously prepares a supper party.

Written by Helen Lederer, Roger Planer and Richard McBrien.

With:

Malcolm Raeburn

Nigel Carrington

Barbara Dryhurst

Sandra Maitland

Produced at BBC Manchester by Paul Z Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1990.

FRI 23:00 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jqwj)

Series 3

The Masterson's Magical Marquee - part 2

Is a dastardly end in sight for the Masterson's travelling

Victorian circus and funfair?

Conclusion of a two-part romp in the award-winning

improvised historical comedy series.

Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding

saga of the Mastersons - a family at war with itself.

Starring:

Paul Merton

Josie Lawrence

Lee Simpson

Jim Sweeney

Phelim McDermott

Caroline Quentin

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FRI 23:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007jv1g)

Series 1

Oliver Cromwell

Soldier statesman, Oliver Cromwell kicks off radical comic

Mark Steel's profile.

Series of humorous lectures covering historical figures who

shaped their era

With:

Melanie Hudson

Martin Hyde

Producer: Phil Clarke

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