



Mrs Gogan ..... Fiona Clarke  
 Mollser ..... Rebecca Gleeson  
 Rosie ..... Jane McGrath  
 Capt Brennan ..... Matthew McNulty  
 Lieut. Langan ..... Sam Smith  
 Musical Director ..... Conrad Nelson  
 Director: Nadia Molinari  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 2011.  
**SAT 08:15 Drama on 4 (b05r78dw)**  
 My Dear Bessie  
 A love story in letters played out against the backdrop of the Second World War.  
 Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Louise Brealey.  
 A small blue box opened in 2008 revealed a wartime world of love, longing and frustration.  
 On September 5th 1943, Chris Barker, a signalman stationed North Africa near Tobruk decided to write to former work colleague, Bessie Moore.  
 She is a Morse code interpreter at the Foreign Office in London.  
 The unexpected warmth of Bessie's reply changed their lives forever.

Chris Barker ..... Benedict Cumberbatch  
 Bessie Moore ..... Louise Brealey  
 Compiled by Simon Garfield and adapted for radio by Sara Davies.  
 Producer: Gemma Jenkins  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.  
**SAT 09:00 Love Cuts: A Valentine From John Hegley (m002rh5l)**  
 The Bard of Luton, John Hegley celebrates Valentine's weekend with some snippets of big affection.  
 Through spoken word, song and real-life encounters, we hear about John's passions - from Pat to Luton Town FC.  
 Finally, he declares his feelings for Jane, a classroom sweetheart from Primary School who he hasn't seen for 38 years.  
 Presented by John Hegley  
 With thanks to:  
 Southfield School, Luton  
 Jane Noble  
 Andrew Bailey on harmonica and Karen Tweed on piano accordion  
 Producer Nigel Piper  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.  
**SAT 09:30 The Navy Lark (b0195h23)**  
 The Loch Ness Monster  
 Monstrous goings-on when the crew of HMS Troutbridge arrive in Scotland.  
 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 Caldico  
 Heather ..... Heather Chasen  
 The Landlord ..... Tenniel Evans  
 Captain Aitchison ..... Michael Bates  
 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 (m002rh5n)**  
 Hunting The Philistines - Sir Harold Acton  
 4 Extra delves deep in the BBC Archive for another classic interview.  
 Writer, scholar and aesthete Sir Harold Acton is in conversation with novelist Derek Robinson.  
 Sir Harold talks about his many gifted contemporaries at Eton and Oxford, his years in China, his beautiful home in Florence, and about the recreation claimed in Who's Who - "hunting the Philistines".  
 "When I reached Peking I felt I was perfectly at home ... there was Mussolini in Italy, fascism. Things were very ugly in Germany. I didn't really very much care for what was happening in England.... Here I was going to stay.... It was taken for granted that I was leading a life of sin."  
 Sir Harold Acton was a contemporary of Evelyn Waugh at Oxford University.  
 Waugh dedicated his novel Decline and Fall to Harold Acton in 1928. Literary, artistic and socialite 1920s London was dubbed the time of the 'Bright Young Things' by the press.  
 Producer: Anthony Moncrieff  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 1979.  
**SAT 10:45 Sir John Betjeman - Yours Til Death (m002rh5q)**  
 Sir John Betjeman - Poet Laureate and lover of architecture - believed in the power of radio to educate the masses.  
 However, a selection of rediscovered correspondence between Betjeman and the BBC Talks Department indicate his dissatisfaction with the Corporation.  
 Particularly when it came to his fees!  
 Written and presented by Stephen Games.  
 Letters read by David Collins  
 Producer: Christine Hall  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

**SAT 11:00 The Plough and the Stars by Sean O'Casey (b017ss4b)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 13:15 Drama on 4 (b05r78dw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:15 today]  
**SAT 14:00 Love Cuts: A Valentine From John Hegley (m002rh5l)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 14:30 The Navy Lark (b0195h23)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 15:00 Conversation Extra (m002rh5n)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 15:45 Sir John Betjeman - Yours Til Death (m002rh5q)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]  
**SAT 16:00 Fridays When It Rains by Nick Warburton (b00770q3)**  
 A girl on a late night train journey meets a man with a strange tale to tell.  
 Starring Clive Swift and Lyndsey Marshal.  
 Nick Warburton's ghostly drama is set in the age of steam railways.  
 Dove ..... Clive Swift  
 Connie ..... Lyndsey Marshal  
 Director: Claire Grove  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.  
**SAT 16:45 The Rat King by John Connolly (m00022sh)**  
 A macabre retelling of the story of the Pied Piper.  
 Written by John Connolly, author of The Book of Lost Things, Nocturnes and the bestselling Charlie Parker mysteries.  
 Read by Peter Marinker  
 Music by Timothy X Atack  
 Producer: Mair Bosworth  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.  
**SAT 17:00 The Plough and the Stars by Sean O'Casey (b017ss4b)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 19:15 Drama on 4 (b05r78dw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:15 today]  
**SAT 20:00 Love Cuts: A Valentine From John Hegley (m002rh5l)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 20:30 The Navy Lark (b0195h23)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 21:00 Conversation Extra (m002rh5n)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 21:45 Sir John Betjeman - Yours Til Death (m002rh5q)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]  
**SAT 22:00 4 at the Store (b00ct1wm)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 2  
 Simon Blich hosts more stand-up comedy.  
 Direct from the Comedy Store in London.  
 Featuring:  
 John Mann  
 Marian Unfaithful  
 Paul Tonkinson  
 Producer: Helen Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.  
**SAT 22:30 Fred at The Stand (b099yjmp)**  
 Series 1  
 MacDonald, Omotayo, Caulfield and Foot  
 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:  
 \* Jamie MacDonald jokes about his life as a blind comedian  
 \* Jo Caulfield bemoans relationships  
 \* Fummbi Omotayo tells us about his experiences with the police  
 \* Paul Foot... well, Paul Foot needs to be heard to be believed.  
 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 (b03h4294)**  
 Series 1  
 Horsing Around  
 Tom Wrigglesworth is annoyed that his parents don't trust him - even with his own car.  
 He is determined to prove them wrong and what better way - than taking care of his sister Amy when she comes to London? But first he has to persuade mum and dad to trust him.  
 It's time for Tom to ring his parents for a weekly check-in.  
 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.  
 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.....Tom Wrigglesworth  
 Granny.....Judy Parfitt  
 Dad.....Paul Copley  
 Mum.....Kate Anthony  
 Amy.....Amy Wrigglesworth  
 Additional material by Miles Jupp.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.  
**SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007k18e)**  
 Series 4  
 The BioShow  
 The station's biographical series pays tribute to the sensational life of celebrated actor, Sir John Lesley.  
 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 with Jon Canter, John Docherty, Moray Hunter, Helen Murry and Nick Wilton.  
 Producer: Jamie Rix  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

## SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026

**SUN 00:00 Fridays When It Rains by Nick Warburton (b00770q3)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 00:45 The Rat King by John Connolly (m00022sh)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:45 on Saturday]  
**SUN 01:00 The Plough and the Stars by Sean O'Casey (b017ss4b)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 03:15 Drama on 4 (b05r78dw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:00 Love Cuts: A Valentine From John Hegley (m002rh5l)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:30 The Navy Lark (b0195h23)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 05:00 Conversation Extra (m002rh5n)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 05:45 Sir John Betjeman - Yours Til Death (m002rh5q)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Saturday]  
**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002rldk)**  
 The Interviewees  
 Lynn Barber  
 Journalist Lynn Barber is castaway by Kirsty Young.  
 A master of the profile interview, Lynn's razor-sharp observations have earned her the nickname the Demon Barber and won her a stack of awards.  
 Although critics say her articles are hatchet jobs, she disagrees: "I think that people are well served by quite blunt or quite rude questions because it forces them to fight back and come back strongly."  
 DISC ONE: Common People - Pulp  
 DISC TWO: Abdul Abulbul Amir - Frank Crumit  
 DISC THREE: The Last Time - The Rolling Stones  
 DISC FOUR: Barcelona - Freddie Mercury & Montserrat Caballé  
 DISC FIVE: Days - The Kinks  
 DISC SIX: La Toison d'Or - Jean Cocteau  
 DISC SEVEN: Walk On The Wild Side - Lou Reed  
 DISC EIGHT: Macushla - John McCormack  
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Macushla - John McCormack  
 BOOK CHOICE: The complete works - F. Scott Fitzgerald  
 LUXURY CHOICE: Cyanide pill  
 Producer: Leanne Buckle  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2010.  
**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pftkw3)**  
 Series 1  
 Giant Birds  
 Madagascar, off the eastern coast of Africa, is the largest continental island in the world.  
 As Sir David reveals, it's also where the largest egg known to have existed was laid, and the bird that laid it was also a giant.  
 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 (m002rldk)**  
 Every Little Touch  
 Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Every Little Touch presented by Noo Saro-Wiwa.  
 Whether it's the missing hug of a parent, the affirmation of a handshake, or the grabbing of a handrail on a bus, the boundaries of our sense of touch changed during covid.  
 The writer Noo Saro-Wiwa gives her personal perspective on poetry's relationship with touch, and speaks to modern poets about what it means to them now.  
 With extracts from Thom Gunn, Anne Carson, Alfred Tennyson, Imtiaz Dharker and Sarah Jackson's book Tactile poetics and music by Jonsi.  
 The readers are Simon Russell Beale and Sheila Ruskin.  
 Producer: Emily Williams  
 Sound Design by Jess Hatton-Brown  
 A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.  
**SUN 07:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (Omnibus) (m002rldk)**

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 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.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Julian Wilkinson.  
Read by Alistair McGowan.  
Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.  
**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002rdkl)**  
Jacinda Ardern  
New Zealand's former Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern chooses Under the Boardwalk by The Drifters and Hope by Fat Freddy's Drop.

**SUN 08:50 Ladies of Letters (b01ml24w)**  
Ladies of Letters Log On (Omnibus)  
Episode 2  
Vera and Irene are hosting a live, cable TV chat show together. 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 last five of ten episodes written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.  
Vera Small ... Patricia Routledge  
Irene Spencer ... Prunella Scales  
Benji ... Nicholas Boulton  
Howard ... Christopher Kelham  
Yvonne ... Mia Soteriou  
Christopher ... Benedict Sandiford  
Malcolm ... Phillip Joseph  
Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.  
**SUN 10:00 Al Read Classics (m002rdkn)**  
The funny man from Salford is back on radio to entertain with jokes and sketches about everyday British life.  
The gas man can't find the metre, a chaotic dustbin collection and a tipsy traveller can't find his return ticket.....  
All the voices are by Al Read.  
Al first came to fame on BBC Radio in the 1950s thanks to his northern comic monologues.  
Written by Ronnie Taylor  
Music from Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen  
Producer John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1976.  
**SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b016vh18)**  
From 05/05/1955  
Will Eth manage to triumph in her plans to wed Ron Glum?  
Long-running classic comedy written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.  
Starring:  
Professor Jimmy Edwards  
Dick Bentley  
June Whitfield  
Wallis Eaton  
Music from Alma Cogan, The Keynotes and the Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.  
Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.  
**SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002rdkd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pfkw3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]  
**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m002rdkg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**SUN 12:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (Omnibus) (m002rdkj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SUN 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002rdkl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]  
**SUN 13:50 Ladies of Letters (b01ml24w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]  
**SUN 15:00 Al Read Classics (m002rdkn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SUN 15:30 Take It From Here (b016vh18)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**SUN 16:00 Scramble by Martin Kiszko (b007jwq4)**  
3. Race Against Time  
Mel is in a race against time.  
She's battling to thwart the completion of a government project harnessing the Harmony of the Spheres for hostile purposes.  
Starring Clare Corbett.  
Concluding 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  
Written by composer Martin Kiszko.  
Produced by Mark Smalley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in March 2006.  
**SUN 16:30 The Slide (m000lnh9)**  
1. Moment of Silence  
Tremors threaten a new town built in Kent.  
But the bigger subterranean threat is yet to emerge...  
Starring Roger Delgado and Maurice Denham.  
Victor Pemberton's sci-fi serial in seven parts.  
Professor Josef Gomez .... Roger Delgado  
Hugh Deverill, MP .... Maurice Denham  
Janet Marshall .... Elisabeth Proud  
Dr Ken Richards .... David Spenser  
Anna Deverill .... Marion Mathie  
"Tug" Wilson .... Stephen Jack  
Mrs Wilson .... Miriam Margolyes  
Police Sergeant .... Wilfred Babbage  
Inspector Baxter .... Geoffrey Matthews  
Constable .... Anthony Jackson  
Professor Landers .... Rolf Lefebvre  
Professor Lippert .... Allan McClelland  
Newscaster .... Nigel Graham  
Special Effects: The BBC Radiophonic Workshop  
Victor Pemberton was a writer and TV producer. As script editor on the BBC's Doctor Who, he was the brains behind the Sonic Screwdriver.  
Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.  
**SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002rdkd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pfkw3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]  
**SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002rdkg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**SUN 18:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (Omnibus) (m002rdkj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002rdkl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]  
**SUN 19:50 Ladies of Letters (b01ml24w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]  
**SUN 21:00 Al Read Classics (m002rdkn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b016vh18)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (m0001stp)**  
Series 3  
The Redcap  
Clare has a new student social worker with an army background, which is good as she doesn't have time to toughen up her trainees...  
Clare Barker is a social worker with all the politically correct jargon but none of the practical solutions. Award-winning sitcom by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.  
Starring Sally Phillips as Clare, Alex Lowe as Brian, Andrew Wincott as Simon, Richard Lumsden as Ray, Gemma Craven as Helen, Ellen Thomas as Irene, Nina Conti as Megan, Mark Straker as Mr Bell, Geraldine McNulty as Colin and Mel Hudson as Peggy.  
Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.  
**SUN 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00cnhys)**  
Series 2  
The Wedding  
Preparing for his old flame's nuptials, writer Nick is seething over the way she dumped him.  
A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.  
With:  
Alistair McGowan  
Doon MacKichan  
Brian Bowles  
Leslie Sharp  
Joanna Brookes  
Elizabeth Bennet  
Stephen Tomkinson  
Producer: Ioan Magnusson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993.  
**SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qhgg5)**  
Series 2  
The Wedding  
Anthony is cock-a-hoop when asked out of the blue to be best man at a friend's wedding.  
Problem is, he hasn't seen this friend since they were at school together and Damien isn't entirely convinced that Anthony has been invited purely because of his "excellent presentation skills".  
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  
Julian, the Groom ..... Ben Crowe  
Ian Frobisher ..... Philip Fox  
Fran, the Bride ..... Sarah Thom  
Lionel ..... Rupert Vansittart  
The Bride's Mum ..... Lesley Vickerage  
Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.  
**SUN 23:30 Hearing with Hegley (b0bn5vm0)**  
Series 2  
Episode 8

The poet laureate of alternative comedy, John Hegley offers a musical ode to Jimmy Greaves, a paean to privacy, and a paper plane proposal during school assembly.  
Musical accompaniment from Nigel Piper and The Popticians.  
With contributions from:  
Keith Moore  
Susan Norton  
Andrew Bailey  
Nigel Piper  
Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.  
**SUN 23:45 Bunk Bed (m0014x1r)**  
Series 9  
Episode 8  
More late night conversation, wit and storytelling from Patrick Marber and Peter Curran.  
Their special guest is chef, broadcaster and host of The Great British Menu, Andi Oliver.  
She sings an ancient lullaby and the trio discuss a shared mistrust of dolphins.  
Producer Peter Curran  
A Foghorn Company production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in March 2022.

#### MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026

**MON 00:00 Scramble by Martin Kiszko (b007jwq4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 00:30 The Slide (m000lnh9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002rdkd)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00pfkw3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]  
**MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002rdkg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 02:30 Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be: The Lionel Bart Story (Omnibus) (m002rdkj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002rdkl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]  
**MON 03:50 Ladies of Letters (b01ml24w)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:00 Al Read Classics (m002rdkn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b016vh18)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007k1wv)**  
Hercule Poirot - Three Act Tragedy  
1. Cornwall  
The famous Belgian detective Hercule Poirot is at a weekend house party on a clifftop in Cornwall, thrown by the celebrated actor Sir Charles Cartwright.  
As the welcoming cocktail party gets underway, an elderly clergyman dies while drinking a dry martini.  
Was the vermouth/gin ratio of the cocktail so poorly mixed that it offended his delicate palate?  
Or was there something else in the glass that shouldn't have been there.?  
Starring John Moffatt.  
Agatha Christie's 1935 whodunnit novel.  
Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell  
Hercule Poirot .... John Moffatt  
Mr Satterthwaite .... George Cole  
Sir Charles Cartwright .... Michael Cochrane  
Sir Bartholomew Strange .... Clive Merrison  
Lady Mary Lytton Gore .... Pauline Jamieson  
Hermione 'Egg' Lytton Gore .... Beth Chalmers  
Cynthia Dacres .... Paula Jacobs  
Muriel Wills .... Elisabeth Proud  
Oliver Manders .... Carl Prekopp  
Miss Milray .... Helen Longworth  
The Rev Babbington .... Peter Marinker  
Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.  
**MON 06:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4fj)**  
Frenchman's Creek  
1. London to Cornwall  
Lady Dona St Columb has escaped from her London society life, in search of peace and solitude.  
She takes her children to Navron, her husband Harry's remote estate in Cornwall.  
But what she finds instead is true love and adventure...  
Daphne du Maurier's classic love story, first published in 1941.  
Set during the 17th century reign of Charles II.  
Dramatised in six parts by Micheline Wandor.  
Dona St Columb .... Lorna Heilbron  
Jean .... Struan Rodger  
Harry .... Michael Cochrane  
Rockingham .... Christopher Godwin  
William .... Michael Tudor Barnes  
Lord Godolphin .... Norman Bird  
Pru .... Elizabeth Mansfield  
Henrietta .... Susan Sheridan  
Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989  
**MON 07:00 Home Again (m0004xw3)**  
The Family Gathering

As suddenly as he disappeared, Fulton Jones returns to his family – wife Margaret and children Rosie and Martin. He went to the newsagent to buy matches 20 years before and, bold as brass, waltzes back assuming his role as father figure once more.

Margaret is perplexed, whilst Rosie and Martin are furious! Starring Robin Bailey.

Sitcom written by Peter Tinniswood.

Fulton ..... Robin Bailey

Margaret ..... Doreen Mantle

Rosie ..... Liz Goulding

Martin ..... David Troughton

Ernest ..... Christopher Benjamin

Producer: Griff Rhys Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1980.

**MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)**

Series 2

A Brush With the Law

When a light shines out during a blackout, Chief Warden Hodges hauls Captain Mainwaring to court.

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

Private Walker ..... Larry Martin

Chief Warden Hodges ..... Bill Pertwee

Captain Square ..... Geoffrey Lumsden

The Verger ..... Edward Sinclair

2nd Warden ..... Michael Segal

Mr Wintergreen ..... Michael Knowles

Clerk of the Court ..... Norman Emtling

Announcer ..... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

**MON 08:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000z1jp)**

Series 2

4: Holidays

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. She hates holidays. Too much fuff, too expensive, too exhausting, so why go?

Joining Ella to prove her point is regular sidekick Robin Morgan

With special guest: Travel editor of The Independent, Simon Calder who explains why he still believes holidays are the way forward.

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 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g24xs)**

1. Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Susie Boyt's tribute to her screen idol Judy Garland is a touching account of a life-long passion.

Boyt is the daughter of Lucien Freud.

She recalls the moment when she saw The Wizard of Oz and became hooked on Garland, after hearing her sing 'Over the Rainbow'.

Abridged in five parts by Viv Beebey.

Read by Tamsin Greig.

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008

**MON 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwcv)**

Ladies of Letters Spring Clean

1. Suitor

Spring cleaning unearths a confusing contraption, the heart attack of a mutual suitor, and brings deep-seated rivalries to the fore.

Starring Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

The up-and-down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence.

It's springtime and Vera and Irene have recipes and tips for a long and healthy life. But competitive rivalry is never far away....

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Anthea Blunt ... Rachel Atkins

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

**MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002r3kn)**

Series 96

2. I've never seen anything like it!

Subjects this week include if I were invisible for one hour, double denim and The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

Now which of these might include everyone speaking French? Host: Sue Perkins

Players: Paul Merton, Cariad Lloyd, Rachel Parris, Paterson Joseph

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 Agatha Christie: A Very Elusive Woman by Lucy Worsley (m001g91r)**

1: The Thine in the House

Historian Lucy Worsley reads her account of the extraordinary life of the 'Queen of Crime', Agatha Christie.

Born in 1890, into a world that had its own rules about what women could and couldn't do, Agatha Christie became the most prolific detective novelist during the Golden Age of detective fiction, and went on to become the best-selling author of all time.

From her idyllic Victorian childhood, to her rocky marriage, to her great literary successes with Poirot and Marple, to her mysterious and infamous disappearance at Harrogate, Worsley presents a life fascinating for its mysteries and passions.

We start with Christie's blissful early years in Torquay - until family life is shattered.

Abridged in five parts by Richard Hamilton.

Read and written by BBC TV's Lucy Worsley, OBE.

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002rdjm)**

Man shall not live by bread alone - Tested in the wilderness

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

Theme: Man shall not live by bread alone - Tested in the wilderness

Presenter: Father Paschal Uche

Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Music:

Bread for the world - St Martin's Voices

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us - St Martin's voices

Yield not to temptation - Aretha Franklin

**MON 10:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b01qgr43)**

Series 4

In the Heat of the Night

Paul Giamatti on Best Picture Oscar for Norman Jewison's

In the Heat of the Night, starring Sidney Poitier.

It makes for uncomfortable viewing. A Southern policeman insolently challenges Sidney Poitier, a detective from 'up North'.

"So, boy, what do they call you in Philadelphia?"

"They call me Mister Tibbs!"

It's one of the great movie lines in history, from Sidney Poitier's favourite of all his films. But was "In The Heat of the Night" a worthy winner of the Best Picture?

Up against tough competition, including "The Graduate" and "Bonnie and Clyde", it's been suggested that this might have been an Oscar vote carried on a tidal wave of outrage during the peak years of the Civil Rights movement.

In 1967, "In the Heat of the Night" seemed to speak out against an America riven with racial tensions. The Watts Riots had just devastated Los Angeles, close to Hollywood. The film was set in Mississippi, but the crew were forced to choose Illinois in the North as a safer location.

The murder of Martin Luther King, and his subsequent funeral, delayed the Oscar ceremony in 1968 by several days - enabling the cast and crew of "In The Heat of the Night" to attend his funeral.

All these stories and more are told to Paul Giamatti by veteran director - Norman Jewison, and he also hears from his legendary producer - Walter Mirisch - who at the age of 91, still makes his way to his film studios in Hollywood, and takes lunch as Spagos.

Plus the thoughts of one of the world's great cinematographers Haskell Wexler - who was the first to devise lighting especially for darker skin tones - and sets the scene for Norman Jewison's dramatic reconstruction of a country divided along racial lines that has echoes today.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

**MON 10:30 James and the Giant Eagle (b010fc06)**

Like most small boys, James Aldred loved climbing trees.

Now he's grown up, he's still climbing trees; helping scientists and film crews up into the canopy.

When he was invited to help a wildlife team film one of the world's largest eagles in Southern Brazil, it was an offer he couldn't refuse. But what happened next was a nerve-wracking and painful encounter with one of the world's most powerful birds.

Harpy Eagles have a body length of over 3 feet, a wingspan of over 6 feet and weigh 10-12 pounds.

Their hind talons can grow up to the size of grizzly bear claws, and are used to strike their prey; monkeys, sloths and possums, which they then carry aloft. When James was asked to climb a tree, to assist with moving a camera on an eagle's nest, he found out exactly why these birds have such an awesome reputation.

Harpy Eagles are found in tropical lowland forests from southeast Mexico to northern Argentina and southern Brazil.

They are successful predators, owing primarily to their size and strength.

Highly manoeuvrable fliers, they are acutely observant and opportunistic birds. Taken together these attributes make for a highly impressive predator.

Discover the behaviour and ecology of Harpy Eagles and what happens when a female tries to protect her young. Location recordings by James Aldred are combined with insights from ornithologist Ian Newton and field biologist, Marta Curti.

Producer: Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

**MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007k1vw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 11:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4fj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 12:00 Home Again (m0004xw3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000z1jp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 13:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g24xs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwcv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Many a Slip (b007j4dm)**

From 25/07/1978

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 Messier.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1978.

**MON 14:30 Married (b007v2rf)**

Series 3

Episode 3

More strange happenings occur following the universes colliding: the King's ex quite literally drops in after being trapped in a vortex for five weeks.

Robin finds himself playing chief powerbroker in the Royal relationship and manages to turn it to his advantage... 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.

Robin .... Hugh Bonneville

Lesley .... Josie Lawrence

Dirk .... Stephen Frost

Adrian .... Julian Clary

Maxine .... Ann Gosling

Ned .... Sam Bradley

King John .... Christopher Kelham

Arthur Smith .... Himself

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.

**MON 15:00 Legacy by Cath Staincliffe (b01rrc1f)**

Series 4

1. Eden

Probate detectives Rachel and Dan race to locate the rightful heirs to an unclaimed estate - and get a slice of the fortune.

When Gordon Willshaw dies, the only lead to an heir is through a woman's journal from 1952 written in Kenya.

The brother and sister's investigation leads them to a shocking discovery of the terrible events of the Mau Mau rebellion and their search for an heir unearths long buried secrets.

Written in five parts by Cath Staincliffe

Dan....William Ash

Rachel .....Jo Hartley

Pauline.....Alexandra Mathie

Young Pauline.....Olivia Cooke

Gordon.... Henry Devas

Mary.....Yusra Warsama

Douglas/Gregory.....Hugh Simon

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

**MON 15:45 Short Works (m0014qdj)**

Tattletale by Ruqaya Izzidien

Someone is watching over Sofie...

Richard Elfyn reads an original short story written by Ruqaya Izzidien.

Sound by Catherine Robinson

Producer: Emma Harding

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt**

(b00g24xs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwcq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 20:00 Many a Slip (b007js4m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**MON 20:30 Married (b007v2rf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Legacy by Cath Staincliffe (b01rrc1f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**MON 21:45 Short Works (m0014qdj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002r3kn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:30 The Routemasters (b007jnrf)**

2. Don't Be a Freud

The bus time travellers hit 19th-century Austria.

Sigmund Freud is about to give a historic paper on telepathy, which Raymond and Hildegard are bent on stealing...

Andrew McGibbon's sci-fi saga about a time-travelling double-decker bus.

Hilderghast ..... Amanda Donohoe

Raymond ..... Andrew McGibbon

Conductor ..... Karl Minns

Bernie ..... Owen Evans

Karl ..... Nick Romero

Herr Grubberman ..... Andy Mulligan

Breyer ..... Dan Freedman

Interpolator ..... Alex Lowe

Martha ..... Sophie Aldred

Additional material by Rob Colley, Julian Mayers and Kevin Greening.

Theme by Ozzy Temple and other music by Nick Romero.

Producer: Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.

**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002r4yf)**

Series 119

Is the UK getting sunnier?

This week the panel discuss PM Keir Starmer fighting off a potential coup; whether it's a good idea to take Valentine's day tips from a two-timing Norwegian athlete; and after 40 days of rain in some parts of the UK, is the country actually getting sunnier?

Joining Andy this week is Alasdair Beckett-King, Rachel

Fairburn, Stephen Bush and Mhairi Black

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Cody Dahler, Eve Delaney, Jade Gebbie, Ruth Husko and Peter Tellouche.

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: 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 (b007k0r6)**

Series 1

A Very Important Visitor

Take a wander round the Museum of Everything- an infinite gallery of strange exhibits and stranger characters.

Learn about Mary Queen of Scots' execution and enjoy the

Sheriff of Nottingham Medieval Disco Experience

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 17 FEBRUARY 2026****TUE 00:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b01qgr43)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007k1vw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4fj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Home Again (m0004xw3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b00qg7s5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000z1jp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

**TUE 03:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g24xs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwcq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 Many a Slip (b007js4m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 Married (b007v2rf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Legacy by Cath Staincliffe (b01rrc1f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:45 Short Works (m0014qdj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007k1x7)**

Hercule Poirot - Three Act Tragedy

2. Monte Carlo

The Belgian sleuth and his two acquaintances have travelled to Monte Carlo, where they hear the news of another tragic death.

Is this coincidence?

Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Agatha Christie's 1935 whodunnit novel.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot ..... John Moffatt

Mr Satterthwaite ..... George Cole

Sir Charles Cartwright ..... Michael Cochrane

Hermione 'Egg' Lytton Gore ..... Beth Chalmers

Colonel Johnson ..... John Baddeley

Supt Crossfield ..... Martin Hyder

Mrs Leckie ..... Kathleen Helme

Little Boy ..... Tom Glenister

Director: Eynd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

**TUE 06:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4fk)**

Frenchman's Creek

2. Piracy

Lady Dona St Columb is captivated by Jean-Benoit and he shares how he came to be a pirate.

As the local Cornish gentry decide how best to deal with the menace of the French pirate, Jean himself plans his next venture with the aid of a new accomplice.

Daphne du Maurier's classic novel dramatised by Micheline Wandor.

Dona St Columb .... Lorna Heilbron

Jean .... Struan Rodger

William .... Michael Tudor Barnes

Lord Godolphin .... Norman Bird

Lady Godolphin .... Susan Sheridan

Lord Penrose .... Christopher Good

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

**TUE 07:00 Oh Mother! (m002rdmp)**

The Diet

Beverley is dieting.

Will her mum Nelly be inspired to join her?

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

Beverley .... Patricia Brake

Mr Spencer .... Frank Thornton

Hugh Bailey King .... David Lodge

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 (b007jyp0)**

Series 9

Dishonoured - Again

Neddie Seagoon is offered a job working in a bank, but is it wise to put him in charge of the gold vault?

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 Greenslade

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1959

**TUE 08:00 Jack & Millie (b0bch6d1)**

Series 1

Deliver Us From eBay

Jack and Millie discover the Eleventh Commandment - Thou shalt not try and please a son's scary ex-girlfriend.

And what's really in the mysterious neighbour's packages?

A chance encounter and a classy fish restaurant combine to create a tale of Middle Eastern diplomacy, tight shorts, strictly no ospreys 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

Shirley ..... Tracy-Ann Oberman

Harry ..... Nigel Lindsay

Shushannah ..... Rebecca Gethings

Yoosef ..... Naz Osmanoglu

Barista ..... Luke Sumner

Producer: David Tyler

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

**TUE 08:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g255s)**

2. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Susie remembers her own family Christmases, and contrasts them with her heroine's occasionally difficult times as a child star.

Plus memories of her own thwarted hopes to go to drama school.

Susie Boyt's tribute to her screen idol Judy Garland is a touching account of a life-long passion.

Abridged by Viv Beebey.

Read by Tamsin Greig.

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008

**TUE 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwcw)**

Ladies of Letters Spring Clean

2. Hospital

Vera and Irene vie for the affection of their ailing chicken farm suitor at his hospital bedside, and for the affection of Irene's granddaughter Sabrina - who is battling with an unfortunate weight problem.

Starring Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - it's springtime and Vera and Irene have recipes and tips for a long and healthy life. But competitive rivalry is never far away....

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small ..... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

**TUE 09:00 You Heard It Here First (m002r4rz)**

Series 3

5. 'The Worst Anyone's Ever Done'

Chris McCausland asks Lou Sanders and John Tothill to take on Kerry Godliman and Pete Wicks. The teams must decipher waveform waffle by guessing what product is being advertised, what famous movie scenes kids are describing, and what year of sounds their time machine has landed in.

Producer: Sasha Bobak

Assistant Producer: Eve Delaney

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman

A BBC Studios Production.

**TUE 09:30 Agatha Christie: A Very Elusive Woman by Lucy Worsley (m001g8r4)**

2: Man Magnet

After finding herself in demand among the colonials of Egypt, Agatha Christie marries a dashing pilot, and decides to try writing a detective novel...

Agatha was born in 1890 into a world with its own rules about what women could and couldn't do.

She was to become the most prolific detective novelist during the Golden Age of detective-fiction, and went on to become the best-selling author of all time.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Written and read by Lucy Worsley

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002rdmr)**

Man shall not live by bread alone - God's word as nourishment

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

Theme: Man shall not live by bread alone - God's word as nourishment

Presenter: Ann Easter

Reading: Psalm 119:97-104

Music:

Guide me o thou great redeemer - Daily Service Singers

Speak, O Lord - Keith &amp; Kristyn Getty

Thou whose almighty word - Cambrensis

**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m00193p5)**

Sophie Hannah and Viv Groskop

Writer Sophie Hannah and journalist Viv Groskop join Harriett

Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Agatha Christie, Mikhail

Bulgakov and Eileen Atkins.

The Rose and the Yew Tree by Agatha Christie (writing as

Mary Westmacott)

Publisher HarperCollins

Will She Do? by Dame Eileen Atkins

Publisher Virago

The Heart of a Dog by Mikhail Bulgakov trans by Michael

Glenny

Publisher Vintage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2022.

**TUE 10:30 The Hunt For The Hum (b00773qg)**

Comedian and musician Bill Bailey explores the phenomena of

low-frequency noise.

Bill goes in search of apparently mysterious "hums" that have been heard from Tokyo to Toronto, and Beijing to Bristol.

Engineers, hospital consultants, acoustics experts and sperm whales all play their part in a strange and occasionally sad story

of industrialisation and noise pollution.

Taking part:

\* Hylton Dawson

\* Mags Adams

\* David Waddington

\* David Baguley

\* Andy Moorhouse

\* Trevor Cox

\* Paul White

Producer John Byrne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.

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**TUE 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwew)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Hidden Treasures (b05ndg4y)**

Syon House

From bronze statues to Lalique glass designs.

Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted Antiques Quiz.

From the London home of the Duke of Northumberland, Syon House.

With:

John Bly

Philippa Glanville

Jane Hay

Peter Brown

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**TUE 14:30 Says on the Tin (b00gb0bt)**

Cat Food

Elliott struggles to promote gourmet cat food for an intensely

conservative company.

Starring Michael Brandon.

Christopher William Hill's sitcom about an American

advertising man, forced to relocate to London.

Elliott Thurber ..... Michael Brandon

Esther Finn ..... Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker ..... Pippa Haywood

Pippa Walker ..... Manjeet Mann

Zadie ..... Joannaan Tinney

Ted ..... Malcolm Tiercey

Mrs Braden ..... Rachel Atkins

Other parts played by Stephen Crichtlow, Donmla Hughes,

Janice Acquah and Jill Carolo.

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

**TUE 15:00 Legacy by Cath Staincliffe (b01rw8xw)**

Series 4

2. Suspicious Minds

Dan and his sister Rachel's search for an heir to Petra Oster's

estate leads them to investigate events in 1980s East Berlin.

Finding several anomalies in Petra's history, it becomes clear

that Petra escaped to Britain in an attempt to erase her past.

Will their hunt for her heir reveal the truth?

Conclusion written by Cath Staincliffe

Dan.....William Ash

Rachel .....Jo Hartley

Konrad.....Conrad Nelson

Petra.....Lisa Brookes

Magda.....Fiona Clarke

Lauren / Young Magda.....Sarah McDonald Hughes

Stasi Officer.....Jack Lord

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

**TUE 15:45 Short Works (m0014xxy)**

Soft Boiled Eggs by Jane Fraser

Food and farming seem to have become the heart of Megan and

Gordon's long marriage.

But is that enough?

Sharon Morgan reads an original story by Welsh writer Jane

Fraser set on the Gower peninsula.

Sound design by Catherine Robinson

Producer: Emma Harding

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in March 2022.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 21:45 Short Works (m0014xxy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**TUE 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m002r4rz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b00fqbsz)**

Series 2

Episode 4

A dizzy Indian ad agency, a lovesick lament to Lahore - and the

blundering Bhangra Muffins.

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Nitin Sawhney

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch

comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to

1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to

2001.

Scripted by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev

Bhaskar, Sanjeev Kohli and Nina Wadia.

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002rrrx)**

Fatiha El-Ghorri 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Lou Conran speaks to

comedian Fatiha El-Ghorri.

**TUE 23:00 Susan Calman - Keep Calman Carry On (b072n5xp)**

Series 1

Art with Phill Jupitus

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 going to look at her options and try to immerse

herself in the pursuits that her friends find relaxing, to find her

inner zen and outer tranquillity. Each week she will ditch the

old Susan Calman and attempt to find the new Susan Calm, in a

typically British leisure pursuit.

This time, she visits the Scottish National Portrait Gallery with

Phill Jupitus.

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 (b007wh7j)**

4. Machismo

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.

Will is wondering how he can defend his machismo when he is

scared of his builders.

With:

Ewan Bailey

Dan Tetsell

Roger Drew

Rachel Bavidge

John Nettles

Written by Will Smith and Roger Drew.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

### WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2026

**WED 00:00 A Good Read (m00193p5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 The Hunt For The Hum (b00773qg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Whodunnits (b007k1x7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4fk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Oh Mother! (m002rdmp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 The Goon Show (b007jyp0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 Jack & Millie (b0bch6d1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g255s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwew)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Hidden Treasures (b05ndg4y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 Says on the Tin (b00gb0bt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Legacy by Cath Staincliffe (b01rw8xw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:45 Short Works (m0014xxy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007k1y1)**

Hercule Poirot - Three Act Tragedy

3. Did the Butler Do it?

The Belgian sleuth re-enters the mystery deaths investigation, to

the relief of all involved.

Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Agatha Christie's 1935 whodunnit novel.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot ..... John Moffatt

Mr Satterthwaite ..... George Cole

Sir Charles Cartwright .... Michael Cochrane

Lady Mary Lytton Gore .... Pauline Jamieson

Hermione 'Egg' Lytton Gore ... Beth Chalmers

Mrs Babbington .... Patricia Scott

Oliver Manders .... Carl Prekopp

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

**WED 06:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4gp)**

Frenchman's Creek

3. Cabin Boy and Lover

Adventure beckons as Dona joins Jean's ship. With Dona

disguised as a cabin boy, Jean lads his pirate crew in a daring

raid in which everything depends upon their ability to outwit

their victims.

Daphne du Maurier's classic novel is dramatised by Micheline

Wandor.

CAST:

Dona St Columb .... Lorna Heilbron

Jean .... Struan Rodger

William .... Michael Tudor Barnes

Lord Godolphin .... Norman Bird

Lord Penrose .... Christopher Good

Nightwatchman .... Michael Kilgarriff

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

**WED 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00tlmwv)**

Series 4

Episode 1

Mrs Roberts has fallen from power and Mr Barnum is the new

council leader.

'80s political satirical soap opera set in the strangely familiar

village of Little Blighty.

Life here is pretty uneventful, though the humdrum happenings

include social turmoil, economic upheaval and vicious political

squabbles.

Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman.

Starring:

Jo Kendall

Michael Troughton

John Baddeley

Bernadine Corrigan

Jonathan Kydd

Daniel Strauss

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

**WED 0**

everyone begins to ask themselves the same question...

Who needs Rupert Hardacre?

Hardacre ...Nigel Havers

Joe .... Mathew Baynton

Amanda .... Josie Lawrence

Teddy .... Rasmus Hardiker

Ace .... Oliver Chris

Client/Waitress .... Holly Morgan

Mikey .... Esh Alladi

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.

**WED 08:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyd (b00g255x)**

3. You Made Me Love You

Susie Boyd's tribute to her screen idol Judy Garland is a touching account of a life-long passion.

Susie reflects on her heroics in childhood and on the other unshakeable passions of her life, including an embarrassing infatuation with a female teacher. Then, when she finally meets Judy's daughter Liza, Susie wonders why neither of them feel they can mention her mother.

Abridger: Viv Beeby

Read by Tamsin Greig

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008

**WED 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwd0)**

Ladies of Letters Spring Clean

3. Funeral

At their mutual suitor's funeral Vera is convinced that Irene pushed her into the grave - leading to bitter recriminations.

Irene visits her daughter in Australia and struggles with preparing an indigenous Australian themed wedding breakfast.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - it's springtime and Vera and Irene have recipes and tips for a long and healthy life. But competitive rivalry is never far away....

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Howard ... Christopher Kelham

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

**WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002r3nf)**

The Making of Colin Hout

An audience show in which Colin explores how his bizarre family made him the man he is today. Now, as a 45 year-old dad, he wonders if it's too late to do anything about it. Based on his hugely successful 2024 Edinburgh show, Colin weaves anecdotes and musings with all too real stories about his early life, featuring a recurring cast of characters: his perennially pessimistic mum, his not-quite-in-reality brothers and his long-suffering Dad who screams 'why can't we just be a normal family?' Colin asks 'is it a surprise my neurodiversity was missed?' But growing up in Nottingham we just had a simple phrase that covered everything - 'he's not right'. Colin paints a picture of a childhood full of secrets and lies, dominated by Mum's terror of ending up in the local 'madhouse' whilst espousing paranoid conspiracies and pulling out the Ouija board on Christmas Day. Whilst inherently funny, the craziness is recounted with love and sympathy. A brilliant storyteller, Colin intercuts tales of that childhood life with stories about his own contemporary family and how one has been shaped by the other. What does he want to pass on and what does he absolutely not want to? How does he be the best dad he can when his basic understanding of the world is so scrambled?

Each episode begins with Colin telling us how he's, possibly inappropriately, reacted to something mundane that has just happened or been said to him. He'll unpick the story across the episode tracing his reaction back to his upbringing with other themes, stories and observations along the way. Colin's stand-up is intercut with childhood and contemporary scenes. Colin plays all his family members, neighbours, distant relatives, postmen, etc.

**WED 09:30 Agatha Christie: A Very Elusive Woman by Lucy Worsley (m001g993)**

3: Mrs Christie No Longer

From her idyllic Victorian childhood, to her rocky marriage, to her successes with Poirot and Marple, to her mysterious disappearance at Harrogate, Lucy Worsley presents her biography of Dame Agatha.

One day, in 1926, the novelist disappeared....

Read and written by Lucy Worsley

Abridger Richard Hamilton

Producer Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002rdtw)**

Ash Wednesday from Bishopthorpe Palace, York

A service for Ash Wednesday recorded in Bishopthorpe Chapel with Liz Hassall, Archdeacon of York and Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York with the Ebor Singers.

Theme: Man shall not live by bread alone - Ash Wednesday

Reading: Matthew 6.1-6.16-21

Music:

Forty days and forty nights - Ebor Singers

The Advent Prose (plainsong) - Ebor Singers

Be thou my guardian - Ebor Singers

**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m001d4ns)**

The Art of Habit

Author and journalist Lynsey Hanley tells the story of sociology in Britain, from its beginnings in the slums of Liverpool and London to its rise in the post-war era as the brave, new 'science of society' - exploring the hidden patterns of our everyday lives while offering radical new visions of British society.

For the very first time all aspects of society and culture were considered worthy of study, from the ground up - and not just worthy, but essential for understanding how the built environment, civil institutions, technology, media, identity and ideas in our shared, social space really operate and shape us in turn.

Sociology flourished in the decades following the war, a gateway between the academy and the spaces of everyday life, from the study of football terraces and housing estates to youth tribes and popular culture, new patterns of labour and technology including powerful new media like television. Early studies of class, race and gender in Britain used actual field research, data gathering and new techniques such as ethnography and what was sometimes called 'participant observation'. Nothing was off limits: the discipline was incredibly wide-ranging, generating a popular factual paperback boom with imprints like Pelican publishing many hundreds of crossover titles.

As well as being the first academic subject to take the media seriously, sociology began to change the course of broadcast media itself. The discipline had a huge impact on the TV and radio documentary movement with programmes like the BBC's 'Panorama' and 'Man Alive', and ITV's pioneering 'World in Action', operating somewhere between current affairs and considered, sociological analysis. Sociologists and documentary makers alike would access all areas, going inside prisons, youth cultures, the police, inner cities and new political groups. The recorded interview and everyday voice was central to both professions, with sociology sometimes referred to as a 'listener's art'.

At its core, sociology works on the belief that collective life always comes first and that individual behaviour can't be understood in isolation. The discipline thrived in the 1960s and '70s, but the rise of a more aggressive ideology of individualism (together with the ascendancy of Margaret Thatcher's Conservatism in politics in the 1980s) put the 'science of society' on the back foot. Free-market economics challenged sociology as the new intellectual paradigm of the age. The subject was dismissed as either irrelevant or pernicious. Overwhelming challenges presented by climate change, mass urbanisation, social media and digital technologies have, in recent decades, revitalised sociology. Could it be that this great post-war social science is needed now more than ever as a critical force for truth, arbitration and intellectual vigilance in the digital and online age?

Contributors include sociologist Les Back, journalist and sociologist Gary Younge, writer and sociologist Ann Oakley, sociologist and broadcaster Laurie Taylor, writer and critic DJ Taylor, co-founder and host of the podcast 'Surviving Society', sociologist Chantelle Lewis, urban sociologist Paul Jones, senior curator at the BFI National Archive Patrick Russell, sociologist and British reggae pioneer William Lesley 'Lyrics' Henry, economist Shaun Hargreaves Heap, author Marcus Gilroy-Ware and John Scott, vice-president of the British Sociological Association.

Presented by Lynsey Hanley

Producer: by Simon Hollis

With special thanks to Les Back.

A Brook Lapping production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2022.

**WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b007k1y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 11:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4gp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 12:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b001mww)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpvv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000ssk7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 13:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyd (b00g255x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwd0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000mbly)**

Series 15

Episode 1

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Alice Levine welcome:

\* Writer and presenter Danny Wallace

\* Broadcaster and tech expert Georgia Lewis Anderson

\* Agatha Christie's great-grandson and CEO of Agatha Christie Ltd James Pritchard

The Museum's Guest Committee donate a giant balloon, a mobile phone inside a crystal ball and Agatha Christie's favourite mug.

Researchers: Mike Turner and Anne Miller of QI.

Producers: Victoria Lloyd and Anne Miller.

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

**WED 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2my)**

Series 1

Tennis Balls and Military Tattoos

The landladies' accountant and guest from the clergy discover they've got something in common...

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

Bernard .... Geoffrey Whitehead

Leslie .... Nickolas Grace

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003

**WED 15:00 The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri (b03xtvdp)**

1. Inferno

Blake Ritson, David Warner and John Hurt star in Stephen Wyatt's dramatisation of Dante's epic poem - the story of one man's incredible journey through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise. Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita mi ritrovai per una selva oscura, ch  la diritta via era smarrita.

In Episode 1: Inferno, the thirty-five year old Dante (Blake Ritson) finds himself in the middle of a dark wood, in extreme personal and spiritual crisis. But hope of rescue appears in the form of the venerable poet Virgil (David Warner), now a shade himself, who offers to lead Dante on an odyssey through the afterlife, that begins in the terrifying depths of Hell.

Many years later, the older Dante (John Hurt), still in enforced exile from his beloved Florence, attempts to finish his great poem and reflects on the events that have led him to its writing. Dante the Poet .... Blake Ritson

Older Dante .... John Hurt

Virgil .... David Warner

Ulysees/Giant .... Sam Dale

Charon/Pope Nicholas III .... Michael Bertenshaw

Francesca da Rimini .... Priyanga Burford

Count Ugolino .... David Cann

Tree/Adam .... Clive Hayward

Vanni Fucci .... Steve Toussaint

Angel .... Cassie Layton

All other parts are played by members of the company

The Divine Comedy is dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

Sound design is by Cal Knightley

Directed by Emma Harding and Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

**WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (m001d4ns)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**WED 17:00 Whodunnits (b007k1y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 17:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4gp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 18:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b001mww)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 18:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpvv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 19:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000ssk7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 19:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyd (b00g255x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwd0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**WED 20:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000mbly)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**WED 20:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2my)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**WED 21:00 The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri (b03xtvdp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002r3nf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 A World of Dowie (m0017tgg)**

4. Telephones

Enter a brave new world created and presented by John Dowie. John Dowie is absolutely sick and tired of the meddlesome nature of the telephone.

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 April 1991.

**WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002rrt0)**

Fatima El-Ghorri 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Lou Conran chats again to comedian Fatima El-Ghorri.

**WED 23:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (m000w5jh)**

Series 9

Episode 3

The ninth series of John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme is very different to the previous eight. It's still written by John Finnemore, "one of our best sketch writers", (The Observer),

and performed by him with "a great supporting cast of Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan" (The Telegraph), and there are still sketches and songs. But, with no live studio audience this year, John has taken 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 week, we follow our way back through the life of Jerry, starting earlier this year and going back to a wartime poem in 1943.

John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme started in 2011 and quickly established itself as "One of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" (The Guardian), and "One of the funniest and most inventive new radio comedy shows of recent years" (The Daily Mail).

Written and performed by ... John Finnemore

Jerry ... Simon Kane

Ensemble ... Lawry Lewin

Ensemble ... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Ensemble ... Carrie Quinlan

Original music composed by ... Susannah Pearce

Original music arranged by ... Susannah Pearce and Tim Sutton

Recorded and edited by ... Rich Evans at Synbox Post

Production coordinator ... Beverly Tagge

Producer ... Ed Morrish

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.

**WED 23:30 Friends Like These (m000hpjg)**

Equal Ops

Whilst attempting a sponsored pedalo ride, work colleagues Bernice and Jen sink and are marooned on an island Duck Sanctuary.

Part of a collection of comic plays about friendship, each featuring a different comedy partnership.

Written by and starring Cicely Giddings and Abigail Burdess.

Bernice ..... Cicely Giddings

Jen ..... Abigail Burdess

Director: Claudine Toutoungi.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

**WED 23:45 Holland's Shorts (m001p7j6)**

Episode 6

Dominic Holland's thoughts on feeling depressed, honesty boxes, and cash machines crime.

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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**THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (m001d4ns)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 Whodunnits (b007k1y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4gp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00t1mwv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jpvv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000sk7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g255x)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwd0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000mbly)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Alison and Maud (b007k2my)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri (b03xtvdp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007k1zt)**

Hercule Poirot - Three Act Tragedy

4. Sherry at The Ritz

As the murder suspects are investigated, the Belgian sleuth issues an invitation.

Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Agatha Christie's 1935 whodunnit novel.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot .... John Moffatt

Mr Satterthwaite .... George Cole

Sir Charles Cartwright .... Michael Cochrane

Hermione 'Egg' Lytton Gore .... Beth Chalmers

Muriel Wills .... Elizabeth Proud

Oliver Manders .... Carl Prekopp

Cynthia Dacres .... Paula Jacobs

Captain Dacres .... Nigel Anthony

Angela Sutcliffe .... Jemma Churchill

Doris, the Model .... Angela Sims

Director: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

**THU 06:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4gq)**

Frenchman's Creek

4. Danger

Dona has found love and adventure, but on returning to Navron she is horrified to find a new threat in the shape of her husband Harry and the shrewd Lord Rockingham.

Daphne du Maurier's classic novel is dramatised by Micheline Wandor.

CAST:

Dona St Columb .... Lorna Heilbron

Harry .... Michael Cochrane

Rockingham .... Christopher Godwin

William .... Michael Tudor Barnes

Pru .... Elizabeth Mansfield

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

**THU 07:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00fzwp9)**

Series 2

Brief Encounter

Robert Patterson has to attend a different school to study

Chaucer under a Mr Plant - who then takes a shine to Mrs

Patterson.

Acclaimed comedy of faith, families and football written by Martin Davies.

Fr. Benedict.....Desmond Barrit

Mrs Patterson.....Brenda Blethyn

Robert Patterson.....Richard Pearce

Barbara Patterson.....Melanie Hudson

Andy Hunt.....Mark Straker

Janet.....Nicola Buckingham

Guy.....Henry Woolley

Mr Plant.....Geoff McGovern

Mrs Plant.....Jane Dolamore

Producer Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

**THU 07:30 Give Or Take (m0010xqv)**

8. Happy Ever After...?

Annabel is suspicious about Sam's sudden change of

personality. Why is being uncharacteristically nice?

Sam decides to hand in his notice at the bank.

And he has a surprise for his family.

Wally K Daly's sitcom starring David Roper and Sharon Duce.

Sam ..... David Roper

Annabel ..... Sharon Duce

Fred ..... Bill Owen

Rose ..... Patsy Rowlands

Mr Snow ..... John Horsley

Doctor ..... John Clive

Cyril ..... Jon Glover

Parker ..... John Bott

Receptionist ..... Maggie Shelvin

Theme music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1980.

**THU 08:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0021h3x)**

Series 3

London to Hereford

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 travels from London to the ancient cathedral city of Hereford.

Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:

\* his old friend, comedian David Baddiel, who is off to the Hay

Festival

\* Deborah and David, psychologists from San Antonio in Texas

on a walking holiday

\* Stewart, who teaches computer science in a London school

and is on his way to a tech festival

\* Kashmini and Lara who met on the internet and decided to

meet up in real life

\* 'Collie' from Australia who travels the world under the alias

Collie - short for 'Cauliflower'

\* James who has become something of an expert on fermented

food and is travelling with a very large and slightly smelly

container of Kimchi

\* Angela and her mother Kathleen, who surprises Alexei with

her stories of life on the road with her Harley Davidson

motorcycle.

Producers: Peter Lowe and Lyndon Jones

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July

2024

**THU 08:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g2560)**

4. I Can't Give You Anything But Love

Susie Boyt's tribute to her screen idol Judy Garland is a

touching account of a life-long passion.

Susie reflects on the notion of fandom and explains the all-

important differences between 'good' and 'bad' Judy fans. She

also demonstrates her devotion at the ultimate Judy convention

and visits the Judy Garland museum in Minnesota.

Abridger: Viv Beeby

Read by Tamsin Greig

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008

**THU 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwd4)**

Ladies of Letters Spring Clean

4. Operation

Vera has a hip replacement at the Royal College of Quadrupeds due to the shortage of hospital beds while Irene turns to lonely

versifying when deserted by her daughter in Australia.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as

Irene.

The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - it's springtime and Vera and Irene have recipes and tips for a long and healthy life. But competitive rivalry is never far away....

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

**THU 09:00 Kat Sadler's Screen Time (m001f50n)**

Episode 1

Industry heart-throb Kat Sadler tells YOU how social media can change your life.

Kat Sadler's Screen Time is a fun guide/cautionary tale of how

young people today live their lives through their phones and

social media. Kat (daily screen time 8hrs 49 mins) meets Abbie

(daily screen time 1 hr 26 mins) and starts a relationship, but

will their obsession with how the relationship comes across

online lead to its downfall?

Ensuring no listener is left behind by the indecipherable terminology and online etiquette of the under 30s, Kat is joined

by extremely offline Alex MacQueen who will stop Kat and

make her explain things like the 'For You Page' and 'Soft

Launching'.

Kat Sadler - Kat

Alex MacQueen - Alex

Abbie Weinstock - Abbie

Emily Lloyd Saini - Various

Jason Forbes - Various

Written by Kat Sadler and Cameron Loxdale.

Script edited by Jon Hunter.

Producer: Gwyn Rhys Davies

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

November 2022.

**THU 09:30 Agatha Christie: A Very Elusive Woman by**

**Lucy Worsley (m001g9lb)**

4: Rebirth

Lucy Worsley continues her biography of the extraordinary life

of the 'Queen of Crime', Agatha Christie.

After her divorce, Agatha sets out alone on a trip to Iraq, where

adventure and perhaps love are on the cards...

Read and written by Lucy Worsley

Abridger: Richard Hamilton

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002rggb)**

Man shall not live by bread alone - What truly satisfies

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Man shall not live by bread alone - What truly satisfies

Presenter: Rachel Mann

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

MUSIC:

O Frondens Virga (Hildegard von Bingen)

Cantus

O Frondens Virga - Instrumental (Hildegard von Bingen)

Augsburg Early Music Ensemble

I am the bread of life (Suzanne Toolan)

Jaime Thietten

I heard the voice of Jesus say (Kingsfold)

Erin Bode and Lawson White

I heard the voice of Jesus say - Instrumental (Kingsfold)

Catherine Strutt

Vladimir Martynov: The Beatitudes

Kronos Quartet

Mighty to Save

Genavieve Linkowski/Joseph O'Brien

**THU 10:00 Great Lives (m000mcqg)**

Tom Allen on Kenneth Williams

Comedian and presenter Tom Allen first discovered Kenneth

Williams as a young boy, watching the Carry On films and

listening to Round the Horne with his mum.

He joins Matthew Parris and Kenneth's biographer, Christopher

Stevens, to explore the life of the famous twentieth century

entertainer.

Together, they discuss stealing the show, sexuality and living

solo.

Featuring clips from Kenneth's performances from Parkinson to

Just a Minute, as well as Desert Island Discs to Hancock's Half

Hour.

The trio reflect on Kenneth's dexterity and complexity, as a

performer and as a person.

Producer: Camellia Sinclair

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2020.

**THU 10:30 Printing a Nation (b081jx97)**

Series 1

1. Knowledge

Dr. Anindita Ghosh (University of Manchester) explores the

impact of the printing press on India and argues that print,

much more than railways as is commonly understood, gave rise

Kolkata, formerly the capital of the British Raj, to explore the tremendous explosion of printed material in nineteenth century Bengal, following the setting up of the first presses by missionaries in India.

The colonial government needed English speaking Indians to work its administrative apparatus and a proliferation of English printed material followed. But this was not a passive process. Indians in turn participated in the intellectual revolution to form their own thoughts on society. The search for a putative 'Indian' identity that followed, known today as the Bengal Renaissance, was very much shaped through an exchange of ideas via printed texts.

A sea of Indian-run presses, printing in local languages, furthered the cacophonous print revolution and, by the end of the nineteenth century, more titles were produced in India than in France during the Age of Enlightenment.

By carrying the printed word to more popular levels of readership and extending the networks of the reading community, Anindita argues, these were connections that were to prove vital for the formation of the nation in 20th century India.

Contributors:

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Professor Rosinka Chaudhuri (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta)

Graham Shaw (British Library)

Professor Partha Mitter (University of Sussex)

Producer: Melissa FitzGerald

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

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**THU 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwd4)**

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**THU 14:00 Foul Play (b00jtm1q)**

Series 3

Oh Yes She Is Dead!

Crime writers Susan Moody and Simon Shaw probe a Charming murder at the pantomime.

Oh yes they do!

Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz.

Suspects played by:

Maria McErlane

Lee Simpson

Producer Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

**THU 14:30 HR (b00txgsc)**

Series 2

Consulting

Having nursed Peter through retirement blues, Sam himself succumbs to the dreaded sense of purposelessness. Then Peter gets an ad looking for experienced consultants. They're made! 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

Waiter .... Sam Dale

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010

**THU 15:00 The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri**

(b03xtvtm)

2. Purgatorio

Blake Ritson, David Warner, Hattie Morahan and John Hurt star in Stephen Wyatt's dramatisation of Dante's epic poem - the story of one man's extraordinary journey through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise.

In Episode 2: Purgatorio, Dante (Blake Ritson) is led up Mount Purgatory by his guide, the shade of Virgil (David Warner). On their journey, they encounter numerous souls who have embarked on the difficult journey up the mountain - a journey that will eventually lead to their spiritual salvation.

Many years later, the older Dante (John Hurt), still in enforced exile from his beloved Florence, reflects on the episodes from his life that have inspired his great poem.

Dante the Poet .... Blake Ritson

Older Dante .... John Hurt

Virgil .... David Warner

Beatrice .... Hattie Morahan

Guardian 1/ Proud Soul .... Sam Dale

Cato .... Michael Bertenshaw

Casella/ Donati .... Steve Toussaint

Belacqua .... Clive Hayward

Pia of Siena .... Priyanga Burford

Guardian 3 .... David Cann

Sapia .... Carolyn Pickles

Girl .... Cassie Layton

All other parts are played by members of the company

The Divine Comedy is dramatised by Stephen Wyatt

Sound design is by Cal Knightley

Directed by Emma Harding and Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

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**THU 21:00 The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri**

(b03xtvtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m00236xn)**

Randy Feltface

1. Earth

Randy Feltface is done with us ruining the earth beneath our feet whether we're digging it up, setting fire to it, or tipping it into the sea - so with the help of an irritable duck, a fictional French coal-miner and a sexy earthworm he works out the best way to just get the whole destruction business over and done with.

This head-on charge into possibly the most important subject facing humanity comes to you via a show where you'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll learn, you'll laugh again between the leary bits and most of all, you'll be able to say "I was there when Radio 4 decided to have show hosted by a puppet"

Randy Feltface has been seen on Netflix, ABC, NBC, and has a huge & devoted following across the globe (1m+ social media followers, 1.6m TikTok followers, 833k subscribers, 79m YouTube views). His hour-long specials are YouTube cult classics, his world tours are sold out sensations, and he's the only Radio 4 presenter to be entirely made of felt.

With Margaret Cabourn-Smith & William Hartley

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

**THU 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01lz1c)**

Series 2

Chamanao

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, is in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have been on a succession of bizarre adventures.

More memories - as Brian relives his experiences in Chamanao, a land where naturites battle nurturites - where genetics is pitted against education.

Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.

A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.

Brian Gulliver/ Thake .... Neil Pearson

Rachel Gulliver..... Mariah Gale

Kath & Hendl ..... Lisa Dillon

Bordle ..... Toby Longworth

Violinist ..... Amy Butterworth

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002rrt8)**

Fatiha El-Ghorri 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Lou Conran chats again to comedian Fatiha El-Ghorri.

**THU 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section**

(b043x48z)

Series 3

Marcus Brigstocke

Stand-up Alex Horne and his band explore fashion and trends through live music and comedy.

Expect a ceilidh and songs about Alex's car and the first dance at his wedding amongst others.

With guest comedian:

Marcus Brigstocke

Singer:

Vula Malinga

Alex's Horne Section are:

Joe Auckland

Mark Brown

Will Collier

Ben Reynolds

Ed Sheldrake

Producer: Charlie Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

**THU 23:30 The Pin (b08y26qt)**

Series 3

Party

Having been overlooked for the BBC's official office party, Alex and Ben are out to prove they can throw a party too...

More of double-act, The Pin's trademark offbeat nonsense.

Written and performed by Ben Ashenden and Alex Owen.

With:

Liam Williams

Producer: Sam Bryant.

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

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**FRI 04:30 HR (b00txgsc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri**

(b03xtvtm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007k213)**

Hercule Poirot - Three Act Tragedy

5. J'accuse!

Just as the Belgian sleuth looks set to solve the murder mystery, he hears news of another death.

Starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot.

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's 1935 whodunnit novel.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Hercule Poirot .... John Moffatt

Mr Satterthwaite .... George Cole

Sir Charles Cartwright .... Michael Cochrane

Hermione 'Egg' Lytton Gore .... Beth Chalmers

Angela Sutcliffe .... Jemma Churchill

Oliver Manders .... Carl Prekopp

Matron .... Natasha Pyne

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

**FRI 06:30 Daphne Du Maurier (b007k4hp)**

Frenchman's Creek

5. A Midsummer Raid

Jean asks Dona to accompany him when his ship sails. As Harry and his friends hatch a plan to deal with the French pirate once and for all, the threat posed to Dona by Lord Rockingham reaches crisis point.

Daphne du Maurier's classic novel is dramatised by Micheline Wandor.

CAST:

Dona St Columb .... Lorna Heilbron

Jean .... Struan Rodger

Harry .... Michael Cochrane

Rockingham .... Christopher Godwin

Lord Godolphin .... Norman Bird

Lord Penrose ... Christopher Good

Pru .... Elizabeth Mansfield

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1989.

**FRI 07:00 My Mummy and Me (m002rdx4)**

Series 1

3. Undercover Cops

Cathy McPhail's comedy about a woman's search for Mr Right continues.

When Elsie makes an alarming discovery, Isobel and her Mammy are called into action.

Recorded at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama.

Mammy .... Eileen McCallum

Isobel .... Kate Donnelly

Willie .... Jake D'Arcy

Ida .... Barbara Rafferty

Sgt Blood .... Sean Scanlan

Con .... Forbes Masson

Elsie / WPC .... Carolyn Boneyman

Susie .... Clare Hemphill

Mr Patel/Joey the Budgie .... Lewis Macleod

Written by Cathy McPhail.

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1995.

**FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)**

Series 3

Robbery With Violence

Terrified Albert lies to son Harold after accidentally breaking his treasured porcelain collection.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert

Step toe 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  
Inspector ..... Dudley Foster  
With:  
Garrard Green  
Edward Kelsey  
Trevor Martin  
Producer: Bobby Jaye  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1971.  
**FRI 08:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09hr1g3)**  
Series 2  
Veiled Country Lass  
Trisha makes a special pudding for her first visit to Robert's parents' house.  
Extracts from *Cooking in a Bedsitter* are read by Eleanor Bron, Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddem's romantic comedy, inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic.  
Trisha ..... Beattie Edmondson  
Deepak ..... Nikesh Patel  
Moira ..... Isabella Inghbal  
June ..... Ellie Darvill  
Robert ..... Clive Hayward  
Clare ..... Abbie Andrews  
Director: Emma Harding  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.  
**FRI 08:30 My Judy Garland Life by Susie Boyt (b00g2565)**  
5. Get Happy  
Susie Boyt's tribute to her screen idol Judy Garland is a touching account of a life-long passion.  
After an unexpected duet with Mickey Rooney over breakfast, Susie gingerly accepts an invitation to perform at a 'Judy Night' in Brooklyn. Before she knows it, she is draped over the lid of a baby grand piano in her best satin dress, singing her heart out to Judy.  
Abridger: Viv Beeby  
Read by Tamsin Greig  
Producer: Justine Willett  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008  
**FRI 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b007jwdc)**  
Ladies of Letters Spring Clean  
5. Scandal  
Vera takes refuge in a residential home, only to discover sinister goings on. Irene's attempts to help lead to chaos, confusion and court proceedings.  
Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.  
The up and down relationship between two mature ladies shared via their barbed correspondence - it's springtime and Vera and Irene have recipes and tips for a long and healthy life. But competitive rivalry is never far away....  
Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.  
Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge  
Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales  
Matron Rosa Ratchett .... Ann Beach  
Producer: Liz Webb  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.  
**FRI 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002rdb7)**  
Fatima El-Ghorri: A Match Made Inshallah  
A Match Made Inshallah is a fearless, funny show where the 44-year-old, twice-divorced stand-up comedian Fatima El-Ghorri is looking for love and ready to date - and she wants us all to be her wingman.  
  
Mixing stand-up, commentary, and the actual date itself, we will hear Fatima's deepest thoughts, hopes, dreams, and judgements as we join her every step of the way through the dating minefield.  
  
Written and Performed by Fatima El-Ghorri  
Producer: Laura Grimshaw  
Executive Producers: Jon Holmes and Carrie Rose  
  
An unusual production for BBC Radio 4  
**FRI 09:15 Lady Clementine Is Looking For Love (m002rdb9)**  
Is Charlie Rowe 'The One'?  
Join Regency renegade Lady Clementine on her increasingly desperate quest to find love as she enters the world of modern dating. She's tried everything to bag a man before her 27th birthday - wandering the armoury looking confused, bloodletting (just to feel something), and propositioning all her cousins (just the beefcakes, mind you). But disturbingly, nothing has worked - yet.  
Part poet, part arsonist and described as if "Florence Pugh played Mr Bean in a corset", Lady Clem is endearingly delusional and catastrophically self-absorbed. Like a Jane Austen novel that's had too much gin, and far too much laudanum, she simply cannot fathom why love isn't knocking down her door.  
So now, she's attempting her last resort - celebrity dating. Enter her first date (semi-willingly), actor Charlie Rowe. Her mission? To find out if he could be 'The One' and save her from spinsterdom. Can the trenches of modern dating played out in Lady Clem's crumbling Regency world really be the path to romantic bliss?

Written, created and starring Rosalie Minnett  
With special guest Charlie Rowe  
Produced by Alison Vernon-Smith and Ella Blaxill  
Additional material by Tristan Robinson  
Sound Engineer: David Thomas  
Executive Producer: Eve Streeter  
A Raconteur Studios production for BBC Radio 4  
**FRI 09:30 Agatha Christie: A Very Elusive Woman by Lucy Worsley (m001g9kq)**  
5: Have a good time, darling  
Born in 1890 into a world that had its own rules about what women could and couldn't do, Agatha Christie became the most prolific detective novelist during the Golden Age of detective fiction, and went on to become the best-selling author of all time.  
After a hugely successful career, Dame Agatha finds later life can be liberating...  
Read and written by Lucy Worsley  
Abridger: Richard Hamilton  
Producer: Justine Willett  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.  
**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002rdx6)**  
Man shall not live by bread alone - Bread of life  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: Man shall not live by bread alone  
Presenter: Angel Morgan  
Reading: John 6 30-40  
Music  
You are the Living Word - Fred Hammond  
Guide me o thou great Jehovah - Rachel John  
Rahama - Kaestrings  
**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b0076bst)**  
Series 3  
The Pathétique  
Biographer Anthony Holden and conductor Vassily Sinaisky explore the cultural impact of Tchaikovsky's final symphony. Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.  
Taking part:  
Anthony Holden  
Gianandrea Noseda  
Vassily Sinaisky  
David Gregory  
Producer: Lucy Lunt  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.  
**FRI 10:30 Printing a Nation (b08md6w7)**  
Series 1  
2. Nationhood  
Dr Anindita Ghosh (University of Manchester) explores the impact of the printing press on India and argues that print, much more than railways as is commonly understood, gave birth to the Indian nation that was born in 1947.  
In this concluding programme, Anindita explores how the printing press played a fundamental role in the rise of nationalism in India. Starting with the nationalist newspapers, Anindita explores how English language papers as well as local language newspapers were crucial in forging anti-colonial sentiments among the reading public.  
In response, the colonial government passed draconian acts which empowered district magistrates to seize presses of papers they deemed to be seditious. These measures applied to all publications, books and pamphlets as well as newspapers. But clamping down was not easy. Indian publishers found ingenious ways to avoid the censors. And alongside books, pamphlets and papers, there was the vast circulation of printed images that proved far more difficult to police by the colonial government than written texts.  
Anindita argues that print was key to the shaping of a modern public sphere in India because print was the vehicle of critical ideas of community, history, society, culture and identity that emerged in modern India. Print was in that sense, modern India.  
Contributors:  
Professor Tanika Sarkar (JNU, New Delhi)  
Professor Christopher Pinney (UCL, London)  
Professor Sunil Khilnani (KCL, London)  
Sandeep Hazareesingh (Open University)  
Professor Francesca Orsini (SOAS)  
Producer: Melissa FitzGerald  
A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.  
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**FRI 14:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001wxrg)**  
Series 1  
3. Hot Lava Blomps  
Find out the verdicts on Mrs. Tiggywinkle, the M1 and the

difference between a blomp and a bloop.  
The bizarre world of online reviews is hosted by Frank Skinner  
Guests: Sara Barron, Marcus Brigstocke, Pierre Novellie and Laura Smyth  
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 March 2024.  
**FRI 14:30 A Short Gentleman (b0196rnd)**  
Episode 2  
Robert woos Elizabeth, by means of a putty-coloured carpet. 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 adapted by Robin Brooks.  
Robert Purcell ..... Hugh Bonneville  
Elizabeth ..... Lyndsey Marshal  
Guy ..... Adam Billington  
Sophie ..... Francine Chamberlain  
Anthony ..... Carl Prekopp  
Isabel ..... Lauren Mote  
Alan ..... Gerard McDermott  
Director: Jonquil Painting.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.  
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In Episode 3: Paradiso, Dante's spiritual journey comes to a glorious conclusion as he (Blake Ritson) is led by Beatrice (Hattie Morahan) through the spheres of Paradise and into the presence of God himself. As they ascend, they encounter a number of souls who have also achieved blessedness.  
Many years later, the older Dante (John Hurt), still in enforced exile from his beloved Florence, reflects on the episodes from his life that have inspired his great poem.  
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Older Dante .... John Hurt  
Beatrice .... Hattie Morahan  
Piccarda .... Priyanga Burford  
Cacciaguida/ St Peter .... Sam Dale  
Emperor Justinian/ St Benedict/ St James .... Michael Bertenshaw  
Spirit 1 .... Clive Hayward  
Spirit 2 .... Steve Toussaint  
Cunizza .... Carolyn Pickles  
Eagle .... Cassie Layton  
St John .... David Cann  
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**FRI 22:30 Friends Like These (b0076xs8)**  
Casualties  
An eventful road-trip along the M6 reunites ex-boy band members Mick and Alvin and forces them to confront their long-lost glory years.  
Written by Neil Warhurst and Paul Barnhill.  
Mick ..... Paul Barnhill  
Alvin ..... Neil Warhurst  
Part of a collection of comic plays about friendship, each featuring a different comedy partnership.

Director: Claudine Toutoungi

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

**FRI 22:45 Life With Lederer (m00131jg)**

Series 1

5. The Holiday

It's something longed for, but will Helen Lederer actually enjoy going on holiday?

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 (b007jqyg)**

Series 3

Masterson Rides Again

The life of young Billy at his Victorian boarding school.

Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding saga of the Mastersons - a family at war with itself.

Starring:

Paul Merton

Josie Lawrence

Jim Sweeney

Lee Simpson

Phelim McDermott

Caroline Quentin

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

**FRI 23:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007jv2j)**

Series 1

WG Grace

Radical comic Mark Steel profiles the 'first modern celebrity' in English cricketing and Victorian society, WG Grace.

Series of humorous lectures covering historical figures who shaped their era.

With:

Melanie Hudson

Kim Wall

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.