

## SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026

## SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b0418kfw)

Myfanwy

The hauntingly beautiful Welsh song Myfanwy 'is in the air in Wales' according to singer Cerys Matthews.

She along with others discuss what the melodic tale of unrequited love means to them.

They include a Welsh woman living in Sicily for whom the song represents 'hiraeth', a longing or homesickness for Wales and another who believes it expresses the 'wounded soul of the Welsh'.

A man remembers how his late brother and he used to sing it in pubs in North Wales and how the song symbolises the unrequited love he felt for him.

The Ynysowen choir was started after the Aberfan mining disaster as a way of dealing with the emotion. Choir members talk about the song's power, and an ex-soldier recalls digging for survivors with lines from it playing in his head:

"Give me your hand, my sweet Myfanwy".

Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

## SAT 00:30 Peyps the Musician (b08kv3y8)

Lucie Skeaping tells the story of post-diary Samuel Pepys through the music he commissioned, some of it played for the first time in 300 years.

The songs, written for the celebrated diarist by his continental music master Cesare Morelli, provide fresh insight into both the man and the religious struggles of the 17th century, which enshrined aspects of our modern political system and shaped our national identity.

Lucie explores the relationship between Pepys and Morelli, a friendship which survived throughout a supposed Popish Plot to assassinate Charles II and the public terror and hysteria it created, implicating hundreds of innocent people. Pepys was among them - and by hiding his Catholic music master he faced execution for high treason.

Until now, the Morelli manuscripts for Pepys's voice and guitar have remained obscure and impenetrable. Enter Dionysios Kyropoulos, researcher and stage director who, as a bass singer and amateur lutenist like Pepys, found himself uniquely placed to interpret the music Morelli wrote for his master.

At the heart of the programme is a concert of Morelli's works, made possible by Dionysios, and heard for the first time since the compositions were played and sung by Pepys himself.

Featuring Bass Baritone David Ireland, Baroque Guitarist Toby Carr, and Theorbo player James Bramley.

Producer: Anna Scott-Brown.

An Overtone production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

## SAT 01:00 Dick Francis (m002rsc4)

Breaking Point

5. Riding for a Fall

Racing jockey Rob Finn is suffering poor form.

Is it really down to loss of nerve - or it something more than just bad luck?

Stars Michael Kitchen as Rob Finn.

Tragedy has struck horse racing, and young jockey Rob Finn finds himself in a world of fear, rumour and bad intentions.

Dick Francis's 1964 horse racing thriller, Nerve, abridged by Roy Lom as Breaking Point.

With:

Rosemary Miller

Rio Fanning

Brian Haines

Lewis Fiander

Kate Coleridge

Alan Barry

John Hollis

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1974.

## SAT 01:30 Personal Column (m0016xnb)

A Honeypot With Bees On by Alan Downer

An unusual request for a birthday present makes Derek start questioning his love for Adrienne.

Dramas which tell the stories reading between-the-lines of newspaper personal ads.

Written by Alan Downer.

Derek Hanson .... Glyn Houston

Adrienne Gray Bennett .... Wendy Gifford

Tim Walters .... John Nettleton

Mrs Neal .... Anna Burden

Originated by Philip Levene.

Producer: Keith Williams

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

## SAT 02:00 My Mummy and Me (m002rsc6)

Series 1

4. Just Desserts

Isobel is on probation at her office job and then Mummy joins the workforce - what could go wrong?

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

Mummy .... Eileen McCallum

Isobel .... Kate Donnelly

Willie .... Jake D'Arcy

Ida .... Barbara Rafferty

Mr Mather .... Sean Scanlan

Marion/Barbara .... Clare Hemphill

Heather. .... Carolyn Bonnyman

Other parts by Lewis MacLeod

Producer Cathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1995.

## SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k094)

Series 4

Full House

Card sharks fleece Harold Steptoe, so his father Albert steps in.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

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

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert ..... Wilfrid Brambell

Harold ..... Harry H Corbett

With:

Martin Friend

Douglas Blackwell

Michael Kilgarriff

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1972.

## SAT 03:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jcd4g)

Series 2

Green Pea Sandwiches

Deepak takes Trisha on an outing to Oxford. But it's not quite the punting and picnic she expects.

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

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

Katharine Whitehorn ..... Eleanor Bron

Trisha ..... Beattie Edmondson

Deepak ..... Nikesh Patel

Moira ..... Isabella Inghibald

June Ellie ..... Darvill

Policeman ..... Neil McCaul

Julie ..... Abbie Andrews

Director: Emma Harding.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

## SAT 03:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (b00jqpj9)

5. Jobs, more Jobs

Unlike Mary, Betty is hopeless at selling advertising.

So she gets work as a photographic tinter, a fur coat model-cum-book-keeper and secretary to a mobster!

Betty MacDonald's hilarious account of survival during the USA's Great Depression back in Seattle, under the wing of her sister Mary.

Abridged by Jennifer Howarth.

Read by Debora Weston.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

## SAT 03:45 Ladies of Letters (b007k3wb)

Ladies of Letters Go Global

5. Diamonds

Vera and Christopher undertake a life-threatening undercover operation for MI6.

With no-one else to turn to, Irene combines forces with the ex-pat couple employing her to get Vera and Christopher air-lifted out of the diamond mine in which they have been billeted.

Starring Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

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

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Havman.

Irene ..... Prunella Scales

Vera ..... Patricia Routledge

Brian ..... Ewan Bailey

Producer: Claudine Toutoungi

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

## SAT 04:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001x4xg)

Series 1

4. Crouching Chicken Hidden Ladder

Find out the verdicts on lemons, killer sharks and a painful ladder!

The weird and wonderful world of online reviews is hosted by Frank Skinner

With:

Catherine Bohart,

Daliso Chaponda

Shaparak Khorsandi

Ian Smith

Written by Frank Skinner, Catherine Brinkworth, Sarah Dempster, Jason Hazeley, Rajiv Karia, Karl Minns, Katie Sayer &amp; 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.

## SAT 04:30 A Short Gentleman (b019fxjh)

Episode 3

When dealing with his wife's lover, Robert employs his deadliest weapon: being a gentleman.

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

Max ..... Ted Allpress

Isobel ..... Lauren Mote

Mona/Ticky ..... Katherine Jakeways

Geoffrey ..... Paul Moriarty

Anthony ..... Carl Prekopp

Penelope ..... Tracy Wiles

With Adjoa Andoh, Ewan Bailey, Adam Billington and James Hayes.

Director: Jonquil Painting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

## SAT 05:00 Lost Horizon by James Hilton (b00tp95x)

3. The Inheritance

That four people should be kidnapped in India and flown over a thousand miles to the lamasery of Shangri-La was incredible enough.

But then Hugh Conway discovered during an audience with the High Lama that he was conversing with a man who was 250 years old.

Stars Derek Jacobi.

Conclusion of James Hilton's novel about Shangri-La, the mystical lamasery hidden in the mountains of Tibet.

Dramatised by Barry Campbell.

Hugh Conway ..... Derek Jacobi

Mallinson ..... Andrew Branch

Barnard ..... Alan Tilvern

Miss Brinklow ..... Carol Marsh

Chang ..... Garard Green

Hilton ..... Alaric Cotter

High Lama ..... Alan Wheatley

Lo-Tsen ..... Pik-Sen Lim

Rutherford ..... John Livesey

American ..... Crawford Logan

Doctor ..... John Bull

Pianist: Antony Miall

Producer: Graham Gaudl

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1981.

## SAT 06:00 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (m002s2wb)

Sir Ben is an anonymous, wealthy Englishman on a shooting trip to the continent.

In his sights is 'the biggest game of all' - the head of a brutal European dictatorship.

Set in Germany and England in the late 1930s.

If Sir Ben had succeeded in his mission, he would have changed the course of history ...

Simon Cadell starts as Sir Ben.

With David Goudge as the primary antagonist, Major Quive-Smith - a cunning and ruthless Nazi Gestapo agent.

Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.

Dramatised by Frederick Bradnum.

Sir Ben... Simon Cadell

Quive-Smith ... David Goudge

Karl / Demeter ... Ian Michie

Colonel / Policeman / Frank / Sergeant ... Christopher Scott

Police Chief / 2nd Policeman/ Haddon / Bligh ... Geoffrey

Whitehead

Fisher / Guard / Inspector / Pat ... David Rose

Vaner / 1st Policeman / Driver / Constable ... Philip Sully

Saul / 1st Gestapo ... Leslie Heritage

Peale / Soldier ... Ian Targett

Tom / 2nd Gestapo / Kripo ... Jonathan Scott

Mrs Wheelkes / 2nd Woman ... Ysanne Churchman

Patachon / Sergeant / Hans ... Manning Wilson

Barmaid / 3rd Woman / Operator ... Susan Sheridan

Mrs Erskine / 1st Woman ... Joan Matheson

Producer: Graham Gaudl

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1989.

\*\*\*\*\* BBC Radio 4 Extra marks 30 years since the death of actor Simon Cadell aged just 45 on 6th March 1996.

## SAT 07:30 Edible Economics by Ha-Joon Chang (Omnibus) (m002s2wd)

Professor Ha-Joon Chang is inspired by his passion for food to reflect on why economics matters - or, as he puts it, "a hungry economist explains the world".

Omnibus of five episodes, where he zooms in on familiar foods:

\* Garlic

\* Bananas

\* Okra

\* Rye

\* Chocolate

He uses the histories behind each - where they come from, how they're cooked and consumed and what they mean to different cultures - to explore economic theories.

Witty and thought-provoking, Professor Chang sets out to challenge ideas about the free-market economy which he believes have been too easily accepted for decades.

Read by Arthur Lee.

\*\*\* Professor Ha-Joon Chang teaches economics at SOAS

University of London, and is one of the world's leading economists. His books include Economics: The User's Guide, Bad Samaritans and 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism.

\*\*\* Reader Arthur Lee is a British actor of Korean descent who made his international debut on HBO Cinemax's Strike Back in 2015 and who recently appeared in Doctor Who. Arthur grew up mostly in London, but also spent several years in South Korea advancing his knowledge of Korean language and culture.

Abridged and produced by Elizabeth Burke

Executive Producer: Jo Rowntree

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2022.

**SAT 08:45 Tales From the Backbench by Peter Tinniswood (b007652v)**

Series 2

Time To Confess

The useless and forgetful MP, Sir Plympton Makepeace admits to having created his persona on untruths and fantasy. Starring Leslie Phillips.

More unreliable parliamentary ramblings written by Peter Tinniswood.

Producer: Emyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

**SAT 09:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008p559)**  
3. June Whitfield

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

Joining them in the music room is legendary comedy actress June Whitfield.

Dame Hilda Bracket ..... Patrick Fyffe

Dr Evadne Hinge ..... George Logan

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1990.

**SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mdp9)**

Series 4

Episode 2

Kenneth Horne revamps some old radio shows and Hornerama looks at gramophone records.

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

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Bill Pertwee

Music from Janet Waters, The Hornets and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Incidental music by Edwin Braden.

Announcer: Douglas Smith

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

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

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1960.

**SAT 10:00 Conversation Extra (m002s2wg)**

Omnibus: AL Rowse

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

Dr Alfred Leslie Rowse - AL Rowse - is one of Britain's best known, and most controversial, historians – specialising in 16th century England.

His reputation rests on such books as the England of Elizabeth, The Expansion of Elizabethan England and the Elizabethans and America....

Michael Oliver asks him about his life, and some of the people he knew.

These include Bertrand Russell, Clement Attlee, HG Wells and Winston Churchill.

Dr Rowse's forays from history into fields usually of the preserve to the literary critics have provided some of the controversy - sacrilege to some - modernising the text of William Shakespeare's plays to make them more accessible to the present-day reader....

But Dr Rowse's interest go far beyond Tudor England.

He's a poet and has published many books not about the first Elizabethan age. One of the best known is 'A Cornish Childhood'.

Dr Rowse is Cornishman and very proud of Cornwall. His most recent book 'Glimpses of the Great' is a series of pen portraits of famous people he has known in his long life. He's now in his 80s.

AL Rowse died in 1997, aged 93.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1985.

**SAT 10:30 Frankly Speaking (b05ndh2t)**

Evelyn Waugh

Brideshead Revisited author Evelyn Waugh is grilled about his life and career by a panel of three:

\* Charles Wilmut

\* Jack Davies

\* Stephen Black

Regarded as one of the most brilliant novelists of his day, Waugh loathed the BBC.

His grandson Alexander believes that this interview, along with a cocktail of sleeping draughts, helped to send him "rather mad". The author later turned his experience on Frankly Speaking into a scene in his novel 'The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold' with Stephen Black becoming the character Angel who haunts Pinfold in his hallucinations.

Launched in 1952 on the BBC Home Service, Frankly Speaking was a novel, ground breaking series. Unrehearsed and unscripted, the traditional interviewee/interviewer pairing was initially jettisoned for three interviewees firing direct questions - straight to the point.

Early critics described it as 'unkempt', 'an inquisition' and

described the guest as prey being cornered, quarry being pursued - with calls to axe the unscripted interview. But the format won out and eventually won over its detractors.

Unknown or very inexperienced broadcasters were employed as interviewers, notably John Freeman, John Betjeman, Malcolm Muggeridge, Harold Hobson, Penelope Mortimer, Elizabeth Beresford and Katherine Whitehorn.

Only about 40 of the original 100 programmes survive.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1953.

**SAT 11:00 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (m002s2wb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 12:30 Edible Economics by Ha-Joon Chang (Omnibus) (m002s2wd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 13:45 Tales From the Backbench by Peter Tinniswood (b007652v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 14:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008p559)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mdp9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 Conversation Extra (m002s2wg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 15:30 Frankly Speaking (b05ndh2t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SAT 16:00 Bluebeard by Patricia Mays (m002s2wj)**

In Sussex, Melanie becomes suspicious about her new husband Marcus Grave's past...

"What is a marriage if you keep secrets from one another?"

A horror story starring Julian Curry and Melinda Walker. Bluebeard, the French folk tale, given a contemporary retelling by Patricia Mays.

Marcus .... Julian Curry

Melanie .... Melinda Walker

Colonel Braithwaite .... David Garth

Mrs Braithwaite ... Ellen McIntosh

Director: Derek Hoddinott

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in March 1985.

**SAT 16:40 The Cat Jumps by Elizabeth Bowen (b08dd69z)**

Harold and Jocelyn buy Rose Hill.

The last occupier was another Harold - and he murdered his wife...

Anna Massey reads Elizabeth Bowen's short story.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1988.

**SAT 17:00 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (m002s2wb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 18:30 Edible Economics by Ha-Joon Chang (Omnibus) (m002s2wd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 19:45 Tales From the Backbench by Peter Tinniswood (b007652v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 20:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008p559)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mdp9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 Conversation Extra (m002s2wg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 21:30 Frankly Speaking (b05ndh2t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SAT 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00y1nhb)**

January and February

Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures from the 1960s to the present day.

As the New Year begins, great thinkers like Barack Obama,

John Prescott and Barbara Cartland turn their thoughts to new beginnings.

Written by Craig Brown.

Voiced by:

Jan Ravens

Alistair McGowan

Lewis McLeod

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Dolly Wells

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.

**SAT 22:30 Fred at The Stand (b09cz4d4)**

Series 1

Johns, Storrle, Brister and Graffoe

Fred MacAulay is at The Stand Comedy Club in Edinburgh

doing what he does best - making people laugh.

In this episode:

\* Dave Johns tells tales of coping with stardom following the success of I, Daniel Blake

\* Glaswegian Ashley Storrle tries to get one over her father at Christmas time

\* Jen Brister is proud to not to be a biological mother

\* Boothby Graffoe is himself and cares not what anyone thinks.

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 BBC Radio Fjord: Breaking Britain (m0016885)**  
Following a much-publicised split, legendary Norwegian dance music icons Lars Larsson and Ulrik Untersson have reunited on the airwaves.

Accompanied by producer Pete Santini, they're taking up their

roles as BBC Radio 4's Heads of Electronic Music.

But can they put their differences aside and come together to host a banger of a show? No. No they cannot.

Sitcom created and written by Barney Fishwick and Will Hislop. Starring Barney Fishwick, Will Hislop, Arnab Chanda, Emma Sidi, Rob Carter and Sophie Bentinck.

Original songs produced by Jack Martin.

Producer: Pete Strauss

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2022

**SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007k1r1)**

Series 4

David Chizzlenutt

Radio Active's Repertory present a live performance of a literary classic.

Enjoy the wealth and splendour of Charles Dickens's London and the delicate refined language of Charles Dickens's main protagonists in this unique adaptation of Charles Dickens's much-admired novel: David Chizzlenutt.

Featuring performances from:

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Music by Philip Pope.

Written by Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins with John Cantor, Moray Hunter, John Docherty and Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.

#### SUNDAY 01 MARCH 2026

**SUN 00:00 Bluebeard by Patricia Mays (m002s2wj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 00:40 The Cat Jumps by Elizabeth Bowen (b08dd69z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:40 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (m002s2wb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:30 Edible Economics by Ha-Joon Chang (Omnibus) (m002s2wd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mdp9)**

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**SUN 05:00 Conversation Extra (m002s2wg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:30 Frankly Speaking (b05ndh2t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002s399)**

The Interviewers

Louis Theroux

Filmmaker Louis Theroux is castaway by Lauren Laverne.

Louis is a TV documentary-maker. He has received two BAFTAs and a Royal Television Society Award for his work which includes the series Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends and When Louis Met...

Born in 1970, and brought up in south London, he is the son of the American writer Paul Theroux and the BBC World Service radio producer Anne Castle.

He was privately educated at Westminster School and read

History at Oxford, graduating with a first.

He moved to the USA where he was introduced to the American documentary maker Michael Moore and started making segments on unusual subcultures for Moore's show TV Nation.

He was given his own series – Louis Theroux's Weird Weekends – by the BBC in the late 1990s and, after three series, he went on to present two series of When Louis Met... which included Neil and Christine Hamilton, Max Clifford, Chris Eubank and Jimmy Savile.

Since then, he has made dozens of documentaries, many of them in the USA. In 2016, he revisited his encounters with Jimmy Savile in the wake of Savile's death and the surfacing of allegations of child sexual abuse.

The same year, his only feature-length film, My Scientology Movie, was released. His most recent documentaries dealt with sexual assault on American campuses, mothers with post-natal mental illness, and escorting.

DISC ONE: Marvin Gaye - All the Way Around

DISC TWO: Murray Head - Heaven on Their Minds

DISC THREE: The Smiths - Panic

DISC FOUR: Eric B. & Rakim - Paid in Full (Seven Minutes of Madness - Coldcut Remix)

DISC FIVE: Bob Dylan - Don't Think Twice, It's All Right

DISC SIX: Fat Joe - What's Luv? (feat. Ashanti)

DISC SEVEN: Joni Mitchell - California

DISC EIGHT: António Carlos Jobim & Herbie Mann - One Note Samba

BOOK CHOICE: Remembrance of things Past – Marcel Proust

LUXURY: 40,000 piece Jigsaw puzzle

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: "Heaven on their Minds" from the album Jesus Christ Superstar

Presenter: Lauren Laverne

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001t16w)**

Series 1

Salamander

Sir David's first pet was a fire salamander, given to him by his father on his 8th birthday.

He also gave his own son a salamander on his 8th birthday, the legacy of which is very much alive and kicking today.

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 July 2009.

**SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002s39c)**

The Black Chair

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and to mark St David's Day selects The Black Chair - the compelling story of the Welsh poet Hedd Wyn.

In September 1917, in a ceremony whose power and emotion still resonates in Wales a century later, a remarkably beautiful chair, crafted by a Belgian refugee, was awarded to Hedd Wyn for his winning poem 'Yr Arwr' (The Hero).

Before being conscripted into the army, he had been a shepherd, who had attended school for only nine years.

When the winning entry was announced at the 1917 Eisteddfod, the trumpets were sounded for the author to identify himself.

After three summons, it was announced to a stunned audience that the poet was absent because he'd been killed in action, weeks earlier.

In the presence of the Prime Minister Lloyd George, the empty chair was draped in a black sheet, and sent on to Hedd Wyn's parents.

The event is referred to as the Eisteddfod of the Black Chair, and is the continued focal point for Wales's commemorations of the First World War.

Poet Mab Jones visits Hedd Wyn's family farm in Snowdonia and she talks to chair winners Twm Morys and Mererid Hopwood, and historian Aled Eirug, to find out why the event still holds such significance in Wales.

Producer: Megan Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017

\*\*\* And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: Mouth by Mona Arshi.

**SUN 07:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (Omnibus) (m002s39f)**

Episode 1

Betty MacDonald's hilarious account of survival during the USA's Great Depression, under the wing of her sister Mary. Mary is quite certain that anybody can do anything, especially Betty.

So Betty leaves her husband and his chicken ranch and returns to the bosom of her warm and noisy family in Seattle.

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes abridged by Jennifer Howarth.

Read by Debora Weston.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002s39j)**

Paul Bettany

Actor Paul Bettany chooses 'The Eton Rifles' by The Jam and 'Hollow Ponds' by Damon Albarn.

**SUN 08:50 Ladies of Letters (b007k3xg)**

Ladies of Letters Go Global (Omnibus)

Intrepid grandmothers Irene and Vera are back - and this time they are going global.

Starring Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

With both at loggerheads with their respective families - Vera decides to take a break in Ibiza, and invites Irene to join her.

But, a simple holiday soon becomes a big adventure as they quickly fall out, get into separate scrapes in different countries, appeal to each other for help, and end up chasing round the world from Moscow to the Maldives.

Short of cash, forced to take casual work, and having to sort out family crises back home, on the hoof and from a distance - nothing dampens their spirits.

Grappling with unfamiliar accents and unusual foods, the indomitable ladies find themselves launching into battle with everyone from hotel owners to Transylvanian separatist rebels. In fact, they're coping admirably with foreign travel, but how will the rest of the world cope with the Ladies of Letters?

Omnibus of a five part series of comic emails - written by Carole Hayman and Lou Wakefield.

Vera ..... Patricia Routledge

Irene ..... Prunella Scales

Howard ..... Christopher Kelham

Nellie Thoroughgood ..... Susan Jameson

Brian ..... Ewan Bailey

Producer: Claudine Toutoungi

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

**SUN 10:00 AI Read Classics (m002s39l)**

The funny man from Salford entertains with jokes and sketches about everyday British life.

Unexpected guests, noisy neighbours and trying to buy a drink at a bar....

AI Read does all the voices

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 (b0170720)**

From 12/05/1955

Can Eth get all she wants on her wedding present list?

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

June Whitfield

Wallas Eaton

Music from Alma Cogan, The Keynotes and the Augmented

BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.

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**SUN 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002s39j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

**SUN 13:50 Ladies of Letters (b007k3xg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**SUN 15:00 AI Read Classics (m002s39l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 15:30 Take It From Here (b0170720)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SUN 16:00 The Coma by Alex Garland (b007jvtm)**

1. Attacked

A young man, Carl, is beaten up on a train late one night.

As he falls into a coma, we travel with him on his journey through the bizarre world of his subconscious as he struggles to wake up.

Alex Garland's surreal fantasy explores the lucid, but powerless workings of the mind of a coma patient. It plays tricks on both the story's protagonist and the listener.

First of five parts read by Tom Goodman-Hill.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2004.

\*\*\* Alex Garland is the bestselling author of cult classic, 'The Beach'. He also wrote the screenplay for the zombie hit, '28 Days Later', plus 'Sunshine', 'Never Let Me Go' and 'Dredd'.

**SUN 16:30 The Slide (m000lny1)**

2. Down Came a Blackbird

Birds and animals are being wiped out following an earthquake in the Kent countryside.

A strange kind of mud has started oozing from the fissure in Holly Mill Lane as the mystery deepens in the new town of Redlow.

Starring Roger Delgado and Maurice Denham.

Victor Pemberton's sci-fi mystery serial.

Hugh Deverill, MP ..... Maurice Denham

Professor Josef Gomez ..... Roger Delgado

Anna Deverill ..... Marion Mathie

Professor Lippert ..... Allan McClelland

Inspector Baxter ..... Geoffrey Matthews

Professor Landers ..... Rolf Lefebvre

Dr Ken Richards ..... David Spenser

'Tug' Wilson ..... Stephen Jack

Mrs Luke ..... Noel Hood

Nursing Sister ..... Eva Haddon

Janet Marshall ..... Elizabeth Proud

Sorensen ..... Fraser Kerr

RAF Corporal ..... Anthony Hall

Barry ..... Glyn Dearman

Special Effects: The BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1966.

**SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002s399)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001t16w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b0170720)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b00zt4kc)**

Series 3

Clare's Last Stand

An easy day at a conference is spoiled when Clare's nemesis Peggy turns up, issuing a challenge that the social worker can't refuse.

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

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

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

Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life

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

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Clare ..... Sally Phillips

Brian ..... Alex Lowe

Simon.....Andrew Wincott

Ray ..... Richard Lumsden

Helen ..... Gemma Craven

Irene ..... Ellen Thomas

Megan ..... Nina Conti

Peggy.....Mel Hudson

Kevin ..... Joseph Kloska

PA Man .... Mark Straker

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.

**SUN 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00cq58b)**

Series 2

Health and Fitness

When his geraniums laugh at his puny physique, the writer

overdoes his new fitness regime.

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

With:

Alistair McGowan

Doon Mackichan

Brian Bowles

Charles McKeown

Producer: Ioan Magnusson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993

**SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b01qlhjh)**

Series 2

The Literary Festival

Damien and Anthony arrive at a literary festival to promote

Damien's book about the culinary habits of the Great Poets.

Despite the charming hotel and the peaceful surroundings, the

cookery writer can barely disguise his chagrin at his talk being

in a tent smaller to other writers he considers lesser than him.

But he soon has the opportunity to get the audience he feels he

deserves when a fellow author is knocked unconscious and

Damien is asked to fill in.

But can he rise to the occasion?

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

Gary McDade ..... Ben Crowe

Sound Man ..... Ben Crowe

Bill Trumpetz ..... Toby Longworth

The Lady ..... Sarah Thom

Marion Duffett ..... Lesley Vickerage

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.

**SUN 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00hcr5l)**

Series 2

Barry Cryer

Much-loved comedian Barry Cryer watches an episode of 'Friends', listens to an Australian rock band - and tackles nappy

changing.

Series in which Marcus Brigstocke invites celebrities to try new

experiences.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

MONDAY 02 MARCH 2026

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

**MON 03:50 Ladies of Letters (b007k3xg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 AI Read Classics (m002s39l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b0170720)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Dick Francis (m002s318)**

Breaking Point

6. Rough Justice

After a violent reaction to his enquiries, jockey Rob Finn must

battle on to finally discover the truth...

Stars Michael Kitchen as Rob Finn.

Tragedy has struck horse racing, and young jockey Rob Finn

finds himself in a world of fear, rumour and bad intentions.

Dick Francis's 1964 horse racing thriller, Nerve, abridged in six

parts by Roy Lom as Breaking Point.

With:

Rosemary Miller  
Rio Fanning  
Brian Haines  
Henry Stamper  
John Hollis  
Lewis Fiander

Jack Edwards

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1974.

**MON 06:30 The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh (m002s31b)**

1. Disgrace

Hollywood, 1947. Failed poet/screenwriter Dennis Barlow disgraces Hollywood's British community by taking a job in a pets' cemetery.

He is given the chance to redeem himself by arranging a colleague's funeral, but love rather than redemption looms at the Whispering Glades Funeral Home.

Starring Rupert Graves and Miranda Richardson.

Evelyn Waugh's 1948 satire on the American way of death.

Dramatised in three parts by Bill Matthews.

Dennis Barlow .... Rupert Graves

Aimee Thanatogenous .... Miranda Richardson

Sir Ambrose Abercrombie .... Donald Pickering

Sir Francis Hinsley .... Ronald Fraser

Baumbein .... Bob Sessions

Mrs Heinkel .... Lorelei King

Mr Heinkel .... Garrick Hagon

Mr Schultz .... Graham Hoadly

Came .... Elizabeth Mansfield

Erikson .... Simon Treves

Schindler .... David Bannerman

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1990.

**MON 07:00 Home Again (m00058mq)**

Enter The Airship

Fulton meets daughter-in-law, Cyrilla, for the first time.

How will they get on?

Starring Robin Bailey.

As suddenly as he disappeared, Fulton Jones returned 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, waltzed back assuming his role as father figure once more. Margaret is perplexed, whilst Rosie and Martin are furious with him.

Sitcom written by Peter Tinniswood.

Fulton .... Robin Bailey

Margaret .... Doreen Mantle

Rosie .... Liz Goulding

Martin .... David Troughton

Cyrilla .... Ursula Smith

Ernest Blackrock .... Christopher Benjamin

Producer: Griff Rhys Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1980.

**MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jn5)**

Series 2

Brain Versus Brawn

Disguised as firemen for an exercise, Captain Mainwaring's platoon must tackle a real blaze.

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 Snoad.

Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson .... John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones .... Clive Dunn

Private Frazer .... John Laurie

Private Pike .... Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley

Warden Hodges .... Bill Pertwee

Private Walker .... Larry Martin

The Waitress/The Policewoman .... Avril Angers

Colonel Pritchard .... Robert Raglan

Mr. Fairbrother/The Corporal .... Stuart Sherwin

Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

**MON 08:00 For the Love of Leo (m000i036)**

Series 3

The Lear Jet Lady

Edinburgh widower Leo still talks to his beloved wife Tamsin when he's alone; though pregnant daughter Laura and housekeeper Sadie fill the house and his life.

Leo's home is besieged by unexpected visitors, some of whom have come a very long way in a very short time.

Comedy written by Michael Chaplin, starring Mark Bonnar and Beth Marshall.

Prepare to meet more of the women who come into Leo's life.

Leo Fabiani .... Mark Bonnar

Thomasina .... Laurel Lefkow

Tamsin .... Beth Marshall

Laura .... Samara Maclaren

Sadie .... Tracy Wiles

Tommy .... Gordon Kennedy

Director: Catherine Bailey

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.

**MON 08:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty**

**MacDonald (b00jrpzv)**

6. Fun in Hard Times

During the worst of the Depression years, Betty and her sisters must be creative in finding cheap ways to have fun.

Plus memories of night school classes.

Betty MacDonald's hilarious account of survival during the USA's Great Depression back in Seattle, under the wing of her sister Mary.

Abridged in ten parts by Jennifer Howarth.

Read by Debora Weston.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**MON 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvl8c)**

Ladies of Letters Say No

1. Friend

Vera has a new "friend", but unsurprisingly Irene doesn't approve.

Vera and Irene are back, and this time they're in a combative mood.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.

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 2007.

**MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002rd1w)**

Series 96

4. Do you remember the programme Changing Rooms?

Rachel and Cariad reveal their worst ever birthday presents and hope their families aren't listening. Paterson gets competitive in the Shakespeare round and Sue asks the all important question - what's in your bumbag?

Host: Sue Perkins

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

Lloyd

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 How to Disagree: A Beginner's Guide to Having Better Arguments (b0b156gk)**

1. Society

Timandra Harkness explores the best ways to disagree with other people - constructively.

Disagreement can bring many benefits and help us reach better outcomes.

But our society seems uncomfortable with open-minded arguing - often it degenerates into escalating abuse or standing your ground on principle or just not listening to other views.

In this series, Timandra takes a range of topics, to examine how clashes of interests, competing moral visions, factual disputes, arguments about strategies and even different personal preferences over which film to watch at the cinema can all be managed better.

Producer: Martin Rosenbaum

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002s31h)**

Salt of the earth

A space for spiritual reflection with the Daily Service Singers in the BBC Philharmonic studio, directed by Andrew Earis, accompanied by Ben Collyer and flautist Claire Fillhart.

Theme: Salt of the earth

Presenter: Claire Campbell Smith

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Music:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness (Christ be our Light)- Daily Service Singers

You are salt for the earth (Haugen)- Daily Service Singers

The Lord is my light (Brad Nix)- Daily Service Singers

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

**(b00hh0mr)**

Series 2

Crash

Crash - directed by David Cronenberg - controversially won the

Best Picture Oscar in 2006.

Paul Gambaccini tackles the film loved and reviled in equal measure by the very same Los Angeles society whose darker side the film set out to explore.

Series about how some of the greatest Oscar-winning films were made, and what they tell us about the history of the time.

Producer: Jane Lewis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

**MON 10:30 In Search of the Singing Postman (b00tmlh2)**

Writer DJ Taylor grew up in Norfolk.

When he was missing his roots, he'd put on a record by Allan Smethurst, The Singing Postman, to remind him of home. Smethurst is best known for one song - Have You Got A Loight Boy.

By the mid 1960's he featured on the pop chart, just behind The Moody Blues. With his goofy smile and postman's uniform, he was the one hit wonder to end all one hit wonders.

But DJ Taylor believes he was something far more than that.

Taylor argues that the songs turn out, not to be novelty numbers, but plaintive celebrations of a kind of lost, rural life that had begun to disappear, even as it was committed to vinyl.

His songs are firmly rooted in the traditional ballads of Norfolk.

His work is the last gasp of a genuinely popular art form, before it went down amid the onslaught of post-war mass culture.

There were even plans to send Smethurst to Nashville, the idea being that 'Country and Eastern' would appeal to the US audience. Smethurst admired the early American greats like Jimmie Rodgers and The Carter Family - their playing influenced his own lilting guitar style.

Discover the story of Smethurst's brief dalliance with fame and his steady fall into obscurity as he struggled with alcohol addiction.

DJ Taylor pays tribute to the man who loved Norfolk, and through his songs preserved the memories and language of an entire way of life.

Produced at BBC Manchester by Nicola Swords.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**MON 11:00 Dick Francis (m002s318)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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**MacDonald (b00jrpzv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvl8c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Many a Slip (b09wvq06)**

From 15/08/1978

Quizmaster Roy Plomley challenges his contestants to spot the mistakes.

Eleanor Summerfield and Gillian Reynolds

battle

David Nixon and Tim Rice

Plus more tune-twisters from Steve Race.

Devised and written by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1978.

**MON 14:30 Married (b0084rct)**

Series 3

Episode 5

Robin has encountered many strange phenomena since the universes collided.

Now he's got to contend with two Arthur Smiths for the price of one.

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

Maxine .... Ann Gosling

Alan .... Christopher Kelham

Ned .... Sam Bradley

Arthur Smith .... Himself

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

**MON 15:00 Fair Stood The Wind For France by HE Bates**

**(b00nshqr)**

1. Survival

Summer 1942: A British aircrew ditch over occupied wartime France and must battle to survive - and escape.

Starring Rory Kinnear, Tom Goodman-Hill and Louise Brealey.

HE Bates' classic tale of danger, suspense and romance in wartime France.

Dramatised in two parts by Maddy Fredericks.

Franklin .... Rory Kinnear

O'Connor .... Tom Goodman-Hill

Françoise .... Louise Brealey

Grandmother .... Ellie Haddington

Father .... Bruce Alexander

Doctor .... Ewan Hooper

With Kate Layden and Kenneth Collard.

Director: Jonquil Panting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

**MON 16:00 And the Academy Award Goes To...**

**(b00hh0mr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:30 In Search of the Singing Postman (b00tmlh2)**

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**MacDonald (b00jrpzv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvl8c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 20:00 Many a Slip (b09wvq06)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**MON 20:30 Married (b0084rct)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Fair Stood The Wind For France by HE Bates (b00nshqr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002rd1w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:30 The Routemasters (b007jnsh)**

4. Wolfie and Beatie

Raymond and Hildegard kidnap Beethoven and Mozart in their plot to create the greatest ever rock band.

Herr Grubberman comes clean, while Bernie finally discovers the truth about who - or what - is driving the time bus.

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

Hildegard ..... Amanda Donohoe

Raymond ..... Andrew McGibbon

Conductor ..... Karl Minns

Bernie ..... Owen Evans

Mozart ..... Nick Romero

Herr Grubberman ..... Andy Mulligan

Glen Miller ..... Dan Freedman

Taffy ..... Alex Lowe

Spikea ..... Sophie Aldred

Additional material by Rob Colley 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 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002s676)**

Gregor Fisher 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats to Gregor Fisher.

**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002rt1b)**

Series 119

8. Flight risks and fly-tips

Joining Andy for the final episode of this series are Simon Evans, Zoe Lyons, Cindy Yu and Ahir Shah and not one of them can be deemed a flight risk. Along with the latest on Peter Mandelson's arrest they discuss how UK politics is no longer a two-party system with the Greens and Reform taking centre stage in Gorton and Denton, why Trump's State of the Union address could have been mercifully shorter and why the Chagos Islands are off limits.

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Mike Shephard and Pravanya Pillay

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Coordinator: Giulia Lopes Mazzu

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

**MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k17t)**

Series 1

To Infinity and Beyond

A bunch of Star Trek fans beam in to a sci-fi convention at the museum - and a rival theme park draws visitors away from Badgerland.

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 April 2004.

## TUESDAY 03 MARCH 2026

**TUE 00:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b00hh0mr)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

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**TUE 04:30 Married (b0084rct)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Fair Stood The Wind For France by HE Bates (b00nshqr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b011q9fr)**

Agatha Raisin - Series 3

1. The Murderous Marriage

After pursuing him for nearly four years, Cotswold sleuth

Agatha Raisin is finally set to marry James Lacey, the

handsome Colonel next door.

But there's just one little problem...

Penelope Keith stars as the PR guru turned amateur detective.

MC Beaton's novel dramatised in six parts by David Semple.

Agatha Raisin .... Penelope Keith

James Lacey .... Malcolm Sinclair

Mrs Bloxby .... Liza Sadovy

DC Wong .... Stephen Hogan

Roy Silver .... James Holmes

Mrs Wendle .... Tina Gray

Jimmy Raisin .... John Rogan

Martin .... Tim Whitnall

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

**TUE 06:30 The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh (m002s4kj)**

2. Rival

Hollywood, 1947. Two men are in love with Aimee

Thanatogenous. One is the handsome English poet, Dennis

Barlow.

The other is her boss at the Whispering Glades Funeral Home,

senior mortician Mr Joyboy.

Who can Aimee turn to for advice ...?

Starring Rupert Graves and Miranda Richardson.

Evelyn Waugh's 1948 satire on the American way of death.

Dramatised by Bill Matthews.

Dennis Barlow .... Rupert Graves

Aimee Thanatogenous ... Miranda Richardson

Mr Joyboy .... Richard Griffiths

Sir Ambrose Abercrombie ..... Donald Pickering

The Guru Brahmin ..... Mike McShane

Mrs Joyboy .... Elaine Ives-Cameron

Mr Schultz .... Graham Hoadly

Rhoda .... Sue Broomfield

Boatman .... Simon Treves

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1990.

**TUE 07:00 Flying the Flag (b009x1kq)**

Series 2

The Space Race

What goes up in the era of glasnost must come down, but

exactly where is still a matter for negotiation...

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie .... Dinsdale Landen

William Frost .... Peter Acre

Helen Waterson .... Moir Leslie

US Ambassador .... Stephen Greif

Colonel Surikov .... Christopher Benjamin

Olav .... David Goodland

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1988.

**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b00jz5x2)**

Series 9

The Tay Bridge

On Scotland's crab-ridden shores, Neddie Seagoon is bridging a

gap.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan.

Starring:

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Peter Sellers

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were

recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest

shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenlade

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1959.

**TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b080xj88)**

An Encounter with Mr Newton

Lucy Porter's sitcom set in pre-enlightenment Edinburgh.

Intellectual giant Isaac Newton is in town and he's struggling

with a new theory to explain why things keep falling on his

head.

He encounters the members of the Fair Intellectual club - a

secret society for the scholarly improvement of young ladies.

With the help of carefree socialite Ishbel, devout clergyman's

daughter Marjory and maths boffin Alison, the penny finally

drops.

Mr Newton also has to contend with Alison's idiot brother

Robert, Ishbel's ancient retainer Kennedy and a rented

pineapple.

Isaac Newton ..... Gavin Mitchell

Ishbel ..... Caroline Deyga

Marjory ..... Samara MacLaren

Alison ..... Jessica Hardwick

Robert ..... Simon Donaldson

Kennedy ..... Gordon Kennedy

Music by Aly Macrae.

Director: Marilyn Imrie

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

November 2016.

**TUE 08:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (b00js6r7)**

7. Making Ends Meet

Betty discovers that the friendly loan company isn't all that

friendly when she can't keep up her payments.

Plus memories of the clothes "problem".

Betty MacDonald's hilarious account of survival during the

USA's Great Depression back in Seattle, under the wing of her

sister Mary.

Abridged by Jennifer Howarth.

Read by Debora Weston.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**TUE 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvlb5)**

Ladies of Letters Say No

2. Hospital

Both Vera and Irene end up in hospital, but their explanations

don't quite match.

Vera and Irene are back, and this time they're in a combative

mood.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as

Irene.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Alan Trumper .... John Rowe

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**TUE 09:00 Wing It (m0025ssb)**

Series 1

1. The Cow Who Flew Through the Moon

In the first episode of this brand new series, Alasdair Beckett-

King plays host to a panel of improv comedy all stars, playing

games full of squabbling siblings, cows with dreams and gente

parenting gone too far.

"No Script. No Prep. No Clue."

Presented by Alasdair Beckett-King.

Starring Cariad Lloyd, Steen Raskopoulos, Alexander Jeremy,

and Emma Sidi.

Devised by Shoot From The Hip

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries

Sound Editor: Joe Bayley

A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4

**TUE 09:30 How to Disagree: A Beginner's Guide to Having**

**Better Arguments (b0bf59rx)**

2. Interests

Timandra Harkness is exploring the best ways to disagree with

other people - constructively.

This time she's looking at clashes of interests, with the help of a

trade union negotiator - and an expert on neighbour disputes.

Producer: Martin Rosenbaum

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002s4kn)**

Salt of the earth - Living distinctively

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Salt of the earth - Living distinctively

Presenter: Paul Kerensa

Reading: Micah 6:6-8

Music:

Christ in me - Lou Fellingham

Salt and light - Lauren Daigle

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Lucy Grimble

**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000l8gb)**

Nicholas Lezard & Gwyneth Williams

Journalist and author Nicholas Lezard and former BBC Radio 4

controller Gwyneth Williams join Harriett Gilbert to discuss

their favourite books by Samuel Beckett, Giuseppe Tomasi Di

Lampedusa and Sigrid Nunez.

Nicholas chooses Watt by Samuel Beckett

Publisher: Faber

Gwyneth chooses: The Leopard by Giuseppe Tomasi Di

Lampedusa

Publisher: Vintage

Harriett champions The Friend by Sigrid Nunez

Publisher: Virago

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2020.

**TUE 10:30 Texting Andy Warhol (b00n9097)**

Does a picture made from words count as literature or art?

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**TUE 13:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b080xj88)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (b00js6r7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvlb5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)**

Parham House

The times of Jacobean, Cromwellian and Elizabethan England as it was lived in the pre-industrial age.

Lars Tharp chairs the light-hearted antiques quiz.

From the Elizabethan splendour of Parham House in West Sussex - passed to one Robert Palmer by King Henry VIII in 1540.

With:

William Lorimer

Stella Beddoe

Clive Stewart-Lockhart

Henry Sandon

Producers: Elizabeth Abrahams and Annie Bristow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**TUE 14:30 Says on the Tin (b00gqzw0)**

Chowder

Eliott, Esther and Hannah compete aggressively to promote American Chowder to the British consumer.

Starring Michael Brandon.

Christopher William Hill's sitcom about an American advertising man, forced to relocate to London.

Eliott Thurber ..... Michael Brandon

Esther Finn ..... Samantha Bond

Hannah Walker ..... Pippa Haywood

Zadie ..... Joannah Tincey

Baz ..... Inam Mirza

Sal ..... John Guerrasio

Other parts played by:

Stephen Critchlow

Jonathan Tafler

Dan Starkey

Gunnar Cauthery

Donnla Hughes

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.

**TUE 15:00 Fair Stood The Wind For France by HE Bates (b00nx8k4)**

2. Escape

Wartime France. John Franklin, a wounded British airman, is finally fit and planning his escape from France.

He could go the fast way - or the slow way.

Starring Rory Kinnear and Louise Brealey.

Conclusion of HE Bates' classic tale of danger, suspense and romance in wartime France.

Dramatised by Maddy Fredericks.

Franklin .... Rory Kinnear

Françoise .... Louise Brealey

Grandmother .... Ellie Haddington

Father .... Bruce Alexander

Boat Man .... Kenneth Collard

O'Connor .... Tom Goodman-Hill

With:

John Biggins

Kate Layden

Rhys Jennings

Piers Wehner

Director: Jonquil Panting.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

**TUE 16:00 A Good Read (m00018b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:30 Texting Andy Warhol (b00n9097)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 Whodunnits (b011q9fr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh (m002s4kj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Flying the Flag (b009x1kq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (b00jz5x2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 20:00 Hidden Treasures (b05pwn3r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Says on the Tin (b00gqzw0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Fair Stood The Wind For France by HE Bates (b00nx8k4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 Wing It (m0025ssb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b083m575)**

Series 2

Clare Grogan

John Shuttleworth invites Clare Grogan from Altered Images to his Sheffield home to perform one of her songs and also, more

importantly, one of his.

The timing of her visit couldn't be better as it's Doreen Melody's birthday and John is hoping that Clare will go along and sing Happy Birthday to Doreen - after all it's one of her biggest hits.

But he's most disappointed when Clare starts singing the wrong tune!

Surprisingly, it's Ken Worthington who saves the day by offering to take Clare on a date, hoping that she'll become Ken's Girl rather than Gregory's!

John will have to console himself with top tips on the telephone from Nick Lowe, who he hopes will solve the problem of Dolby hiss.

Written by and starring Graham Fellows.

John's special guests

Clare Grogan

Nick Lowe

Producer: Dawn Ellis

A Chick Ken production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2016.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002s678)**

Gregor Fisher 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats again to Gregor Fisher.

**TUE 23:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b08v8m1q)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Comedian and quizzer Paul Sinha shines a light on the important historical moments that you never got taught at school.

This time, he decodes the amount of misinformation in our general knowledge.

He also tells the story of significant gay figures from history that you may not have heard of - from the earliest known gay couple to the rebels whose death brought about the first democracy - to the man who saved a President but whose outing possibly killed him.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Paul Sinha's History Revision won the 2016 Rose d'Or for 'Best Radio Comedy'.

Producer: Ed Morrish

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

**TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b0118rbv)**

Series 8

Rebecca Front interviews Chris Addison

Rebecca Front talks to her co-star from The Thick of It - the comedian and actor Chris Addison, about working with

Armando Iannucci and embracing his middle-classness through stand-up.

They both dread nude scenes "I look like a child has done a collage with twiglets" says Chris.

This is the long running tag talk show series, where the guest turns interviewer the following week.

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

Producer Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b011q9fr)**

Agatha Raisin - Series 3

2. The Disappearing Trick

With her marriage dreams in tatters, Agatha Raisin has the small task of returning all the wedding presents.

Plus the slightly larger one of clearing her name of murder... Penelope Keith stars as the PR guru turned amateur detective.

MC Beaton's novel dramatised by David Semple.

Agatha Raisin .... Penelope Keith

James Lacey .... Malcolm Sinclair

Mrs Bloxby .... Liza Sadovy

DC Bill Wong .... Stephen Hogan

Ry Silver .... James Holmes

Mrs Wendle .... Tina Gray

Martin .... Tim Whitnall

Harriet .... Belinda Lang

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

**WED 06:30 The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh (m002s3cn)**

3. Discovery

Hollywood, 1947. Aimee Thanatogenous is horrified to discover that her fiancée, Dennis Barlow, works in a pets' cemetery.

But can she find true happiness with her other suitor, senior mortician Mr Joyboy?

Starring Rupert Graves as Dennis Barlow and Miranda

Richardson as Aimee Thanatogenous.

Evelyn Waugh's 1948 satire on the American way of death, adapted in three episodes by Bill Matthews.

Dennis Barlow .... Rupert Graves

Aimee Thanatogenous .... Miranda Richardson

Mr Joyboy .... Richard Griffiths

Sir Ambrose Abercrombie .... Donald Pickering

The Guru Brahmin .... Mike McShane

Reverend Bartholomew .... Garrick Hagon

Mr Schultz .... Graham Hoadly

Mrs Joyboy .... Elaine Ives-Cameron

Rhoda .... Sue Broomfield

Porter .... David Bannerman

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1990.

**WED 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00tr63g)**

Series 4

Episode 3

Council leader John tries to impress a delegation with a village cover-up.

'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 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00rzl84)**

The Blood Donor: Pye's Re-recording

The Lad creates havoc in hospital.

Starring Tony Hancock

The classic TV episode of 'Hancock', re-created before an invited audience in Pye Records' London studio in October 1961.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Hancock .... Tony Hancock

Nurse .... June Whitfield

Mr Johnson .... Frank Thornton

Mrs Forsythe/Second Nurse .... Annie Leake

Dr McTaggart .... Patrick Cargill

Mr Thomas .... Hugh Lloyd

Doctor in Casualty .... John Bluthal

Originally broadcast on BBC TV in June 1961.

Re-recording first released on Pye Records in 1961.

First broadcast on BBC 7 in June 2008.

**WED 08:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m0004vx)**

Series 4

3. At Your Side

It's Teddy's birthday, and Joe has pulled out all the stops to celebrate - even roping an unwilling Amanda and Hardacre into the festivities.

The celebrations are interrupted by Teddy's brother Frederick, who is determined the time has come for Teddy to make something of his life. But Teddy is more concerned about keeping a promise to Mr Hardacre, in an adventure with cowboys, spies, rock stars, and Milk Tray men.

Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom, based on an original idea by Edward Rowett and Robert Frimstone.

Hardacre .... Nigel Havers

Joe .... Mathew Baynton

Amanda .... Josie Lawrence

Teddy .... Rasmus Hardiker

Frederick .... Kieran Hodgson

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

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

**WED 08:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (b00js6r9)**

8. An Unlikely Job

Betty MacDonald's hilarious account of survival in the Great Depression, under the wing of her sister Mary, abridged by Jennifer Howarth.

Mary gets Mother an unlikely job as a radio dramatist and Betty

has an uncomfortable time at work with the sinister Dorita.

Reader: Debora Weston

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**WED 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tlv7)**

Ladies of Letters Say No

3. Homecoming

There's a homecoming party for Vera, but she makes an unexpected early exit.

Vera and Irene are back, and this time they're in a combative mood.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as Irene.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Howard ... Christopher Kelham

Alan Trumper ... John Rowe

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002rsb4)**

Live from the UK

S2 E1: Do Horses Drink Guinness?

Host Angela Barnes travels to comedy clubs across the country.

In this new run, Angela heads back on the road to comedy clubs in all 4 nations of the UK

So if you want to know why it's hard to change your sock style after 50, if horses really drink Guinness in Kirkcaldy, and how to respond to smug German bobsledders, then this is the show for you.

In this episode, you can hear;

Zoe Lyons at Brighton Komedia

Stuart McPherson at Monkey Barrel, Edinburgh

Anna Thomas at the Swansea Grand

Neil Delamere at the Empire Music Hall in Belfast

Additional Material by Ruth Husko

Recorded by David Thomas, Sean Kerwin and Davy Neil

Sound design by David Thomas

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies. A BBC Studios Audio

Production for Radio 4.

**WED 09:30 How to Disagree: A Beginner's Guide to Having Better Arguments (b0bf64gp)**

3. Science

Timandra Harkness explores the best ways to disagree with other people - constructively.

In this programme Timandra talks to scientists about disputes over establishing matters of fact.

Producer: Martin Rosenbaum

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002s3cs)**

Salt of the earth - When the salt loses its taste

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

Theme: Salt of the earth - When the salt loses its taste

Presenter: Kirsty Thorpe

Reading: Luke 14 28-35

Music:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Lucy Grimble

The peace of God (Rutter) - Daily Service Singers

Lord you hear me - Rivers and Robots

**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m001g8fr)**

Richard Rogers, Catalyst

Tom Dyckhoff looks back through the archive at the life and work of Richard Rogers, the architect who changed the face of modern Britain.

When Rogers died in December 2021, he was arguably the most accomplished architect on the planet, known for designing spectacular, hi-tech buildings - flamboyant experiments like the Pompidou Centre and Lloyds of London, their guts on the outside - and municipal centrepieces like the Millennium Dome and the Senedd in Cardiff. But he also challenged and refined our ideas about public space.

It wasn't just about buildings. Throughout his career, Rogers spoke of an ethical underpinning to his work - he talked of city spaces for people and of architecture at the heart of a vibrant civil society. This became most clearly articulated when he was Chair of New Labour's Urban Task Force, which advocated a 'cities-first' policy, putting the brakes on building in the suburbs in favour of focusing construction on the centre of towns and cities.

Since the late 1970s, when the Pompidou Centre and its attendant public square was completed, British cities have changed hugely. Strange and spectacular buildings now seem to be the norm, as are mixed use, post-industrial developments.

Richard Rogers was a herald of what was to come. The skateboarders clattering around Central Square in Cardiff or the families around the sandpit on the South Bank in summer might not realise it, but, in a sense, they're living in Richard Rogers' world. In some ways we all are.

Featuring: Huw Clarke, Gillian Darley, Norman Foster, Alice MacGillivray, Douglas Murphy, Anne Power and Ruth Rogers. With grateful thanks to Joseph Henry and Victoria Lane.

Producer: Martin Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

**WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b011qfr6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 11:30 The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh (m002s3cn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 12:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00tr63g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00rzl84)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**WED 13:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000t4vx)**

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**WED 13:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (b00js6r9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tlv7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000mswk)**

Series 15

Episode 3

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

\* Comedian and actor Eddie Izzard

\* Natural History Museum curator Miranda Lowe

\* Doctor and author Dr Roopa Farooki.

The Museum's Guest Committee donate the centre of the universe, a jellyfish and a virtual patient.

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 (b007k31q)**

Series 1

Speaking in Tongues

Will Mr Mullet and The Bishop of Norwich get too close for comfort over tea? Maud gets a computer and there's an incident on the road...

First of two series of Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.

Starring Denise Coffey as Alison, Miriam Margolyes as Maud, Chris Emmett as Mr Mullett, Geoffrey Whitehead as Bernard, Nickolas Grace as Leslie and Nicholas Le Prevost as the Bishop of Norwich

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

**WED 15:00 Drama on 4 (b007tcmf)**

A Short Ride to Dusseldorf by Janice Okoh

A chance meeting in a job centre and Alison can make three grand.

All she has to do is fly to Germany and marry a complete stranger.

Written by Janice Okoh

Alison .....Katy Cavanagh

Friday .....Steve Toussaint

Cher .....Nadine Marshall

Sarah .....Aysha Antoine

Frau Nitsche.....Liza Sadovy

Samson.....Chu Omambala

German Official.....Simon Treves

Written by Janice Okoh

Director Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**WED 15:45 Short Works (m000jx4y)**

Fixed Point by Eley Williams

"Georgina had worked as a living statue for about ten years. She believed in no uncertain terms that this cold day in March must be her hardest day at the job so far."

Eley Williams reads her own short story for radio, bringing us a portrait of a fixed point in a changing, changeable world.

Williams' writing is "elegantly droll without the kind of hipster quirkiness that makes me want to hurl books at the wall." (Sarah Perry, author of The Essex Serpent).

Producer: Becky Ripley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2020.

**WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (m001g8fr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**WED 21:00 Drama on 4 (b007tcmf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**WED 21:45 Short Works (m000jx4y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002rsb4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00mbkhh)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Walter has staff to fire and a broken heart to mend, but worst of all, his wife's come back to him and seems intent on pandering to his every whim...

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt.

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

Rod Millet ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle ..... Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgcombe ..... Rachel Atkins

Susie Maltby ..... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Julian Crumb-Loosely ..... Ben Willbond

Wilf Arbuthnot ..... Geoff McGivern

Eva Tattle ..... Julia Deakin

Des Wainwright ..... Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopolis ..... Chris Pavlo

Gloria Brindle ..... Helen Atkinson Wood.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

**WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002s67b)**

Gregor Fisher 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats again to Gregor Fisher.

**WED 23:00 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (m000wlnr)**

Series 9

Episode 5

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. But, with no live studio audience for this series, 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 concerns Newt, following his life backwards from a funeral in 1990 to an eventful Christmas dinner in 1898.

Written and performed by John Finnemore

With

Newt ... John Finnemore

Ensemble ... Lawry Lewin

Ensemble ... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Ensemble ... Simon Kane

Ensemble ... Carrie Quinlan

Original music composed by Susannah Pearse

Producer: Ed Morrish

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

**WED 23:30 Liam Williams: Ladhood (b097c99y)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Comedian Liam Williams recounts his youthful misadventures in this autobiographical sitcom.

Searching for hedonism, Liam is torn between the laddish drinking societies and the artsy intelligentsia of Cambridge University.

Written and performed by Liam Williams.

With:

Al Roberts

Emma Sidi

Freya Parker

Kieran Hodgson

Paul G Raymond

Producer: Joe Nunnery

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

**THURSDAY 05 MARCH 2026**

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**THU 05:00 Drama on 4 (b007tcmf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:45 Short Works (m000jx4y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b011qm8t)**

Agatha Raisin - Series 3

3. The Terrible Tourist

With their marriage plans in ruins, Agatha is furious to discover James is holidaying on the island where they were supposed to honeymoon together!

But when she sets out to pursue him, she stumbles upon another murder...

Penelope Keith stars as the PR guru turned amateur detective.

MC Beaton's novel dramatised by David Semple.

Agatha Raisin .... Penelope Keith

James Lacey .... Malcolm Sinclair

Olivia Debenham .... Caroline Harker

Sam Payne .... George Layton

Ella Payne .... Julia Deakin

George Debenham .... Spencer Banks

Jean-Pierre .... Peter Silverleaf

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

**THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jwgl)**

Wimsey - Busman's Honeymoon

1. The Mysteries of Married Life

Honeymooners Lord Peter Wimsey and his wife soon find their marital bliss disturbed.

There's something nasty in the cellar...

Dorothy L Sayers's mystery novel, first published in 1937.

Ian Carmichael stars as the British gentleman detective.

Dramatised in six episodes by Alistair Beaton.

Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael

Lady Wimsey .... Sarah Badel

Bunter .... Peter Jones

Miss Twitterton .... Rosemary Leach

Mrs Ruddle .... Pearl Hackney

Mr Puffett .... Michael Ripper

The Rev Goodacre .... Gerald Sim

MacBride .... Roger Lloyd Pack

Frank Crutchley .... Kenneth Cranham

Narrator .... John Westbrook

Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter

Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and

Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World

War. He features in a number of detective novels and short

stories.

Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio

from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations

aired between 1972 and 1975.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

**THU 07:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00g3x7g)**

Series 2

Retreat

When the Pattersons get a dog, Father Benedict is not impressed.

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

Father Benedict ..... Desmond Barrit

Mrs Patterson ..... Brenda Blethyn

Robert Patterson ..... Richard Pearce

Barbara Patterson ..... Melanie Hudson

Janet ..... Nicola Buckingham

Guy ..... Henry Woolley

Mr Plant .... Geoffrey McGivern

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

**THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs0fr)**

Series 2

Gain Spiritual Fulfilment the Burkiss Way

A dangerous pantomime gang escapes as the team go

'Nationwide'.

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living from radio's Advanced

Correspondence Course.

All you have to do is fill in your name here: take out all the

vowels and consonants, and make an anagram of what remains

to gain access to the latest lesson.

With instruction from:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmet

Fred Harris

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: Simon Brett

Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December

1976.

**THU 08:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0021wx0)**

Series 3

Belfast to Londonderry

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 takes a trip across the stunning countryside

of Northern Ireland from Belfast to Londonderry.

Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:

\*Robert, who is on a trip to Londonderry to explore its history

with his family

\* Sheri and Howard from Florida, who spend many months

each year travelling the world

\* William and Heather, who tell Alexei how Belfast has become

a hugely successful tourist destination

\* Gabriel and Kate, who are visiting a relative in hospital after a

major operation

\* Judith and Lisa, who are married with a young son and feel

they are part of a new future for their country

Producers: Peter Lowe and Lyndon Jones

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

2024.

**THU 08:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonal (b00js6rc)**

9. The Office Party

Betty MacDonald's hilarious account of survival in the Great

Depression, under the wing of her sister Mary, abridged by

Jennifer Howarth.

Betty resolves never to go to another office party after some

terrible experiences. However, she lands a job with the

government whilst attending a party.

Reader: Debora Weston

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**THU 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvlb9)**

Ladies of Letters Say No

4. Surprise

A surprise discovery about her "friend" Alan spurs Vera - and

Irene - into action.

Vera and Irene are back, and this time they're in a combative

mood.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as

Irene.

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 2007.

**THU 09:00 The Shuttleworths (m001fmy)**

Series 6

Rusty's Party

John is preparing to attend a party at Joan Chitty's house, but his

spirit is dampened when his sole agent and next-door neighbour,

Ken Worthington, reveals that he can't join John at Joan's as he

has a prior invitation from Bobby Davro.

This is the kind of showbiz party that John would very much

like to attend, but Ken flatly refuses to take John with him.

Comic series following the lives of Sheffield's favourite singer-

songwriter John Shuttleworth, his wife Mary and his agent.

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

December 2022.

**THU 09:30 How to Disagree: A Beginner's Guide to Having**

**Better Arguments (b0bf7n62)**

4. Morals

Timandra Harkness explores the best ways to disagree with

other people - constructively.

In this programme, she examines the difficulty of fundamental

controversies over competing moral visions.

Producer: Martin Rosenbaum

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002s4lm)**

Salt of the earth - Seasoned with salt

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Salt of the earth - seasoned with salt

Presenter: Laura Darrall

Reading: Colossians 4 2-6

MUSIC:

Be still my soul

Beth Nielsen Chapman

Finlandia, Op 26 (Sibelius)

Eero Heinonen

Still, my soul be still

Keith & Kristyn Getty

My song is love unknown

Yvonne Lyon

My song is love unknown (instrumental)

David Fitzgerald

The Word is alive

Casting Crowns

**THU 10:00 Great Lives (b037tnxp)**

Russell Grant on Ivor Novello

Astrologer and performer Russell Grant chooses one of the

greatest screen legends of cinema's early years - Ivor Novello.

Born in 1893 in Cardiff, Novello was also a talented writer and

composer and would dominate both screen and stage with his

epic romantic fantasies, until his death in 1951.

Russell is joined by Richard Stirling, author of the stage

biography of Novello, Love, from Ivor, and the adaptor of one

of Novello's last productions, Gay's the Word.

Presented by Matthew Parris.

Produced by Lizz Pearson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013.

**THU 10:30 The Ballad of Stooky Bill (m000sq69)**

The first face to be seen on a television screen wasn't human.

The image which assembled itself out of the static in John

Logie Baird's first experimental TV test was a chalk-white

ventriloquist's dummy with a lolling hinged mouth, reduced to

grey on the cramped monochrome screen.

Stooky Bill was selected for the first screen test because his

face was a study in contrasts, and the lights of the first TV

studio were so hot, no flesh and blood creature could bear it

(over time Stooky Bill's face cracked in the heat and his singed

hair fell apart). Since then, television has become our

ubiquitous friend, the flat locus of our dreams and desires, a

place of excitement, entertainment, but also shock, sometimes

carnage, the place where celebrities frolic in the jungle, 9/11

was staged, where beheadings are screened.

It is almost as though the animating spirit of TV is not Apollo,

but an anarchic, sinister dummy.

In John Burnside's commissioned poem, The Ballad of Stooky

Bill, the dummy becomes the animating daemon of TV, the

sinister force that drives the square window where our dreams,

our desires, our darkest appetitive impulses play out 24/7.

Kirsty Wark interviews Alistair McGowan as Stooky Bill in a

searing, unsettling vision of the pale, white face that inhabited

the first television signal, and has never let go.

Producer: David Stenhouse

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

**THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b011qm8t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jwgl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 12:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00g3x7g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs0fr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 13:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0021wx0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonal (b00js6rc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvlb9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 14:00 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)**

Series 3

Commercial Death

Crime writers John Harvey and Val McDermid try to solve the

mystery of who killed a radio DJ.

Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz.

Suspects played by:

Maria McLernane

Lee Simpson

Producer: Liz Anstee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.

**THU 14:30 Ballylenon (b00y2f2v)**

Series 8

Of Art and Apparitions

Muriel thinks an apparition may rekindle interest in things

religious.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in the

1960s.

Ballylenon, County Donegal. Pop. 1,999 was founded by St

Lenon of Padua when he fell into the river at this spot in 953.

Ballylenon is situated on the shores of Lough Swilly with

entrancing views of Muckish Mountain, in the Diocese of Derry

and Raphoe.

Note: Ballylenon is a fictional name, but the other landmarks

are identifiable.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Muriel McConkey ..... Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey ..... Stella McCusker

Phonsie Doherty ..... Gerard Murphy

Mrs Vivienne Hawthorne ..... Aine McCartney

Rev. Samuel Hawthorne ..... Dermot Crowley

Kevin 'Stumpy' Bonnar ..... Gerard McSorley

Guard Gallagher ..... Frankie McCafferty

Daniel O'Searcaigh ..... James Greene

Monsignor McFadden ..... Niall Cusack

Aubrey Frawley ..... Chris McHallen

Polly Acton ..... Joanna Munro

Eamonn Doyle ..... Patrick Fitzsymons

Mr Boylan ..... Derek Bailey

Pianist: Michael Harrison

Director: Eoin

Producer: Nigel Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 May 1989.

**THU 16:00 Great Lives (b037tnxp)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 20:00 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**THU 20:30 Ballylenon (b00y2f2v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Drama on 4 (b0084zr7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**THU 21:45 The Lambton Worm by Kevin Crossley-Holland (m002s4lp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m0023htf)**

Randy Feltface

3. Air

Randy Feltface is waking up and smelling the coffee.

Unfortunately, he's also smelling carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride, benzene, styrene, formaldehyde, arsenic, lead, chromium, benzoopyrene, dioxins, furans and PCBs - but that's modern-day industry for you. Don't believe him? Just ask popular Kidz TV presenter Mr Stinky!

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 learny 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 (b01m5n7s)**

Series 2

Gravinia and Plumpf

Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have experienced a succession of bizarre adventures.

More memories as Brian relives his adventures in Gravinia, a land where the military are revered above everything.

Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.

A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.

Brian Gulliver ..... Neil Pearson

Rachel Gulliver..... Mariah Gale

Fillick ..... Marcus Brigstocke

Chaplain ..... Adrian Scarborough

Guest ..... Tracy Wiles

Host..... Patrick Brennan

Stegga ..... Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Barista..... Harry Livingstone

Dragit ..... Nick Mohammed

Glugas Hold ..... Dan Tetsell

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2012.

**THU 23:00 Alex Horne Presents The Horne Section (b045bqt6)**

Series 3

Cariad Lloyd and Gwyneth Herbert

Alex Horne and his band tackle the theme of the Tudors versus The Vikings.

Featuring a battle, a huge motivational song and a prequel to a Barry Manilow's Copacabana.

With guest comedian:

Cariad Lloyd

Alex's Horne Section are:

Joe Auckland

Mark Brown

Will Collier

Ben Reynolds

Ed Sheldrake

With singer:

Gwyneth Herbert

Producer: Charlie Perkins.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

**THU 23:30 The Pin (b08zdfqf)**

Series 3

Christmas

Alex and Ben are putting out a Christmas special - in the height

of summer, to avoid competition...

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

Written and performed by Ben Ashenden and Alex Owen.

With:

Mark Benton

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Liam Williams

Producer: Sam Bryant.

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

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**FRI 00:00 Great Lives (b037tnxp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:30 The Ballad of Stooky Bill (m000sq69)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (b011qm8t)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jwgl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 A Whole New Ball Game (b00g3x7g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs0fr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0021wx0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (b00js6rc)**

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**FRI 03:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvlb9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:00 Foul Play (b00k2d8w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 04:30 Ballylenon (b00y2f2v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:00 Drama on 4 (b0084zr7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 05:45 The Lambton Worm by Kevin Crossley-Holland (m002s4lp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b011tz3y)**

Agatha Raisin - Series 3

4. The Green-Eyed Monster

A murder at the hotel disco has forced the warring Agatha and James to co-habit.

But will they be able to solve this sudden death before they end-up killing each other?

Penelope Keith stars as the PR guru turned amateur detective.

MC Beaton's novel dramatised by David Semple

Agatha Raisin .... Penelope Keith

James Lacey .... Malcolm Sinclair

Olivia Debenham .... Caroline Harker

Sam Payne .... George Layton

George Debenham .... Spencer Banks

Producer: Carol Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

**FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jwzj)**

Wimsey - Busman's Honeymoon

2. Credit Where Credit's Due

With William Noakes dead, Superintendent Kirk has his suspicions, but upper crust sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey is not so sure...

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the British gentleman detective created by Dorothy L. Sayers.

Dramatised by Alistair Beaton.

Lord Peter Wimsey .... Ian Carmichael

Lady Wimsey .... Sarah Badel

Bunter .... Peter Jones

Mrs Ruddle .... Pearl Hackney

Mr Puffett .... Michael Ripper

MacBride .... Roger Lloyd Pack

Frank Crutchley .... Kenneth Cranham

Narrator .... John Westbrook

Superintendent Kirk .... Peter Vaughan

Constable Sellon .... Christopher Beeny

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1983.

**FRI 07:00 My Mammy and Me (m002s4nw)**

Series 1

5. Kamikaze Weekend

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

Isobel's weekend is ruined when her Mammy asks her to help with one of her little obligations - to give Ida a lift to see her sister.

Mammy .... Eileen McCullum

Isobel .... Kate Donnelly

Willie .... Jake D'Arcy

Ida .... Barbara Rafferty

Jada .... Forbes Masson

Sgt Blood .... Sean Scanlan

Elsie .... Carolyn Boneyman

Written by Cathy McPhail.

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1995.

**FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k0k6)**

Series 4

Is That Your Horse Outside?

Albert Steptoe advises son Harold on the art of seduction.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

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

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert ..... Wilfrid Brambell

Harold ..... Harry H Corbett

With:

Jo Manning Wilson

John Samson

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

**FRI 08:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jrkz2)**

Series 2

Bolognese Cutlets

Trisha is definitely over Deepak. She really, truly is.

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

Beattie Edmondson and Nikesh Patel star in Sue Teddern's

romantic comedy set in the 1960s.

Inspired by Katharine Whitehorn's cookery classic.

Katharine Whitehorn ..... Eleanor Bron

Trisha ..... Beattie Edmondson

Deepak ..... Nikesh Patel

Moira ..... Isabella Inchbald

June ..... Ellie Darvill

Len ..... Rupert Holliday Evans

Malcolm ..... Gary Duncan

Errol Tayla ..... Kovacevic-Ebong

Director: Emma Harding.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.

**FRI 08:30 Anybody Can Do Anything by Betty MacDonald (b00js6rf)**

10. A Reluctant Writer

Betty MacDonald's hilarious account of survival in the Great Depression, under the wing of her sister Mary, abridged by Jennifer Howarth.

Mary tells a publisher about Betty's wonderful new book. It's news to Betty too. Will she be able to come up with a book?

Concluded by: Debora Weston

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**FRI 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvlbc)**

Ladies of Letters Say No

5. Revenge

A doomed plan for revenge on Alan brings Vera and Irene

closer to Her Majesty.

Vera and Irene are back, and this time they're in a combative

moor.

Starring Patricia Routledge as Vera and Prunella Scales as

Irene.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Sir James Fotherington-Fanshawe .... Simon Treves

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**FRI 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002s382)**

Eddie Kadi and Friends

Leroy Brito, Emmanuel Sonubi and Annette Fagon

The first part of a two-part stand-up special featuring highlights from 1Xtra's Comedy Gala with some of the UK's top Black comedians, including Leroy Brito, Emmanuel Sonubi and Annette Fagon. Hosted by Eddie Kadi and recorded at the Hackney Empire in London, the unofficial home of Black British Comedy.

**FRI 09:30 How to Disagree: A Beginner's Guide to Having Better Arguments (b0bf84n2)**

5. Preferences

Timandra Harkness explores the best ways to disagree with other people - constructively.

In this programme she examines how we argue over personal preferences, and asks why we really try so hard to find and present reasons for what we want to do or believe. And she has a disagreement over the merits of disagreement.

Producer: Martin Rosenbaum

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002s4p0)**

Salt of the Earth - Do not conform

Christian worship and music with Neil Glover. Church of Scotland Minister in Aberfeldy and surrounding villages in Highland Perthshire. Reading: Romans 12:1-2.

**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m001n1h5)**

Ghost Town

Ghost Town was recorded by British two-tone band The Specials as a comment on urban decay and social unrest. It was released in June 1981 as riots were springing up around the UK and with the help of an iconic video it topped the UK singles charts. It was also the band's final single.

Writer Alex Wheatle first heard 'Ghost Town' in 1981 whilst in a social services hostel in Brixton awaiting his court appearance. He'd been arrested following a day of action in Brixton to protest against racist treatment of Black people, after rumours of police brutality. He was sentenced to one year in prison and sang Ghost Town in his cell, as he began to find hope and purpose in his life.

Claire Horton grew up in Dudley and says Ghost Town echoed

her experiences of watching the shops and nightclubs of this once vibrant town closing down. Her Dad was made redundant and it had a huge impact on her family, and as a young police officer she would walk the streets and understand why people were getting so frustrated with their situation.

Soul and Reggae DJ Dave Marshall Barrett traces the history of The Specials who formed in Dave's hometown of Coventry in 1977. It's the first thing people mention when he says where he comes from.

John Collins was surprised when Jerry Dammers asked him to produce the record. John created the initial opening 'ghostly' sounds on a synth at home but he says they now sound more like sirens. The song's success opened doors for John and he loves how it keeps finding new audiences.

Broadcaster Samira Ahmed grew up in London and said her recession of the early 80s hit her family's catering business hard. Too young for nightclubs, she remembers the video of 'Ghost Town' playing on Top of the Pops and says the track made a huge impact on her understanding of music and politics. Jazz singer Beverley Beirne covered Ghost Town for her 2018 album *Jazz Just Wants to Have Fun* and was reminded of it during the first lockdown when she wasn't able to perform. Founder of The Specials Jerry Dammers reflects on the inspiration behind Ghost Town and how trombonist Rico Rodriguez was the heart and soul of the band.

Additional research: Melanie Pearson

Technical Producer: Michael Harrison

Editor: Emma Harding

Produced for BBC Audio Bristol by Toby Field.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2023.

**FRI 10:30 Rock Transition (b08jb6s8)**

For centuries musicians have defied gender boundaries to create some of the most evocative and provocative art and music. Journalist and culture critic Laura Snapes joins the dots of a fascinating musical history that encompasses musical icons such as Ma Rainey, Little Richard, Lou Reed, the Pet Shop Boys, Grace Jones and Madonna, and looks at how today's musicians use music and performance to express who their own gender and sexuality.

In recent years the issue of gender and identity has been a hot topic in the musical landscape and beyond. From niche publications to tabloids and political debate, issues surrounding gender identity and how it influences both personal and social life have been widely publicised.

Amid the deeply complex personal world of gender identity and the often ruthlessly myopic world of the music industry, a new generation of artists are using music for fearless expressions of their gender and sexuality that break beyond the archetypes set by their forebears.

Rock Transition speaks with artists such as garage maverick Ezra Furman, Canadian pop stars Tegan and Sara, musician and author CN Lester, and musician and activist Ryan Cassata to understand why music offers an exciting platform to express and explore gender identity and sexuality - and asks how these artists can resist being marginalised and commodified by an industry keen to capitalise on a hot topic.

Producer: James Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

**FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b011tz3y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00tvbce)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 14:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001xdfc)**

Series 1

5. The Old Man & The Fishfinger

The weird and wonderful world of online reviews explored in a panel game.

Frank Skinner and guests Scott Bennett, Jo Caulfield, Simon Evans and Esther Manito find out your verdicts on:

A scenic fishfinger and a wobbly cupcake.

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 (b019rqh1)**

Episode 4

QC Robert's nemesis approaches, along with Edward, basset hound of doom.

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. Conclusion of Jon Canter's comic novel adapted by Robin Brooks.

Robert Purcell ..... Hugh Bonneville

Geoffrey ..... Paul Moriarty

Father ..... James Hayes

Elizabeth ..... Lyndsey Marshal

Judy ..... Tracy Wiles

Pilkington ..... Ewan Bailey

Sergeant ..... Carl Prekopp

Isobel ..... Lauren Mote

Max ..... Ted Allpress

Alan ..... Gerard McDermott

Director: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

**FRI 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000wrt3)**

The Last of England by Neil McKay

A darkly comic drama with three 60-something friends on an overnight ferry to Santander. They argue passionately over the course of the ferry journey returning to their expat life in Spain after attending the UK funeral of their friend Ken, who went home for a visit and would never come back.

Hywel, a loquacious Welshman, Irishman Jim from Lurgan and pugnacious ex-MP Malcolm from Glasgow are unlikely allies (and enforced drinking pals) in the small Spanish town they now call home. Fuelled by some indifferent Rioja and cheap Spanish brandy, through the course of a night they try - and fail - to come to terms with life, death, truth and Brexit.

Also on the ferry are Ken's daughter Gemma and her partner Rashid, carrying the ashes of Ken, to scatter beneath an almond tree in his favourite spot near the village.

But Gemma is furious with her father for abandoning his English family and falling for a bartender more than half his age. She's furious with her father's so-called friends for encouraging him. And she's quite cross with Rashid.

As the ferry heads for Spain and the sea gets rougher, secrets and motivations are revealed, showing nothing is quite as anyone believed and nobody is quite what they seem. Is home where you live, or where your heart is?

Neil McKay is a BAFTA award-winning dramatist.

Cast

Hywel – Anthony O'Donnell

Malcolm – Gary Lewis

Jim – Dan Gordon

Rashid – George Bukhari

Gemma – Faye McKeever

Writer – Neil McKay

Director – Melanie Harris

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

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**FRI 20:30 A Short Gentleman (b019rqh1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000wrt3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002s382)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 22:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jhmlp)**

Series 1

A Death in the Family

When Caroline's curtains stay closed for three days, Kit decides it's time to get in touch with a medium's answerphone.

A sitcom about a happily married pair of young people and their crazy friends.

Jeremy.....Jeremy Hardy

Kit..... Kit Hollerbach

Paul.....Paul B Davies

Caroline.... Caroline Leddy

Written by Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies,

Caroline Leddy, Peter Sinclair, Steve Punt.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.

**FRI 23:00 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jr3g)**

Series 3

The Pain of the Mastersons

The Masterson family find bohemian inspiration in the Lake District.

The award-winning improvised historical comedy.

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

Starring:

Paul Merton

Josie Lawrence

Lee Simpson

Jim Sweeney

Phelim McDermott

Caroline Quentin

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

**FRI 23:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007k4h4)**

Series 1

Thomas Paine

Radical comic Mark Steel, presents the life of the 18th-century author and radical idealist, Thomas Paine

Series of humorous lectures covering historical figures who shaped their era

With:

Melanie Hudson

Martin Hyder

Producer: Phil Clarke

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.