

## SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026

**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b013f96w)**

Series 12

Wichita Lineman

Wichita Lineman is the ultimate country/pop crossover track - written by Jimmy Webb for the Country star Glen Campbell. Released in 1968, it tells the story of a lonely lineman in the American Midwest, travelling vast distances to mend power and telephone lines.

The song has been covered many times, but Glen's version remains the best-loved and most played.

Johnny Cash also recorded an extraordinary and very raw version. Peter Lewry, a lifelong Cash fan, describes how it came about.

David Cray is a lineman from Oklahoma, who recalls his reaction to the first time he heard the song.

Meggean Ward's father was a lineman in Rhode Island. As a child she always felt it was written for her him.

Glen Campbell is also interviewed.

Shortly after it was recorded, he went public about his diagnosis of Alzheimer's. His contribution is brief, but it includes an acoustic performance of the song. It was a privilege to record 'down the line'.

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

**SAT 00:30 Between the Ears (b08v8lzk)**

Brighstone 428

Artist Graeme Miller captures the poetry of the landline.

In this half hour, we follow the arc of a single call from dialling to hanging up, taking in the sweep across the global landscape of the 20th century. He draws out the private habits and distinctive speech as well as the collective dreams and nightmares of the landlines art and culture.

While collaging the mores and cadences of telephone behaviour and speech the piece also lands in the physical space of the landline - the actual line and the real land. The world of the telephone engineer atop a telegraph pole; the village operator, the maintenance or laying of underwater cables, the middle-of-nowhere phone box which exists oblique to the density of traffic of information and chat.

The plot lines of death and murder stalking the crossed lines of the city, to the call of the worried voice "Are you still there?". All these spaces are opened up with the reassurances and communities of landline use.

It is a line crossed next to the atmospheric space that denotes a fragility and hints at the ways in which the technology that opened up connection also imported in its liveness an equal and opposite force of disconnection.

Running out of change, the broken phone box, the drama and plunge into existential separation, opened up by the one-sided conversation and now, the relentless possibility of being in touch.

With thanks to Max Flemmich of Darvel Telephone Museum and Dr Sarah Jackson, Senior Lecturer English and Creative Writing, Nottingham Trent University.

A Cast Iron Radio production for BBC Radio 3, first broadcast in June 2017.

**SAT 01:00 No Place To Hide (m001kwh8)**

3. Joanna Appears

After the seizure of a British MI6 agent, John Rennie must use every lead to try and track the kidnappers down...

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.

John Rennie .... James Kerry

Kathy Swenson .... Margaret Robertson

Khalim Said .... Richard Kay

Adele Palmer .... Susannah Fellows

Jan Branders .... Ali Refaie

Hugo Paynter .... David Garth

Joanna de Vries .... Colette Hiller

Gabriella .... Carole Boyd

Dutchman/Porter .... Mark Straker

Policeman .... Charles Whaley

Piano played by Mary Nash.

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

**SAT 01:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jn17)**

1. Killed?

When Kim Drake's fiance is killed on their wedding day, the authorities agree on suicide.

But why would computer expert Mike kill himself on his wedding day?

Could it be connected to his decision to walk out of his sensitive job at Peregrine Communications Systems?

Starring Sirlol Jenkins and Neil Roberts.

Shawn Prendergast's techno-thriller in six-parts.

Kim Drake .... Sirlol Jenkins

Mike Fisher .... Neil Roberts

Anne .... Kate Binchy

Frank .... Shawn Prendergast

Miss Gee .... Ann Davies

Stone .... Kenneth Cranham

Todd .... Jack Klaff

DI Dear .... Eric Alan

DS Love .... Jonathan Tafler

John Maschler .... Terence Edmond

Emma/Nurse Lewis .... Caroline Strong

Mary/WPC .... Nicola Boyce

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

**SAT 02:00 My Mammy and Me (m002sg4z)**

Series 1

6. Swami Mammy

Mammy thinks Isobel's romantic life could use a little bit of magical intervention.

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

Mammy .... Eileen McCallum

Isobel .... Kate Donnelly

Willie .... Jake D'Arcy

Ida .... Barbara Rafferty

Sgt Blood .... Sean Scanlan

Con .... Forbes Masson

Elsie / Madame Fortunata .... Carolyn Boneyman

Marion .... Clare Hemphill

Mr Patel / Mrs Patel / Fraser .... Lewis

Organ played by Sheena Creighton

Producer: Kathy Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1995.

**SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k0rm)**

Series 4

The Lodger

Albert and Harold Steptoe argue over their lack of cash.

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:

William Eadie

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

**SAT 03:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001bgrp)**

Series 12

Nottingham

"Ay up me duck!"

Mark Steel returns with the 12th series of his award winning show that travels around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness.

After thoroughly researching each town, he writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience.

Mark is kicking off with a visit to Nottingham in the East Midlands.

It's a contrarian city, full of heroes, rebels, caves and lovers of mushy peas.

He learns about local legends, Robin Hood, Lord Byron, DH Lawrence, Brian Clough, and the most famous of all, Frank the xylophone player.

Plus the history of the Luddites, the cheese riots and visits three pubs that are all the oldest in the country.

Later in this series, Mark is off to the Isles of Scilly, Tring, Salisbury, Newport and Paris.

Written and performed by Mark Steel.

Additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2022.

**SAT 03:30 Stephen Fry on the Phone (b017clwx)**

5. The Chips Inside Smartphones

Stephen Fry concludes tracing the evolution of the mobile phone.

All mobile phones rely on hyper-intelligent silicon chips to run them.

And the astonishing thing is 85% of the silicon chips inside all mobile phones are designed by one Cambridge-based company, ARM.

Stephen talks to the pioneers who designed these chips. They needed some micro-processors to build a better home computer, but didn't like what they saw and decided to make their own.

Strapped for cash, they designed chips that were small, cheap and exceptionally low power and, quite by chance, ideally suited to the next generation of pocket-sized mobile phones.

Not to mention today's power-hungry smartphones.

Producer: Anna Buckley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**SAT 03:45 Ladies of Letters (b012211j)**

Ladies of Letters Go Green

5. Aftermath

Vera has ruined Irene's son's wedding by her unexpected arrival at the nuptials.

Grandmothers Irene Spencer and Vera Small continue their tempestuous correspondence.

They started to look beyond at the future of the planet - but as ever, soon manage to bring their focus back to themselves!

Starring Prunella Scales and Patricia Routledge.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Irene Spencer ..... Prunella Scales

Vera Small ..... Patricia Routledge

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

**SAT 04:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m001xm0y)**

Series 1

6. Everybody Loves Velociraptor

Sharp carpets and a keg with a difference.

The weird and wonderful world of good, bad and downright

bafling online reviews explored in a panel game, hosted by

Frank Skinner

With:

Simon Evans

Ania Magliano

Sunil Patel

Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Written by Frank Skinner, Catherine Brinkworth, Sarah

Dempster, Jason Hazeley, Rajiv Karia, Karl Mimms, 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.

**SAT 04:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jnlsk)**

Series 3

Half-Term Blues

Half-term is a time for King Street's teachers to catch their breath within a busy autumn term.

If only...

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.

Mrs Devon ..... Carolyn Pickles

Miss Lewis ..... Marlene Sidaway

Mr Maxwell ..... Michael Cochrane

Mr Long ..... Paul Copley

Miss Featherstone ..... Teresa Gallagher

Miss Reid ..... Jacqueline Beatty

Mrs Khan ..... Janice Acquah

Rajesh ..... Pax Baldwin

Wayne ..... Daryl Moore

Kirsten ..... Ruby Williams

Dawn ..... Jessica Hill.

Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998.

King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

**SAT 05:00 Drama on 4 (b04cb9gy)**

Close Call by Sarah Weatherall

With Apollo 11 about to land on the moon, the Watts family have finally installed their first telephone at home.

But they little realise how much their lives will change with its arrival.

The phone sits in the hallway, witnessing their activities, listening to the family's secret loves, fears and joys.

There is much excitement at using a house phone for the first time, in the days before mobiles and texts, and when no conversation was private.

Starring Ricky Champ and Angie Wallis.

Written by Sarah Weatherall.

Frank Watts .... Ricky Champ

Natalie .... Angie Wallis

Vincent .... Matthew Tennyson

Liam .... Reece Buttery

DJ .... Clive Hayward

Newsreader .... Elaine Claxton

Director: Anne Bunting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2014.

**SAT 05:45 Short Works (m0029whw)**

Up Dog Down Dog by Vicki Jarrett

A cleaner labours in a large townhouse while her client strives for inner peace.

Original short story written by Vicki Jarrett.

Read by Molly Innes.

Vicki Jarrett is a novelist and short story writer from Edinburgh. Her novel 'Always North' is a thriller set aboard an arctic icebreaker.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

A BBC Audio Scotland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2025.

**SAT 06:00 Having a Ball by Alan Bleasdale (m002spmn)**

1981. Four men are awaiting vasectomies at a private clinic specialising in cosmetic and social surgery.

But they soon find themselves contemplating far more than just the prospect of birth prevention...

Starring David Ross.

Written by Alan Bleasdale.

'Having a Ball' was created as part of a 1981 BBC/Arts Council scheme to commission new drama for radio and theatre.

Bleasdale would go on to write BBC TV's 1982 BAFTA winning 'Boys from the Blackstuff'.

Broadcast on 4 Extra to celebrate Alan Bleasdale's 80th

birthday (Born: 23rd March 1946)

Lenny .... David Ross

Nurse .... Jeffrey Longmore

Surgeon .... Judith Barker

Anaesthetist .... Ian Mercer

Malcolm .... Cliff Howells

Doreen .... Lesley E. Bennett

Ritchie .... Andrew Hay

Old Man .... Ted Morris

Jean .... Lesley Nicol

Director: Caroline Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in May 1981.

**SAT 07:20 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcl3w)**

Stephen Fry

Actor and raconteur Stephen Fry chooses the Overture to

Tannhauser by Richard Wagner, and 'The Spanish Flea' by Herb Alpert and Tijuana Brass.

**SAT 07:30 A Heart That Works by Rob Delaney (Omnibus) (m002spmq)**

Intimate and unflinching account of the life and death of Rob Delaney's young son Henry.

It's told with honesty, humour and much, much love.

"When you're a parent and your child gets hurt or sick, not only do you try to help them get better, but you're also animated by the general belief that you can help them get better. That's not always the case, though. Sometimes children die."

Rob Delaney is an American comedian, actor and writer. He co-created and co-starred in the BAFTA-winning comedy "Catastrophe".

Written and read by Rob Delaney.

Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Clara Glynn.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

**SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrk7)**

2. The Fly in the Ointment

"The truth is - our Victoria's run away..."

Josiah Fosdyke starts work at the tripe works.

A classic tale of struggle, power, personalities and tripe.

Bill Tidy and John Junkin's family saga - based on Tidy's Daily Mirror cartoon strip (1971-1985) parodying John Galsworthy's 'The Forsyte Saga' novels.

Jos Fosdyke ..... Philip Lowrie

Victoria Fosdyke ..... Miriam Margolyes

Tom Fosdyke ..... David Threlfall

Rebecca Fosdyke.....Stephanie Turner

Roger Ditchley ..... Christian Rodska

Ben Ditchley ..... Colin Douglas

Other parts played by:

Christopher Barr

Sally Grace

John Junkin

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.

**SAT 09:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008s999)**

5. Evelyn Laye

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 a legendary star of British musical theatre :

Evelyn Laye

Dame Hilda Bracket ..... Patrick Fyffe

Dr Evadne Hinge ..... George Logan

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1990.

**SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mqvg)**

Series 4

Episode 4

A murder mystery for Kenneth Horne, and Hornerama looks at The Sea.

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'.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1960.

**SAT 10:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000ztyk)**

1. Bump

Jessica Fostekew charts the horrors and the highs of the 9 months of life with a bump.

Plus the moment of reckoning with birth, and the chaos, or not, that lies ahead...

In the first of three programmes, Jessica dips into the BBC archive.

And she chats to lots of special guests including

Jenny Eclair

Cariad Lloyd

Sara Barron

Richard and Catie Herring

Caroline Mabe

Jen Brister

Hatty Ashdown

Kirsty Newton

Katie Mulgrew

Taylor Glenn

Robin Ince

Laura Lexx

Sindhu Vee

Diane Morgan

Holly Walsh

Producer: Laura Grimshaw

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2018.

**SAT 11:00 Having a Ball by Alan Bleasdale (m002spmn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 12:20 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcl3w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:20 today]

**SAT 12:30 A Heart That Works by Rob Delaney (Omnibus) (m002spmq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrk7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 14:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008s999)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mqvg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000ztyk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 The Octopus by Anita Sullivan (b03c3cn6)**

Ever wondered what it would be like to have eight legs, no bones - and skin that changes colour?

Hester is a Marine Biologist seeking to discover what it means to be an octopus.

When she's called in to help the local aquarium try to breed two Giant Pacific Octopus (GPO), she uses the opportunity to carry out a social recognition experiment.

Can an octopus recognise an individual human being?

As Hester delves deeper into questions of cephalopod consciousness, she develops an attachment with 'Monster' - the male GPO.

"400 million years ago, when we shared the ocean, I was a bony fish, a prototype. But you... were already you. An octopus. Now I stand here, human. Confounded by you."

Starring Amy Manson.

Anita Sullivan's strange and compelling journey into the mind of an ancient creature.

Hester .... Amy Manson

Jenny .... Riann Steele

Simon .... Ronan Summers

Richie .... Aled Pugh

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2013.

**SAT 16:45 Report on an Unidentified Space Station by JG Ballard (m002spmt)**

"A period of growing confusion. Two of our number set out 48 hours ago to explore the lower decks of the station and have so far failed to return."

After an emergency landing on an uninhabited space station, the crew discover its infinite space whilst hunting for missing members of the crew.

Sci-fi tale written by JG Ballard.

Read by Jack Klaff.

Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.

**SAT 17:00 Having a Ball by Alan Bleasdale (m002spmn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 18:20 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcl3w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:20 today]

**SAT 18:30 A Heart That Works by Rob Delaney (Omnibus) (m002spmq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrk7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 20:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008s999)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mqvg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000ztyk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vcms4)**

May and June

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

May and June: As the summer heats up passions rise for

Barbara Cartland and Edwina Currie.

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 (b09fy66w)**

Series 1

Tonkinson, McTavish, Kugblenu and Ferry

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

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

In this episode:

\* Paul Tonkinson realises that he's suddenly become middle-aged

\* Vladimir McTavish tries his hand at smuggling for the first

time

\* Athena Kugblenu explains how a huge race row was narrowly avoided

\* Mick Ferry starts some rumours that he can't control

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 November 2017.

**SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002t41s)**

Hal Cruttenden 1/3

From **10pm** to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Tonight, Alison Spittle chats with Hal Cruttenden.

**SAT 23:00 The Dream Factory (m001d5bk)**

They Mostly Come Out At Night ... Mostly

Cheerful blockhead Joz is now a delivery boy for The Dream Factory. He's excited. But useless.

The Dream Factory is the towering global monopoly which has been responsible for the manufacture and distribution of humanity's hopes, fantasies and nightmares since the night before the dawn of time.

Due, presumably, to an admin error, The Dream Factory's UK regional management have recently appointed the worst possible person to the delivery team - cheerful blockhead, Joz Norris. It's now his responsibility to get the right dreams into the right heads at the right time. His life of well-meant but foolhardy failure, buoyed by friends and family, has been mostly harmless - until now.

Overnight, Joz has attained power over the dreams and fantasies of his friends and family. In no time he makes so many mistakes that the inner worlds of everyone he knows have been turned upside-down. His stunning ineptitude jeopardises all his significant personal relationships as he starts inadvertently messing with the contents of his friends' heads. It also infuriates his bosses, and he risks losing his job, just as he'd finally found some stable work.

He is utterly inept, but cheerfully enthusiastic to the last, always assuming he can bluff his way out of any situation, no matter how rarely that seems to be true.

Written by Joz Norris and Miranda Holms.

Joz .... Joz Norris

Paula .... Desiree Burch

Anna .... Stevie Martin

Meg .... Roisin O'Mahony

Susie .... Chiara Goldsmith

Ogre 1 .... Kiell Smith-Bynoe

Ogre 2 And Jim .... Ben Targét

With other parts played my members of the cast

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2022.

**SAT 23:30 The Harpoon (b00ckyjg)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Handy hints on body language, sewing corner and three cheers for Swanky Beaumont!

More nostalgic fun in the spoof of boys' adventure story papers.

Written by Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Performed by:

Alistair McGowan

Peter Baynham

Susie Brann

Mary Elliot-Nelson

Julian Dutton

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:45 on Saturday]

**SUN 01:00 Having a Ball by Alan Bleasdale (m002spmn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 02:20 Inheritance Tracks (b05wcl3w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:20 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

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**SUN 05:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000ztyk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002spnk)**

Oscar Winners 3

Sandy Powell

Costume designer Sandy Powell is cast away by Lauren Laverne.

Sandy won her first Academy Award for dressing Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow in Shakespeare in Love, and has since won two more Oscars - along with a further dozen

nominations - and three BAFTAs.

Her credits range from Gangs of New York for Martin Scorsese to Mary Poppins Returns for Disney, and she's worked with many of the biggest current screen stars, including Leonardo Di Caprio, Cate Blanchett and Al Pacino.

Sandy was born in south London and completed an art foundation course at St Martin's School of Art.

In 1981 she got her first job designing costumes for the choreographer Lindsay Kemp's show Nijinsky at La Scala in Milan. She later worked for the director Derek Jarman on his film Caravaggio and continued to collaborate with him until his death in 1994.

She has also enjoyed long working relationships with Martin Scorsese and Todd Haynes.

Sandy has won acclaim for her designs on films with historical settings, including The Wings of the Dove, The Young Victoria and The Favourite starring Olivia Colman, as well as the flamboyant glam rock world of Velvet Goldmine and the fairy-tale fantasy of Cinderella, starring Lily James.

In 2011 she was awarded an OBE for services for the film industry.

In 2023 she became the first costume designer to receive a BAFTA Fellowship.

DISC ONE: Jeepster - T Rex

DISC TWO: Adagietto, Symphony No. 5 in C-Sharp Minor. Composed by Gustav Mahler and performed by Orchestre de l'Académie de Santa Cécilia and conducted by Franco Mannino

DISC THREE: Life on Mars? - David Bowie

DISC FOUR: La Vie en Rose - Alan Dunn

DISC FIVE: I'll Never Fall in Love Again - Bobbi Gentry

DISC SIX: Satellite of Love - Lou Reed

DISC SEVEN: Where Love Lives (Come On In) - Alison Limerick

DISC EIGHT: I Left My Heart in San Francisco - Tony Bennett

BOOK CHOICE: Josef Koudelka: Gypsies

LUXURY ITEM: A lemon tree

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Life on Mars? - David Bowie

Producer: Paula McGinley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2022.

**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)**

Series 1

Songsters

Humans aren't the only species who sing. Many birds do and even another ape.

What messages are conveyed in the syllables, melodies and repeated phrases, and who is listening?

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 (m002spnm)**

The Echo Chamber - Gillian Clarke

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC poetry archive and to mark the Spring Equinox selects The Echo Chamber - Gillian Clarke.

A visit to the spring lambs and bluebell woods of Gillian Clarke's home in Ceredigion, Wales.

The one-time National poet of Wales shares poems from her collection, Zoology as well as some old favourites.

Producer: Ellie Richold

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

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

**SUN 07:30 Stephen Fry on the Phone (Omnibus)**

(m002spnp)

Stephen Fry traces the evolution of the mobile phone.

From hefty executive bricks requiring a separate briefcase for carrying the battery to the smart little devices complete with personal assistant we have today.

There are more mobile phones in the world than there are people on the planet: Stephen talks to the backroom boys who made it all possible and hears how the technology succeeded, in ways that the geeks had not necessarily intended.

He also meets the men who first dreamt of creating a cellular network. Back in the 1960s, two Bell Labs engineers in the US thought perhaps a maximum of 50,000 people might use a cellular phone network.

Now, there are billions of phones in the world, all of them dependent on the networks based on their design. It was an enormous technical challenge that took decades to complete; but the main problems were political.

Motorola, for example, argued that phone calls were a frivolous waste of radio spectrum compared to more worthy causes like television.

Omnibus of five episodes.

Producer: Anna Buckley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002spnr)**

Emily Watson

Actor Emily Watson chooses 'La Bohème' by Giacomo Puccini and 'Ghost Town' by The Specials.

**SUN 08:50 Ladies of Letters (b0124trd)**

Ladies of Letters Go Green (Omnibus)

Irene and Vera are back - and this time their thoughts turn to all things environmental.

Grandmothers Irene Spencer and Vera Small continue their tempestuous correspondence. They start to look beyond at the future of the planet - but as ever, soon manage to bring their focus back to themselves!

Starring Prunella Scales as Irene and Patricia Routledge as

Vera.

Omnibus of five episodes written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman

Irene Spencer ..... Prunella Scales

Vera Small ..... Patricia Routledge

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

**SUN 10:00 Al Read Classics (m002spnv)**

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

The morning after the night before, young couples setting up home and teaching your other half how to drive....

Al Read does all the voices

Al first came to fame on BBC Radio in the 1950s thanks to his northern comic monologues.

Written by Ronnie Taylor.

Music from The Settlers.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1976.

**SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b017gl1f)**

From 26/05/1955

As their wedding looms, Eth worries she'll make a bad wife for Ron Glum.

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

June Whitfield

Wallis Eaton

Music from Alma Cogan, The Keynotes and the Augmented

BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.

**SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002spnk)**

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**SUN 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m002spnm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**SUN 12:30 Stephen Fry on the Phone (Omnibus)**

(m002spnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002spnr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

**SUN 13:50 Ladies of Letters (b0124trd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**SUN 15:00 Al Read Classics (m002spnv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 15:30 Take It From Here (b017gl1f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SUN 16:00 The Coma by Alex Garland (b007mw9w)**

3. Dream State

As Carl gets used to the world of his coma, he looks for triggers to help wake him up.

Alex Garland's surreal fantasy explores the lucid, but powerless workings of the mind of Carl, who is in a coma following a violent assault

It plays tricks on both the story's protagonist and the listener.

Read by Tom Goodman-Hill.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2004.

**SUN 16:30 The Slide (m000llkp)**

4. Heart-Beat

Redlow's MP becomes increasingly distant and erratic. Then his old enmity with Professor Gomez surfaces.

Meanwhile scientists who've been examining a sample of mud from the slide get a nasty surprise.

Starring Roger Delgado and Maurice Denham.

Victor Pemberton's sci-fi mystery serial.

Hugh Deverill, MP .... Maurice Denham

Josef Gomez .... Roger Delgado

Professor Landers .... Rolf Lefebvre

Inspector Baxter .... Geoffrey Matthews

RAF Corporal .... Anthony Hall

'Tug' Wilson .... Stephen Jack

Professor Lippert .... Allan McClelland

Anna Deverill .... Marion Mathie

Dr Ken Richards .... David Spenser

Nursing Sister .... Eva Haddon

Mrs Wilson .... Miriam Margolyes

Mrs Luke .... Noel Hood

Special Effects: The BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1966.

**SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002spnk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmcq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002spnm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**SUN 18:30 Stephen Fry on the Phone (Omnibus)**

(m002spnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002spnr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

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**SUN 21:00 Al Read Classics (m002spnv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b017gl1f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SUN 22:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b039cth4)**

Series 2

Forgery

Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed finds himself immersed in the art world when a forgery ring is discovered.

Return of the critically acclaimed sitcom written and performed by Nick Mohammed.

Nick's back tackling major crimes and assisting with major public events.

Special constables Colin and Anna aid and abet him in everything he does.

With:

Anna Crilly

Colin Hoult

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Will Andrews

Producers: Tilusha Ghelani and Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.

**SUN 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b00d7n9s)**

Series 2

All's Well That Ends Well... Well, Well, Well

Writer Nick is leading a charmed life, which naturally leaves him feeling anxious.

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

With:

Alistair McGowan

Doon MacKichan

Brian Bowles

Alison Sterling

John Guerrasio

Producer: Ioan Magnusson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

**SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b099yh8d)**

Series 12

The Writer in the Van

Ed Reardon is back!

After being sent down from University for misappropriation of funds, he finds himself temporarily living in a hotel. He's trying to write the first in a new series of novels about his eponymous hero, Inspector Masterson, for which he has high hopes.

These are soon dashed by Ed's agent, Ping, who informs him he must write 'grip-lit' with a girl in the title who gets drunk, goes to bed with everyone and then gets chopped up.

Ping also palms Ed and Jaz Milvain off with her new assistant, Maggie, a jam-making, sock knitting 'older' lady (who also designs draft excluders) whilst she goes "oop North" to trawl the universities for the next generation of stand-ups.

Whilst Jaz is furious with being "tossed on the scrapheap" Ed decides to give Maggie a chance and is soon rewarded when she gets him a writing gig on "Your Motorhome Magazine".

This turn of events not only furnishes him with a small but steady income, but also a new home with floral upholstery, carpet on the ceiling and the advantage of letting him and his companion, Elgar, celebrate the freedom of the open road

Ed Reardon ..... Christopher Douglas

Receptionist ..... Nicola Sanderson

Ping ..... Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Jaz Milvain ..... Philip Jackson

Maggie ..... Monica Dolan

Stan ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Pearl ..... Brigit Forsyth

Olive ..... Stephanie Cole

Policeman ..... Dan Tetsell

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

The regular cast this series are joined by guests Monica Dolan, Vicki Pepperdine, Don Gilet, Karl Theobald and Tyger Drew-Honey.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

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

**SUN 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00hkprc)**

Series 2

Dame Joan Bakewell

Dame Joan Bakewell listens to the Arctic Monkeys, takes a lesson in beat boxing and places a bet on the horses.

Series in which Marcus Brigstocke invites celebrities to try new experiences.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

**MONDAY 16 MARCH 2026**

**MON 00:00 The Coma by Alex Garland (b007mw9w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 00:30 The Slide (m000llkp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

**MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002spnm)**

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(m002spnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002spnr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

**MON 03:50 Ladies of Letters (b0124trd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

**MON 05:00 AI Read Classics (m002spnv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b017g1lf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 No Place To Hide (m0013b2)**

4. It's Better When You're Here

Watching for Mason's kidnappers, can John Rennie also deal with wayward Joanna's demands?

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world of espionage

Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.

John Rennie .... Ali Refaie

Kathy Swenson .... Margaret Robertson

Joanna de Vries .... Colette Hiller

Jan Branders .... Ali Refaie

Johan de Vries .... Harry Towh

Hugo Paynter .... David Garth

Mike Ryan / Waiter .... Keith Bartlett

Girl .... Carole Boyd

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

**MON 06:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jz9f)**

2. Berlin

Kim Drake is retracing the journey across Europe made by her dead boyfriend.

Why did he apparently kill himself on their wedding day?

In the tough city of Hamburg, she discovers that Mike had been economical with the truth...

Starring Siriol Jenkins and Shaun Prendergast.

Shaun Prendergast's techno-thriller.

Kim Drake .... Siriol Jenkins

Mike Fisher .... Neil Roberts

Otto/Burns .... Shaun Prendergast

Stone .... Kenneth Cranham

Todd .... Jack Klaff

Charles .... Okon Jones

Wilson .... Peter Gunn

Welkin .... William Roberts

Prostitute .... Melanie Hudson

Anne/Clearwater/Optician's Receptionist .... Kate Binchy

Doris Meyer/Computer/Hotel Receptionist .... Joanna Wake

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

**MON 07:00 Home Again (m0005nzq)**

Doctor Thumper And The Incredibly Inky Ruler

Fulton finally discloses the facts behind his long absence and where he's been...

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 (b007jnqc)**

Series 2

Mum's Army

When Captain Mainwaring decides to open up his Home Guard unit to women, Mrs Gray catches his eye.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson .... John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones .... Clive Dunn

Private Frazer .... John Laurie

Private Pike .... Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley

Private Walker .... Larry Martyn

Mrs Fox .... Mollie Sugden

Mrs Gray .... Carmen Silvera

Edith Parish .... Wendy Richard

Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1975.

**MON 08:00 For the Love of Leo (m000tg5l)**

Series 3

Leo and The Bump In The Night

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

A day of momentous events and surprising revelations as both old and new friends come together in Leo's Edinburgh home.

Comedy written by Michael Chaplin, created by Michael

Chaplin and Marilyn Imrie.

Leo Fabiani ..... Mark Bonnar

Tamsin ..... Beth Marshall

Laura ..... Samara MacLaren

Sadie ..... Tracy Wiles

Jeannie ..... Siobhan Redmond

Julie ..... Pearl Appleby

Director: Catherine Bailey

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

**MON 08:30 A Rage Explained by Alex Wheatle (b08343jq)**

Alex Wheatle's autobiographical account of his first visit to Jamaica in 1987.

This was when he met his father for the first time since being placed in a children's home aged two. But the meeting is charged with conflicting emotions.

Read by Anthony Welsh

Alex Wheatle was born to Jamaican parents living in London.

At 18 he was involved in the Brixton uprising and went to prison for three months. On his release, he continued to perform as a DJ and MC under the name Yardman Irie, moving in the early '90s on to the performance poetry circuit as The Brixton Bard.

Alex has written nine novels, including East of Acre Lane, and was awarded the MBE for services to literature in 2008. He won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize in 2016 for his book 'Crongton Knights'.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2016.

**MON 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nm5wp)**

Ladies of Letters Crunch Credit

1. Allotment

Financial problems force Vera to live on her allotment while

Irene finds a rich friend reduced to begging.

Grandmothers Irene Spencer and Vera Small continue their tempestuous correspondence in tough economic times.

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 May 2009

**MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002rd20)**

Series 96

6. The time I spent New Year's Eve with Sue Perkins

We're back in Bradford for the final episode of the series. Zoe tells us why she's not as cool as a cucumber, Chris explains who Bradford Jesus is and Lucy offers her thoughts on Taylor Swift.

Host: Sue Perkins

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

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 Just So Science (b0477m6s)**

Series 2

1. How the Camel Got His Hump

Vivienne Parry is back to consider more of the animals of Rudyard Kipling's much loved Just So Stories for Children.

Assisted by researchers of 'infinite sagacity' (yes - they're awfully clever) she sets out to discover whether his fantasies contain any grains of truth?

Vivienne begins by trying to discover if science can yet explain

how the camel got his hump?

Rudyard Kipling's humped beast is as grumpy as they come and is punished for his laziness.

Vivienne talks to Dr Lulu Skidmore, Director of the Camel Reproduction Centre in Dubai about the tricky business of Camel IVF and the truth about just how grumpy (and lazy) these beasts are.

Excerpts read by Samuel West.

Producer: Rami Tzabar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002sptp)**

Fight the good fight - Final charge to Timothy

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

Theme: Fight the good fight - Final charge to Timothy

Presenter: Mark Dowd

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Music:

Onward Christian Soliders - Norwich Cathedral Choir

Fight the good fight - St Martins Voices

For all the saints - Liverpool cathedral choir

**MON 10:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b070601q)**

Series 6

The Last Emperor

An epic exploring Chinese history. Paul Gambaccini on the story behind 1988 Best Picture winner, The Last Emperor.

It was the film which opened up the recent history of China to the West and swept the Oscars - winning all 9 of its nominations.

Paul hears from its director Bernardo Bertolucci, producer Jeremy Thomas, screenwriter Mark Peploe, cinematographer

Vittorio Storaro and composer Ryuichi Sakamoto.

With contributions from film writers Larushka Ivan-Zadeh and David Thomson.

Paul Gambaccini takes a long hard look behind the scenes of films which have scooped the Best Picture Award. He reports on the artistic, political and personal decisions that lie behind the winners, laced with some pretty good gossip too.

Producer: Marya Burgess

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

**MON 10:30 Jazzed Up: How Jazz Changed Britain (b08dnrq2)**

1. Arrival

A century after the first jazz recordings, Kevin Le Gendre

explores how Jazz was received in the UK.

First of a three-part series.

How did the music spread into popular culture after the

Original Dixieland Jazz Band first brought the sound of jazz to people's consciousness?

Producer: Harry Parker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

**MON 11:00 No Place To Hide (m00113b2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 11:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jz9f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 12:00 Home Again (m0005nzq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 13:00 For the Love of Leo (m000tg5l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 13:30 A Rage Explained by Alex Wheatle (b08343jq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nm5wp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Quote... Unquote (b007jphn)**

From 09/03/1982

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes.

With:

Alan Bennett

Janet Suzman

Leslie Thomas

Wynford Vaughan Thomas

Reader: Ronald Fletcher.

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1982.

**MON 14:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076hv6)**

Episode 1

20 years married to Catherine of Aragon - and no son for the King.

Should she take all the blame?

Jonathan Coy stars as Henry VIII

An unreliable history, created and written in six parts by Barry Grossman.

Henry VIII ..... Jonathan Coy

Catherine of Aragon ..... Carla Mendonca

Thomas Cromwell ..... Milton Johns

The Chronicler ..... Alfred Burke

Dona Elvira ..... Sheila Steafel

Cardinal Wolsey ..... John Rowe

The Pope ..... Stephen Greif

Music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

**MON 15:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002sptr)**

1. Red Coat - White Cockade

Bonnie Prince Charlie is trying to regain the throne of Great

Britain for the Stuart Dynasty.

Meanwhile, a young Englishman finds himself fighting on the wrong side.

Starring Richard Greenwood and Wendy Seager.

Sir Walter Scott's great novel of the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion. Dramatised in four episodes by Roger Danes.

Edward Waverley .... Richard Greenwood

Bradwardine .... John Buick

Flora .... Wendy Seager

Rose .... Maria Miller

Fergus .... James Bryce

Donald Bean Lean .... Paul Young

Davey .... Tom Smith

Houghton .... Stuart McQuarrie

Evan Dhu .... Finlay Welsh

Callum Beg .... Steven McNicoll

Aunt Rachel .... Mary Riggans

Sir Everard .... Robin Thomson

Col. Gardiner .... David McKail

MacWheeble .... John Shedden

Balmawhapple .... Finlay McLean

Alice .... Eliza Langland

Music composed and performed by Iain Johnstone.

With Mhairi Campbell (violin, viola), Ron Shaw (cello), and

Mike Travis (drums).

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.

**MON 16:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b070601q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:30 Jazzed Up: How Jazz Changed Britain (b08dnrq2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**MON 17:00 No Place To Hide (m00113b2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 17:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jz9f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Home Again (m0005nqz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)**

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**MON 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nm5wp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 20:00 Quote... Unquote (b007jphn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**MON 20:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076hv6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002sptr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002rd20)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:30 Listen Against (b00tpswr)**

Series 3

Episode 2

Another week's worth of radio and TV that never happened. It's a bit like the BBC iPlayer, only with two eyes instead of one. And it's got ears.

\* Ecological and broadcast catastrophe strikes as BBC 3 leaks in to other channels.

\* Edward Stourton and Gaby Roslin tunnel to the centre of the earth for Children in Need.

\* Previewing the new musical charting the dramatic lives of the Dimblebys: 'News Brothers'.

Presenters:

Alice Arnold

Jon Holmes

With special guests Marcel Theroux and Julia Hartley-Brewer.

Featuring:

James Bachman

Stephen Critchlow

Sarah Hadland

David Schneider

Written by Jon Holmes, Sam Bryant, John Luke-Roberts,

Gareth Gwynn, Jason Hazely, Joel Morris, Bill Dare and Jon

Hunter.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**MON 23:00 The Naked Week (m002sg68)**

Series 4

The Naked Week team party like it's the 2003 Iraq War.

The Naked Week team party like it's the 2003 Iraq War, and then re-enact it with the help of a Viking.

From The Skewer's Jon Holmes and host Andrew Hunter Murray comes The Naked Week, a fresh way of dressing the week's news in the altogether and parading it around for everyone to laugh at.

With award-winning writers and a crack team of contemporary satirists - and recorded in front of a live audience - The Naked Week delivers an topical news-nude straight to your ears.

Written by:

Jon Holmes

Katie Sayer

Gareth Ceredig

James Kettle

Jason Hazeley

Additional Material:

Karl Minns

Ali Panting

Helen Brooks

Pete Redfern

Cooper Mawhinny Swerty

Joe Topping

Darren Phillips

Investigation:

Cat Neilan

Guests: Rosie Holt, Jimmy The 11th Century Welsh Viking.

Production Team: Tony Churnside, Jerry Peal, David Riffkin.

Production Coordinator: Molly Punshon

Assistant Producer: Katie Sayer

Executive Producer: Philip Abrams

Produced and Directed by Jon Holmes

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

**MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k1qj)**

Series 1

The History of the Future

Badgerland goes international and experience the History of the Future.

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 17 MARCH 2026**

**TUE 00:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b070601q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 Jazzed Up: How Jazz Changed Britain (b08dnrq2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 No Place To Hide (m00113b2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jz9f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Home Again (m0005nqz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jnqc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 For the Love of Leo (m0001g5l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 Quote... Unquote (b007jphn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076hv6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002sptr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 No Place To Hide (m00113cd)**

5. The Kidnap

John Rennie ponders whether to take some extreme measures in order to rescue the kidnapped British agent.

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world of espionage

Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.

John Rennie .... James Kerry

Kathy Swenson .... Margaret Robertson

Joanna de Vries .... Colette Hiller

Mike Ryan .... Keith Bartlett

Khalim Said .... Richard Kay

Gabriella .... Carole Boyd

Hugo Paynter .... David Garth

Adele Palmer .... Susannah Fellows

Arab servant/First policeman .... Peter Van Dissel

Second policeman .... Charles Whaley

English voice/Male voice .... Albert Welling

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

**TUE 06:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jzfm)**

3. Denmark

Ex-Stasi Agent, Otto, has sent Kim to Copenhagen in search of clues to solve her fiancé's death.

Will the mysterious Victor solve the riddle, and why does

Charles always turn up like a bad penny?

Starring Sirioli Jenkins.

Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller.

Kim Drake .... Sirioli Jenkins

Mike Fisher .... Neil Roberts

Anne/Jean .... Kate Binchy

Frank/Otto .... Shaun Prendergast

Stone .... Kenneth Cranham

Miss Gee .... Ann Davies

Todd .... Jack Klaff

Charles .... Okon Jones

Wilson .... Peter Gunn

Doris Meyer .... Joanna Wake

Helga/Prostitute .... Melanie Hudson

DI Dear .... Eric Allen

DS Love/Victor .... Jonathan Tafler

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.

**TUE 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00b2nfp)**

Series 2

The Opium of the People

It's Glorious Reindeer Day in the People's Republic.

Seasonal goodwill abounds, even if light bulbs and religious tolerance don't...

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador MacKenzie .... Dinsdale Landen

William Frost .... Peter Acre

Helen Waterson .... Moir Leslie

Morris .... John Baddeley

Colonel Surikov .... Christopher Benjamin

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1988.

**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b00k7xd2)**

Series 9

The £50 Cure

Neddie Seagoon picks up a lavish NHS prescription for his broken legs.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Spike Milligan

Peter Sellers

Kenneth Connor stands in for Harry Secombe.

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

recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1959.

**TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b082j3cb)**

An Encounter with Mr Handel

Friedrich Handel is down in the dumps because the King is growing tired of his music.

He heads north to Edinburgh for inspiration and meets the ladies of The Fair Intellectual Club - a secret scholarly society for girls.

With the help of Marjory, Handel finds a melancholy theme for a new work. Thanks to the efforts of girl-about-town Ishbel and maths genius Alison, he ends up with a much jauntier, raunchier tune.

Lucy Porter's sitcom is set in early 18th Century Scotland.

Friedrich Handel ..... Gus Brown

Marjory ..... Samara MacLaren

Ishbel ..... Caroline Deyga

Alison ..... Jessica Hardwick

With:

Simon Donaldson

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 A Simple Heart by Gustave Flaubert (m002sqx5)**

1. Félicité

The selfless and devout Félicité arrives to work in the household of Madame Aubain in the small, French town of Pont-l'Évêque.

Gustave Flaubert's classic tale of a woman's life in 19th-century Normandy inspired Julian Barnes to write Flaubert's Parrot.

Translated by Robert Baldick.

Abridged in three parts by Alison Joseph.

Read by Julian Barnes.

Producer Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

**TUE 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nm9s6)**

Ladies of Letters Crunch Credit

2. Discovery

Vera discovers she is not the only person living on her allotment, while Irene nurses her vagrant friend back to health.

Grandmothers Irene Spencer and Vera Small continue their tempestuous correspondence in tough economic times.

Starring Patricia Routledge and Prunella Scales.

Written by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman.

Vera Small .... Patricia Routledge

Irene Spencer .... Prunella Scales

Howard Small .... Christopher Kelham

Judith Brain .... Francis Jeater

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

**TUE 09:00 Wing It (m002sfvs)**

Series 2

2. In AI's Defence...

Cariad Lloyd, Thomas Mayo, Emma Sidi, and Lola Rose-Maxwell embark on more improv mayhem. Host Alasdair Beckett-King presides over a series of games featuring a visit from the grim reaper, overly protective mothers, and a passionate defence of AI.

"No Script. No Prep. No Clue."

Presented by Alasdair Beckett-King.

Starring Cariad Lloyd, Thomas Mayo, Emma Sidi, and Lola Rose-Maxwell

Devised by Sam Holmes

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Co-ordinator: Katie Baum

Sound Editor: Chris Maclean

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

**TUE 09:30 Just So Science (b047951q)**

Series 2

2. The Crab that Played with the Sea

Vivienne Parry considers another of the animals of Rudyard Kipling's much loved Just So Stories for Children.

Assisted by researchers of 'infinite sagacity', she sets out to discover whether his fantasies contain any grains of truth?

In 'The Crab that Played with the Sea', Kipling tells the tale of arrogant and mischievous Pau Amma the mighty King Crab who eventually gets his comeuppance.

For paleontologist Richard Fortey, it's the indestructible horseshoe crab that should be regarded as truly regal.

With its copper-rich blue blood and incredible longevity, it has remained almost stubbornly the same for nearly 500 million years! .

Excerpts from the stories are read by Samuel West.

Producer: Rami Tzabar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002sqx8)**

Fight the good fight - Overcoming adversity

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

Theme:  
Fight the good fight - Overcoming adversity  
Presenter: Father Eugene O'Neill  
Reading: James 1:1-7  
Music:  
Alone with none but Thee, my God  
St Patrick's Breastplate.  
**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m00010s2)**  
Sarah Keyworth & Lissa Evans  
Author Lissa Evans and comedian Sarah Keyworth join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Oliver Sacks, Cheryl Strayed and David Garnett.  
Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood by Oliver Sacks  
Publisher: Picador  
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed  
Publisher: Atlantic Books  
Lady into Fox by David Garnett  
Publisher: Dover Publications  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2020.  
**TUE 10:30 Jazzed Up: How Jazz Changed Britain (b08ffv2x)**  
2. Duke Ellington  
A century after the first jazz recordings, Kevin Le Gendre explores how Jazz was received in the UK.  
Second of a three-part series.  
Kevin looks at the influence of the visits of Duke Ellington before and after the Second World War.  
Producer: Harry Parker  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.  
**TUE 11:00 No Place To Hide (m00113cd)**  
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**TUE 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nm9s6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**TUE 14:00 Genius (b0076vc0)**  
Series 2  
Johnny Vegas  
From a robotic dog to friendly car horns.  
Dave Gorman asks comedian and actor Johnny Vegas to select the public's best loopy idea.  
Series in which award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.  
Producer: Simon Nicholls  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.  
**TUE 14:30 Says on the Tin (b00h62pp)**  
Face Cream  
Eliott and Esther are on the brink of admitting their attraction when a young actress with a father fixation fixes on Eliott.  
Starring Michael Brandon.  
Comedy by Christopher William Hill about an American ad man, forced to relocate to London.  
Eliott Thurber ..... Michael Brandon  
Esther Finn ..... Samantha Bond  
Hannah Walker ..... Pippa Haywood  
Pippa Walker ..... Manjeet Mann  
Zadie ..... Joannah Tincey  
Baz ..... Inam Mirza  
Max ..... Robert Lonsdale  
Rutter ..... Stephen Critchlow  
Angelique ..... Donlla Hughes  
Other parts played by:  
Janice Acquah  
Jill Cardo  
Jonathan Tafler  
Gunnar Cauthery  
Producer: Liz Webb  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.  
**TUE 15:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002sqxc)**  
2. The Clash of Love and Duty  
Waverley, on leave from his regiment, has been injured at the great stag hunt.  
Starring Richard Greenwood and Wendy Seager.  
A young Englishman is caught up in Bonnie Prince Charlie's attempt to regain the throne of Great Britain for the Stuart Dynasty.  
Sir Walter Scott's great novel of the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion.  
Dramatised by Roger Danes.  
Edward Waverley .... Richard Greenwood  
Flora .... Wendy Seager  
Rose .... Maria Miller  
Fergus .... James Bryce  
Donald Bean Lean .... Paul Young  
Davey .... Tom Smith  
Houghton .... Stuart McQuarrie  
Tims .... Finlay Welsh

Col. Gardiner .... David McKeall  
Callum Beg .... Steven McNicoll  
Aunt Rachel .... Mary Riggans  
Sir Everard .... Robin Thomson  
Sir Richard .... Sandy Neilson  
MacWheeble .... John Shedden  
Jeannie .... Ceit Kearney  
Music composed and performed by Iain Johnstone.  
With Mhairi Campbell (violin, viola), Ron Shaw (cello), and Mike Travis (drums).  
Director: Patrick Rayner  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.  
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**TUE 22:00 Wing It (m002fvs)**  
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**TUE 22:30 John Shuttleworth's Lounge Music (b084tr0)**  
Series 2  
Mari Wilson  
John Shuttleworth invites singer Mari Wilson to his Sheffield home to perform one of her own songs and also, more importantly, one of his.  
Joan Chitty gets very excited about Mari's visit as she used to have a wonderful beehive and Joan would like Mari to give her the same look.  
John is not convinced this is a good idea as Joan has very short spiky hair and far too much hair lacquer would be required.  
Anyway, there are more important things to be done.  
Mari needs to sing one of John's songs and John has to prepare for a medley of Mari's songs and get Top Tips on the Telephone from Tony Burrows who famously appeared on Top of The Pops three times in one show!  
Written and Performed by Graham Fellows.  
With special guests  
Mari Wilson  
Toni Burrows  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in December 2016.  
**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002t41v)**  
Hal Cruttenden 2/3  
The Comedy Club keeps the laughs coming from **10pm** to midnight, every night of the week. Tonight, Alison Spittle picks up her chat with Hal Cruttenden.  
**TUE 23:00 Paul Sinha's History Revision (b08wqs1g)**  
Series 3  
Episode 4  
Comedian and quizzier Paul Sinha shines a light on the important historical moments that you never got taught at school.  
This time, he looks at some political blunders which have not yet been turned into films.  
He also reviews the history of historical films - from the first ever film, to the least accurate film, to the film that killed off the greatest percentage of its cast and crew, he celebrates cinema's documentation of the otherwise undocumented.  
Paul Sinha's History Revision was the winner of the 2016 Rose d'Or for 'Best Radio Comedy'.  
Written and performed by Paul Sinha.  
Producer: Ed Morrish  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.  
**TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b011v7ys)**  
Series 8  
Derren Brown interviews Tim Minchin  
The illusionist and the musical comedian in the talk tag show where the guest is the next interviewer  
Derren Brown quizzes Tim Minchin about beliefs, magic, music and Minchin.  
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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**WED 06:00 No Place To Hide (m00113j2)**  
6. Some Indications of Paranoia  
With the mission over in Amsterdam, can John Rennie deal with the consequences of his actions?  
Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.  
Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world of espionage.  
Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.  
John Rennie .... James Kerry  
Kathy Swenson .... Margaret Robertson  
Joanna de Vries .... Colette Hiller  
Mike Ryan .... Keith Bartlett  
Hugo Paynter .... David Garth  
Khalim Said .... Richard Kay  
Harry Mason .... Malcolm Ward  
Adele Palmer .... Susannah Fellows  
Mrs Paynter/Receptionist .... Narissa Knights  
Adam Frederick .... Lockwood West  
Dr Coombs .... John Forbes-Robertson  
Arab/Dutch voice .... Peter Van Dissel  
Messenger .... Michael Jenner  
Director: Christopher Venning  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.  
**WED 06:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgl)**  
4. Paris  
Following the unsuccessful attempt on Kim's life at Elsinor by Miss Gee, Kim turns to Todd for help.  
In Paris, Kim and Charles meet Seeta, a fugitive with a dreadful secret.  
Starring Siriol Jenkins.  
Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller.  
Kim Drake .... Siriol Jenkins  
Mike Fisher .... Neil Roberts  
Anne/Clearwater/Jean .... Kate Binchy  
Frank/Burns/Otto .... Shaun Prendergast  
Stone .... Kenneth Cranham  
Miss Gee .... Ann Davies  
Todd .... Jack Klaff  
Charles .... Okon Jones  
Seeta Kumar .... Mamta Kaash  
Wilson .... Peter Gunn  
Computer .... Joanna Wake  
DS Love .... Jonathan Tafler  
John Maschler .... Terence Edmond  
Welkin .... William Roberts  
Director: Adrian Bean  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.  
**WED 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00tx3dp)**  
Series 4  
Episode 5  
When an opera star visits, council leader John shows his true colours.  
The Parish council needs its money, but will the bank be able to pay out?  
'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 (m002snk6)**  
It's Hancock: The Missing Page

The lad makes a shocking discovery in a library book.  
A 1965 LP recording made of an original Hancock BBC TV programme first broadcast in 1960.  
Starring Tony Hancock.  
With:  
Sid James  
Clive Dunn  
Graham Stark  
Frank Thornton  
Eileen Way  
Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.  
Released in 1965.  
**WED 08:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000tlw0)**  
Series 4  
5. Have A Break  
It's lunch hour at Hardacre's, and Joe is taking five minutes out of his day to practice mindfulness. Or he would be, if he didn't keep getting interrupted.  
Amanda wants the conference room, Teddy wants to eat Joe's lunch, and Hardacre just wants to know what on earth he's doing.  
As he attempts to negotiate himself five minutes of peace, Joe finds himself dragged into a discussion of different methods of self-improvement, self-help, and self-realisation.  
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  
Producer: Gordon Kennedy  
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2021.  
**WED 08:30 A Simple Heart by Gustave Flaubert (m002snk8)**  
2. Two Sorrows  
Félicité and Madame Aubain endure two terrible losses - then a neighbour gives them a parting gift...  
Translated by Robert Baldick  
Abridged by Alison Joseph  
Read by Julian Barnes  
Producer: Duncan Minshull  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.  
**WED 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nmyw9)**  
Ladies of Letters Crunch Credit  
3. Rescue  
Vera causes chaos when she attempts to rescue Irene from a sinister fate.  
Grandmothers Irene Spencer and Vera Small continue their tempestuous correspondence in tough economic times.  
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  
Chris Thorogood .... Stephen Hogan  
Producer: Liz Webb  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.  
**WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002sf62)**  
Live from the UK  
S2 E3: What's In Your Briefcase?  
Angela Barnes is trekking around the country, and finding what their comedy clubs have to offer.  
So, if you want to know what percentage of body fat is ideal, why renaissance statues rub Liam up the wrong way, and an idea for a new, inclusive phone advert, this is the show for you.  
In this episode, you can hear:  
Steffan Alun at the Swansea Grand  
James Ellis at Brighton Komedia  
Liam Bolton at Hot Water Comedy Club in Liverpool  
Diona Doherty at the Empire Music Hall in Belfast  
Additional Material by Ruth Husko  
Recorded by David Thomas 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 Just So Science (b047bzlb)**  
Series 2  
3. The Sing-Song of Old Man Kangaroo  
Vivienne Parry considers another of the animals from Rudyard Kipling's much loved Just So Stories for Children.  
Assisted by researchers of 'infinite sagacity', she sets out to discover whether his fantasies contain any grains of truth?  
So what about Old Man Kangaroo?  
Jon Hutchinson and Maria Nilsson discuss how the kangaroo got his hop and why TV's Skippy is no longer considered Australian - at least, genetically.  
Excerpts read by Samuel West.  
Producer: Rami Tzabar  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.  
**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002snkd)**  
Fight the good fight - Endurance in hardship  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: Fight the good fight - Endurance in hardship  
Presenter: Heavilyn Ohene-Akrasi  
Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Amazing Grace - Melodees from Heaven  
Turning around for me - VaShawn Mitchell  
Gracefully broken - Tasha Cobbs  
**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b074vs1b)**  
The Art of the Lyricist  
Actor and singer Clarke Peters explores the career and legacy of 'My Fair Lady' lyricist Alan Jay Lerner.  
Lerner often said that he sweated for weeks to write a lyric for a song.  
His words highlighted the struggle that he and the other legendary wordsmiths of musical theatre had as they sought to hone the right words to fit their collaborator's music - words which would sometimes translate into the vernacular and speech of generations afterwards - expressions like "Get me to the Church on Time" (Lerner) or "Everything's Coming Up Roses" (Sondheim).  
Clarke explores the art of Alan Jay Lerner as well as other musical theatre lyricists which fill the BBC archives.  
Many of the songwriting greats are there - Yip Harburg, writer of "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?", Dorothy Fields (lyric writer of the hit show "Sweet Charity") and the great Oscar Hammerstein.  
Also, the artists who delivered both words and music - like Irving Berlin and Stephen Sondheim Plus surprises like PG Wodehouse who, as well as writing the famous "Jeeves" books, also wrote lyrics for musical theatre.  
Featuring fresh interviews with:  
\* Lyricist Charles Hart (writer of words for "Phantom of the Opera" and more recently "Bend it like Beckham")  
\* Millie Taylor, Professor of Musical Theatre at Winchester University  
\* Alan Jay Lerner expert, Dominic McHugh.  
Clarke Peters presents this journey of crafting the words for the perfect musical theatre song.  
Discover the pleasures and pitfalls of a lyricist's life as he takes us through from first thought to the opening night.  
Producer: Emma Kingsley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.  
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**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000n5g1)**  
Series 15  
Episode 5  
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Alice Levine welcome:  
\* Comedian Ken Cheng  
\* Jewellery and silverware designer Theo Fennell  
\* Supernanny Jo Frost  
The Museum's Guest Committee donate the Starship Enterprise, a bottle of rum and the perfect after dinner singsong.  
Researchers: Mike Turner and Anne Miller of QI.  
Producers: Richard Turner & James Harkin.  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.  
**WED 14:30 Turf Wars (b00zf33t)**  
An Incident at the Border  
Nigel Planer stars as a border-guard in Kieran Lynn's comedy about boundaries that are both territorial and personal.  
Arthur and Olivia take the sun in their local park on a beautiful summer's day. Olivia is reading a newspaper article on their country's new-found independence. It seems that no-one knows quite what the terms are for the secession. Arthur couldn't care less. He's apolitical and just enjoying watching the ducks.  
Suddenly a soldier arrives, dragging a tape across the ground, marking out the new border. He barges between the two young lovers. Now one is on one side of the new border, and one on the other!  
Arthur's attempt to cross is met with a stun-gun jolt from the guard, who has as little understanding of the new rules as the couple. He just knows he has been trained to be suspicious of everyone who isn't from 'this country' which now includes Arthur!  
How can our lovers be reunited?  
Reiver ..... Nigel Planer  
Olivia ..... Leah Brotherhead  
Arthur ..... Joseph Kloska  
Director: Peter Kavanagh  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.  
**WED 15:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002snkg)**  
3. Bonnet, Belt and Sword  
Due to stand trial for treason, Waverley has been rescued by the rebels..  
Starring Richard Greenwood and Wendy Seager.  
A young Englishman is caught up in Bonnie Prince Charlie's attempt to regain the throne of Great Britain for the Stuart

Dynasty,  
Sir Walter Scott's great novel of the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion.  
Dramatised by Roger Daves.  
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Bradwardine .... John Buick  
Flora .... Wendy Seager  
Rose .... Maria Miller  
Fergus .... James Bryce  
Prince Charles .... Tom Smith  
Col. Talbot .... Crawford Logan  
Houghton .... Stuart McQuarrie  
Evan Dhu .... Finlay Welsh  
Col. Gardiner .... David McKail  
Callum Beg .... Steven McNicoll  
Mrs. Flockhart .... Eliza Langland  
Janet .... Alyxis Daly  
MacWhebble .... John Shedden  
Balmawhapple .... Finlay McLean  
Music composed and performed by Iain Johnstone.  
With Mhairi Campbell (violin, viola), Ron Shaw (cello), and Mike Travis (drums).  
Director: Patrick Rayner  
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**WED 22:30 The Malthy Collection (b00mjrxp)**  
Series 3  
Episode 4  
Interviewed 'in depth' by Cleaners' Weekly (incorporating The Scrubbers' Gazette), cleaner Eva Tattle manages to offend the entire museum in the process...  
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  
Eva Tattle ..... Julia Deakin  
Prunella Edgecombe ..... Rachel Atkins  
Susie Maltby ..... Margaret Cabourn-Smith  
Julian Crumb-Loosely ..... Ben Willbond  
Wilf Arbutnot ..... Geoff McGivern  
Des Wainwright ..... Michael Smiley  
Stelios Constantinopoulos ..... Chris Pavlo  
Mike Willis ..... Stephen K Amos  
Producer: Colin Anderson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.  
**WED 23:00 Felicity Ward - Appisodes (m000q3tt)**  
Series 2  
Pregnancy  
The return of the series in which Australian stand-up Felicity Ward tries to solve her mental health issues - one app at a time. In the opening episode, Felicity purchases pregnancy app "Do it with Daisy" (played by comedian Lou Sanders).  
With the aid of her trusty mobile phone can she navigate the challenges of pregnancy and download her way to some form of happiness?  
Written and performed by Felicity Ward.  
Script Editor: Gareth Gwynn  
Producer: Adnan Ahmed  
A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020.  
**WED 23:15 Jamie MacDonald: Life on the Blink (m00119d1)**  
Series 2  
Have I Got Views for You  
Jamie MacDonald is a Glaswegian stand-up comedian who found himself rapidly going blind in his teens.  
Back for another series, Jamie shows how he used humour to turn denial into acceptance.  
He managed to find the spotlight as the darkness descended and has turned some pretty dark experiences into hilarious stories and anecdotes.  
This time Jamie tells his side of the 'Have I Got News for You' TV story that needlessly outraged half of social media.  
And he shows that, even in hospital, the best of intentions can be misguided.

Producer: Julia Sutherland

A Dabster Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2023.

**WED 23:30 Liam Williams: Ladhoo (b09b0wnb)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Comedian Liam Williams concludes recounting his youthful misadventures in this autobiographical sitcom. After graduating, Liam is back in his parent's house while his girlfriend enjoys the trip of a lifetime on the other side of the world.

Adjusting to the real world won't be easy.

Written and performed by Liam Williams.

With:

Al Roberts

Emma Sidi

Freya Parker

Kieran Hodgson

Paul G Raymond

Sally Grace

Paul Copley

Producer: Joe Nunnery

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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000n5g1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Turf Wars (b00zf3zt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002snkg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 No Place To Hide (m0011319)**

7. Rennie Flies Out

The mission is over, but can John Rennie deal with becoming

the target of his own side?

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world

of espionage.

Spy-based serial written by Ted Allbeury.

John Rennie .... James Kerry

Kathy Swenson .... Margaret Robertson

Joanna de Vries .... Colette Hiller

Hugo Paynter .... David Garth

Harry Mason .... Malcolm Ward

Mary Rennie .... Ellen McIntosh

Dr Coombs .... John Forbes-Robertson

Adam Fredericks .... Lockwood West

Tommy Parks .... William Eedle

Mrs Winfield/Stewardess .... Narissa Knights

Taxi driver .... Peter Acre

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

**THU 06:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgw)**

5. Oxford

Acting on information from Seeta, Kim and DS Love follow the

trail towards "Bird in Hand".

But what secrets will their digging unearth...?

Starring Siriol Jenkins.

Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller.

Kim Drake .... Siriol Jenkins

Todd .... Jack Klaff

Stone .... Kenneth Cranham

Charles .... Okon Jones

DS Love .... Jonathan Tafler

Jill Noone .... Alice Arnold

John Maschler .... Terence Edmond

Anne .... Kate Binchy

Frank .... Shaun Prendergast

Wilson .... Peter Gunn

Nelson .... Kenneth McClellan

Doctor .... Teresa Streatfield

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.

**THU 07:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)**

The Inaudible Man

1903: a murky autumn day. The Honourable Clarence Green

enters the lobby of what turns out to be one of the queerest

clubs in London.

In the Smoking Room, he eagerly listens to the first creepy tale

of an otolaryngologist.

Starring Terence Stamp, Joss Ackland and Spike Milligan.

Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series written by Ian

Brown and James Hendrie

Dr Bates ..... Terence Stamp

Wyvern ..... Joss Ackland

Psychiatrist ..... Spike Milligan

Arturo ..... Andrew Sachs

Green ..... Royce Mills

Mrs Boyle ..... Sheila Steafel

Felch ..... Michael Ripper:

Policeman ..... Arthur Smith

Hornby ..... Adam Wide

Music by Max Harris.

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

**THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs5xs)**

Series 2

Journey Into the Unknown the Burkiss Way

Tighten your ectoplasm, fill your pen with invisible ink and

you're ready for some transcendental instruction.

Imparted from:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living.

With an ethereal script by Andrew Marshall and David

Renwick.

Other-worldly production by Simon Brett.

Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January

1977.

**THU 08:00 All Those Women (b085z1bb)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations

of women living under one roof.

Between new schools, lunch clubs ('I might just crochet myself

a death certificate') and teacher training, everyone seems to

have something new on the horizon, everyone apart from

Maggie that is.

Even Nigel is going to the gym. But perhaps Maggie can be

persuaded to take a chance on a meeting?

All Those Women explores familial relationships, ageing,

marriages – it's about life and love and things not turning out

quite the way that you'd expected them to.

Join Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily as they struggle to resolve

their own problems, and support one another.

Hetty ..... Marcia Warren

Maggie ..... Lesley Manville

Jen ..... Sinead Matthews

Emily ..... Lucy Hutchinson

David ..... Denis Lill

Stuart ..... Nick Underwood

Heather ..... Katherine Jakeways

Judith ..... Alison Belbin

Elderly Woman ..... Clare Perkins

Producer: Alexandra Smith

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

December 2016.

**THU 08:30 A Simple Heart by Gustave Flaubert (m002sqzl)**

3. Taxidermy

Félicité has a new friend to bring comfort as she grows old in

the house which is no longer hers.

Gustave Flaubert's classic tale of a woman's life in 19th-century

Normandy inspired Julian Barnes to write Flaubert's Parrot.

Translated by Robert Baldick

Abridged by Alison Joseph

Concluded by Julian Barnes

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997.

**THU 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nn2hj)**

Ladies of Letters Crunch Credit

4. Fear

Vera fears that Irene has ended up in the Hospital Psych ward!

Grandmothers Irene Spencer and Vera Small continue their

tempetuous correspondence in tough economic times.

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 May 2008.

**THU 09:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002sg20)**

Series 2

1. The Politics of Boredom

Can boredom really explain modern politics? It might just be

the most honest answer anyone's given in Westminster for

years.

Top political comedian Matt Forde convenes his Focus Group

in front of a live theatre audience with a brilliantly eclectic

panel — chef and campaigner Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall,

political journalist Miranda Green, and German stand-up

Henning Wehn — to get to the bottom of one of politics' least

glamorous but most powerful driving forces.

Written and performed by Matt Forde

Additional writing from Karl Minns, Katie Storey and Richard

Garvin

Producer: Richard Garvin

Co Producer: Daisy Knight

Broadcast Assistant: Sahar Rajabali

Sound Design and Editing: David Thomas

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4

**THU 09:30 Just So Science (b047c31j)**

Series 2

4. The Butterfly That Stamped

Vivienne Parry considers another of the animals of Rudyard

Kipling's much loved Just So Stories for Children.

Assisted by researchers of 'infinite sagacity', she sets out to

discover whether his fantasies contain any grains of truth?

Kipling tells of a boastful butterfly threatening to bring down a

palace with the beat of his wings.

But as Vivienne discovers, the butterfly effect is a real

phenomenon in science.

With:

\* Chemist Andrea Sella

\* Meteorologist Paul Davies

Excerpts read by Samuel West.

Producer: Rami Tzabar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002sqzp)**

Fight the good fight - Strength that comes from

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Fight the good fight - Strength that comes from

Presenter: Sharon Grenham Thompson

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

**THU 10:00 Great Lives (b085tted)**

Ruth Holdaway on Helen Rollason

Ruth Holdaway - the former Chief Executive of Women in

Sport - picks pioneering sports broadcaster Helen Rollason.

Helen trained as a teacher, but after stints in community and

local radio, moved to the BBC to report for and later present the

BBC's 'Newsround' for children.

She kept her hand in with sport and made history in 1990 when

she was appointed as the first female presenter of BBC TV's

flagship 'Grandstand'.

Sport was largely a male-dominated world at the time and there

were plenty both inside and outside the Corporation who would

have happily have seen her fail.

Helen died in 1999 aged 43.

Presented by Matthew Parkes.

With John Caunt who helped Helen write her autobiography.

Plus contributions from:

\* Clare Balding

\* James Pearce

\* Deb Crook

Producer: Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

**THU 10:30 Jazzed Up: How Jazz Changed Britain (b08g542h)**

3. Influence

A century after the first jazz recordings, Kevin Le Gendre

explores how Jazz was received in the UK.

Conclusion of a three-part series.

Kevin investigates the role of jazz in Britain after the Second

World War ended, and how the split between traditional and

modern jazz showed itself in other art forms such as poetry.

Producer: Harry Parker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.

**THU 11:00 No Place To Hide (m0011319)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 12:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs5xs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 13:00 All Those Women (b085z1bb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 13:30 A Simple Heart by Gustave Flaubert (m002sqzl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nn2hj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

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 McHallem  
Polly Acton ..... Joanna Munro  
Eamonn Doyle ..... Patrick Fitzsymons  
Mr Boylan ..... Derek Bailey

Pianist: Michael Harrison  
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.

**THU 15:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002sqzr)**

4. Liberty in Every Blow  
Edward Waverley and the Jacobite army reach Derby, but then the retreat commences.

Starring Richard Greenwood and Wendy Seager.

A young Englishman is caught up in Bonnie Prince Charlie's attempt to regain the throne of Great Britain for the Stuart Dynasty.

Sir Walter Scott's great novel of the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion.  
Dramatised by Roger Danes.

Edward Waverley .... Richard Greenwood  
Bradwardine .... John Buick  
Flora .... Wendy Seager

Rose .... Maria Miller  
Fergus .... James Bryce  
Prince Charles .... Tom Smith  
Col. Talbot .... Crawford Logan  
Evan Dhu .... Finlay Welsh

Judge .... Derek Anders  
Callum Beg .... Steven McNicoll  
Mrs Flockhart .... Eliza Langland  
Mrs Nosebag .... Alyxis Daly  
MacWheeble .... John Sheidden  
Murray .... Iain Agnew

Music composed and performed by Iain Johnstone.  
With Mhairi Campbell (violin, viola), Ron Shaw (cello), and Mike Travis (drums).

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1994.

**THU 16:00 Great Lives (b085ttcd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:30 Jazzed Up: How Jazz Changed Britain (b08g542h)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nn2hj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 20:00 Who Goes There? (b00766w1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**THU 20:30 Ballylenon (b00y97f6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002sqzr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**THU 22:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002sg20)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01mk5nk)**

Series 2

Hermicia

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

More memories as Brian relives his experiences in Hermicia where charity is strangely in abundance.  
Starring Neil Pearson and Mariah Gale.

A satirical adventure story from Bill Dare.

Brian Gulliver ..... Neil Pearson

Rachel Gulliver ..... Mariah Gale

Kalfa ..... Colin Houlton

Mena ..... Nina Conti

Boria ..... Martin Trenaman

Doctor ..... Patrick Brennan

Rimanda ..... Amaka Okafor

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.

**THU 23:00 At Home with the Snails (b007k2h6)**

Series 1

Episode 1

George is Professor of Symbolics at Oxford University and is desperately trying to write a book.

His depressed son Alex has done nothing since university until, one day, he starts to become obsessed with snails.

His father now has material for his next book.

Meanwhile his mother makes things for all the family, including a big cuddly snail, and together, this nice middle-class English family go quietly mad.

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Gerard Foster.

Gerard Foster's comedy drama about a man with an unusual hobby.

George ..... Geoffrey Palmer

Beverly ..... Angela Thorne

Alex ..... Gerard Foster

Rose ..... Miranda Hart

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

**THU 23:30 Small Scenes (b04lq2ys)**

Series 2

Episode 2

Oxford Zoo is annexed by its own monkey kingdom and a young woman falls under the romantic spell of "The Great Dimbleby."

Symphonious sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Sara Pascoe

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike

Wozniak.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 No Place To Hide (m0011319)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jzgw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k1w6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:30 The Burkiss Way (b00gs5xs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:00 All Those Women (b085z1bb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 03:30 A Simple Heart by Gustave Flaubert (m002sqzl)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

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**FRI 05:00 Waverley by Sir Walter Scott (m002sqzr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 No Place To Hide (m00113q5)**

8. The Final Encounter

Can John and Joanna manage to escape his complicated past, and find peace and happiness?

Starring John Kerry and Margaret Robertson.

Journalist Kathy Swenson is caught up in the frightening world of espionage.

Conclusion of Ted Allbeury's spy-based serial.

John Rennie .... James Kerry

Kathy Swenson .... Margaret Robertson

Joanna de Vries .... Colette Hiller

Doctor .... Wolf Kahler

Mr Bernstein .... Aaron Swartz

Adam Fredericks .... Lockwood West

Hugo Paynter .... David Garth

Telephone operator/Secretary .... Janie Booth

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

**FRI 06:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jn1q)**

6. Virtual Truth

As Miss Gee persuades Kim to tell all about "Bird in Hand", Wilson plays an unexpected hand and Todd approaches his final hour.

Will he take the world with him?

Starring Siriol Jenkins.

Conclusion of Shaun Prendergast's techno thriller.

Kim Drake .... Siriol Jenkins

Todd .... Jack Klaff

Stone .... Kenneth Cranham

Miss Gee .... Ann Davies

DS Love .... Jonathan Tafler

DI Dear .... Eric Allan

Wilson .... Peter Gunn

John Maschler .... Terence Edmond

Anne .... Kate Binchy

Frank .... Shaun Prendergast

Welkin/Journalist .... William Roberts

Computer .... Joanna Wake

Director: Adrian Bean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1992.

**FRI 07:00 No Commitments (b007jv56)**

Series 1

Sisters Of Mercy

Anna is coming to terms with no longer being a carer and having 'no commitments' after the death of her father.

But she struggles to be free of her younger sisters.

Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.

Anna .... Rosemary Leach

Victoria .... Nicola Pagett

Charlotte .... Celia Imrie

Delia .... Maxine Audley

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1992.

**FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jmhk)**

Series 4

A Box in Town

Albert hinders the romantic endeavours of his son Harold.

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:

Yootha Joyce

Katherine Parr

Sheila Grant

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

**FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001bssk)**

Series 12

Tring

Mark Steel continues his award-winning show travelling around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness.

After thoroughly researching each town, he writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience.

Mark moves on to Tring in Hertfordshire and discovers the home of the Natural History Museum, and the former private museum of Walter Rothschild, where he goes to see the exhibit of fleas dressed as Mexicans.

Written and performed by Mark Steel.

Additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2022.

**FRI 08:30 Short Works (m00297dp)**

A Little Fine by Tendai Huchu

"Everything is more perfect in the story inside your head..."

When a man returns home to Bindura, Zimbabwe after years of living in the West, he finds old connections strained by his long absence. Books must bridge the gap.

Written by Tendai Huchu.

Read by Manu Kurewa.

Writer Tendai Huchu was born in Zimbabwe and lives in Edinburgh.

He is the author of "The Hairdresser of Harare" and the Edinburgh Nights series of contemporary fantasy novels for young adults.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

A BBC Audio Scotland Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2025.

**FRI 08:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nnp61)**

Ladies of Letters Crunch Credit

5. Compound

Irene is horrified that her whole family are now living in Vera's compound.

Grandmothers Irene Spencer and Vera Small continue their tempestuous correspondence in tough economic times.

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

Michaela Thorogood .... Caroline Guthrie

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

**FRI 09:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cf0c)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Miles Jupp and guests with whimsical sketches galore.

In this episode, an Unexpected Visitor at The Grange and Miles turns his hand to a new BBC1 game show

He also guests on the new podcast 'Jumpers of My Life' with Seann Walsh, and fights Julia Davis for a major role in a major new movie.

Starring Miles Jupp.

With:

Julia Davis

Justin Edwards

Philip Fox

David Gower

Simon Mann  
 Dominique Moore  
 Vicki Pepperdine  
 Diana Speed  
 Seann Walsh  
 Andy Zaltzman  
 Written by Miles Jupp and James Kettle.  
 Script edited by Graeme Garden.  
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd  
 A Random Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2022.  
**FRI 09:30 Just So Science (b047c776)**  
 Series 2  
 5. The Elephant's Child  
 Vivienne Parry considers another of the animals of Rudyard Kipling's much loved Just So Stories for Children. Assisted by researchers of 'infinite sagacity', she sets out to discover whether his fantasies contain any grains of truth? Kipling tells of the elephant got his trunk from a crocodile on the banks of the great grey-green greasy Limpopo river. But does science understand how their trunk really evolved? Vivienne talks to researchers Kathleen Smith and her husband William Kier about the wonders of muscular hydrostats (trunks, tongues and tentacles to you and me). Biologist Jon Hutchinson ponders the elephant's aquatic origins. Excerpts read by Samuel West  
 Producer: Rami Tzabar  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.  
**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002sn19)**  
 Fight the Good Fight - Finishing the 'race'  
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
 Theme: Fight the good fight - Finishing the 'race'  
 Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8  
 Music:  
 Be Thou My Vision  
 Calon Lán  
 May The Road Rise Up To Meet You  
**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b0076bdb)**  
 Series 3  
 Barber's Adagio for Strings  
 When Samuel Barber wrote his Adagio at the age of 26, he described it as "a knockout!".  
 But he could never have anticipated that it would become America's "national funeral music".  
 Leonard Slatkin talks about conducting it at the 'Last Night of the Proms' after 9/11 (11th September 2001).  
 Dana Capatiano describes hearing it on a road trip across America.  
 George Little describes hearing it as his mother died.  
 Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.  
 Produced by Rosie Boulton  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.  
**FRI 10:30 A Dewey Decimal (b00xlmjr)**  
 The Dewey Decimal System has organised books in libraries for 140 years.  
 Its inventor, Melvil Dewey, was so obsessed with efficiency, he had specific pockets for different times of the day.  
 2004 BBC Mastermind winner, Shaun Wallace, goes to his local library to see how the system works and wonders whether, thanks to the dominance of the internet, we have lost something precious.  
 Taking part:  
 \* Prof Wayne A Wiegand - biographer of Dewey - Irrepressible Reformer - A Life of Melvil Dewey  
 \* Caroline Kent - of the British Library and also member of the Dewey Decimal editorial policy committee  
 \* Rita Carter - author of Mapping the Mind  
 \* Michele Roberts - author and ex librarian  
 \* Mike (Michael) Jackson - Birmingham City University  
 \* Bernie McManamon - reader development and marketing manager - Brent Libraries  
 \* Sarah Smith - Children and young people's manager - Brent Libraries  
 \* John Humphrys  
 Reader Kerry Shale  
 Producer James Cook  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.  
**FRI 11:00 No Place To Hide (m00113q5)**  
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**FRI 11:30 Only the Good Die Young (b007jn1q)**  
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**FRI 12:00 No Commitments (b007jv56)**  
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 13:30 Short Works (m00297dp)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 13:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nnp61)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b00mf3kk)**  
 Series 2  
 Roy Hattersley  
 Former Labour party Deputy Leader and writer, Roy Hattersley quizzes a panel about his own political career, whims and interests.  
 With:

Sue Perkins  
 Lucy Porter  
 Robin Ince  
 Mark Dolan  
 Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.  
 Script by Richard Turner and Simon Littlefield.  
 Devised and produced by Aled Evans.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.  
**FRI 14:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jv8vr)**  
 Series 3  
 Ice  
 Winter is inevitable, a disappearing lollipop-lady is not. But the two in combination spark real problems for the staff at King Street Junior.  
 School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.  
 Mrs Devon ..... Carolyn Pickles  
 Miss Lewis ..... Marlene Sidaway  
 Mr Maxwell ..... Michael Cochrane  
 Mr Long ..... Paul Copley  
 Miss Featherstone ..... Teresa Gallagher  
 Miss Reid ..... Jacqueline Beatty  
 Mrs Khan ..... Janice Acquah  
 Luch ..... Rebecca McElroy  
 Amanda ..... Jodie Devlin  
 Jacinda ..... Katie Walker  
 Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998.  
 King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.  
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.  
**FRI 15:00 Dewey Eyed by Sarah Naomi Lee (b00jcgxc)**  
 Philippa is a librarian from a long line of librarians. When her father dies and her mother loses her wits, Philippa tries the only language Vera understands, that of the Dewey cataloguing system.  
 Can it help guide her back to sanity?  
 Starring Olivia Colman and Sheila Reid.  
 Written by Sarah Naomi Lee  
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 Philippa .... Olivia Colman  
 Vera .... Sheila Reid  
 Sheila .... Caroline Guthrie  
 Alistair .... Paul Rider  
 Director: Jessica Dromgoole  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009  
**FRI 15:45 Short Works (b09jx8mt)**  
 The Boundary by Jhumpa Lahiri  
 A new story for the BBC by Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Jhumpa Lahiri.  
 Set in a remote Italian village, a teenage girl, of immigrant parents, wonders why her life is so different from those of the happy, glossy young families who come to holiday there.  
 Read by Deeviya Meir.  
 Jhumpa Lahiri has won numerous awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for her debut short story collection, The Interpreter of Maladies and the Frank O'Connor Award for her collection Unaccustomed Earth.  
 She has recently been awarded the 29th PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short story  
 Abridged and produced by Justine Willett.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017  
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**FRI 19:45 Ladies of Letters (b00nnp61)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**FRI 20:00 The Personality Test (b00mf3kk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**FRI 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jv8vr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
**FRI 21:00 Dewey Eyed by Sarah Naomi Lee (b00jcgxc)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**FRI 21:45 Short Works (b09jx8mt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]  
**FRI 22:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cf0c)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**FRI 22:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jtm1n)**  
 Series 1  
 A Day in the Country  
 The gang go on a trip out and wind up at the Sizewell nuclear power plant.  
 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 and David Cohen.  
 Producer: David Tyler  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.  
**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00241x)**  
 Hal Cruttenden 3/3  
 The Comedy Club - Two hours of comedy, every night from 10pm. Tonight, Alison Spittle wraps up her three-part chat with Hal Cruttenden.  
**FRI 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (m0018q02)**  
 Series 4  
 Celeb-Finder General  
 The year is 2008 and whilst Mel and Vicki are principally concerned with selling their flat, the country is in the grip of a violent backlash against celebrities.  
 Starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.  
 With:  
 Martin Hyder  
 Lewis MacLeod  
 Jim North  
 Written Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell  
 Additional material by Mel Hudson, Vicki Pepperdine and Jim North  
 Music by Richie Webb.  
 Producer: Chris Neill  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.  
**FRI 23:30 Hal (b08m9flm)**  
 Series 2  
 Racists  
 As his wife is nominated for Business Woman of the Year, Hal is interviewed on local news and inadvertently becomes an internet sensation.  
 Hapless house husband Hal Cruttenden is still trying to cope with his mid-life crisis and doubting his every move.  
 Written by Hal Cruttenden and Dominic Holland.  
 Hal ..... Hal Cruttenden  
 Sam ..... Kerry Godliman  
 Penny ..... Ronni Ancona  
 Pippa ..... Abigail Cruttenden  
 Fergus ..... Ed Byrne  
 Barry ..... Gavin Webster  
 Oberon ..... Arthur Hughes  
 Therapist ..... Jonathan Kydd  
 Ian ..... Jonathan Kydd  
 Photographer ..... Jonathan Kydd  
 Interviewer ..... Simon Greenall  
 Gianni ..... Simon Greenall  
 Mahmoud ..... Arian Nik  
 Producer: Paul Russell  
 An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.