

## SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026

## SAT 00:00 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 Captiano 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.

## SAT 00:30 A Dewey Decimal (b00xlm1jr)

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.

## SAT 01:00 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.

## SAT 01:30 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.

## SAT 02:00 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.

## SAT 02:30 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 man 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.

## SAT 03:00 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.

## SAT 03:30 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.

## SAT 03:45 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.

## SAT 04:00 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.

## SAT 04:30 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.

## SAT 05:00 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

## SAT 05:45 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 Deevya 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

## SAT 06:00 Douglas Livingstone (m002szld)

Road to Rocio

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Ursula Stone as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

What was Rocio all about?

Religion, booze, sex, macho men, brotherhood, singing and dancing - all those things came into it.

But for the four English people who went on the pilgrimage to this tiny place in the south of Spain, it was difficult to find out why it meant so much to the Spaniards.

Perhaps it was something to do with a face.?

Written by Douglas Livingstone

Dianne ... Sara Kestelman

Brian ... James Bolam

Richard ... Michael Kitchen

Pauline ... Christine Ahsalom

Federico ... Carlos Douglas

Sylvia ... Jane Wenham

Air Hostess ... Jean Trend

Carlos ... Trader Faulkner

Jose ... Clive Panto

Spanish TV man ... John Bull

Directed by Jane Morgan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1983.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

## SAT 07:30 The Milligan Papers (m002szlg)

The Incurables Part 1

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Steve Mawer as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

It's beleaguered Britain in 1941, where a team of British scientists are working on a new bomb set to harness the power of the pruned.

Madcap comedy series starring Spike Milligan.

Written by John Antrobus.

With:

John Bluthal

Chris Langham

John Antrobus

Announcements: Eugene Fraser

Music: George Chisholm and His Gentlemen of Jazz

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

## SAT 08:00 TV Dinners (m002szlk)

Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Hilary Shaw as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

A man called Geoffrey remembers his boyhood with two neglectful and oblivious parents.

His American mother looked after him just enough to avoid prosecution - and his father who made him a hat out of his pet dog.

Darkly comic tale written by Keith Lawes

Mr Greenfield ..... Timothy West

Mrs Greenfield ..... Maggie Steed

Geoffrey Greenfield (as a man) ..... Jonathan Coy

Geoffrey Greenfield (as a boy) ..... Harry Capehorn

Producer Phil Bowker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997.

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## SAT 08:15 Up Against It by Joe Orton (m002szln)

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Derek Parsons as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Adrift in a world run by monstrous tweed-suited women shod in thick leather brogues, three men decide to start a worldwide revolution to overthrow the patriarchy.

Joe Orton's unfinished film screenplay, written for the Beatles in 1967.

Adapted for radio by John Fletcher.

Starring Damon Albarn, Leo McKern, Sylvia Sims, Joseph Fiennes and Prunella Scales.

Orton was found dead on the very day he was due to meet director Richard Lester about the making of the film.

In this first production of the play, Blur's Damon Albarn provides a musical link to the original Beatles casting.

By turns funny, moving, sexual and surreal, the play celebrates the ferocity of Orton's farce, the music of the Beatles and the 1960s Summer of Love.

Narrator .... Leo McKern

Ian McTurk .... Douglas Hodge

Jack Ramsay .... Damon Albarn

Prime Minister .... Prunella Scales

Connie Boon .... Sylvia Syms

Christopher Low .... Joseph Fiennes

Rowena Torrence .... Louise Lombard

Patricia Dromgoole .... Jacinta Mulcahy

Mayor .... Kenneth Cranham

Bernard Coates .... David Calder

Father Brodie .... Mark Lambert

With Allan Mitchell, Edward Halstead and Mark Webb.

With thanks to Sir John Gielgud and Joe Dowling.

Music: Damon Albarn

Producer: Hilary Norrish

Director: John Adams

An Armada Production for BBC Radio 3, first broadcast in September 1997.

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#### SAT 09:45 Borderlands (b0076q3t)

The Debatable Lands by Julia Darling

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Bee Knightley as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

After receiving bad news, Rona travels to the debatable lands between England and Scotland in search of silence and a space to think.

However, it's an encounter with a neighbour that forces her to confront her situation.

Read by Gina McKeen

Producer: Emma Harding

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

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#### SAT 10:00 No Background Music by Normi Noel (m002szlq)

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Sue Durley as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

A former Vietnam triage nurse struggles with flashback phantoms who disrupt her life and haunt her dreams.

Starring Sigourney Weaver.

Written by Normi Noel.

Director: Gregory Whitehead.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

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#### SAT 11:00 Douglas Livingstone (m002szld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

#### SAT 12:30 The Milligan Papers (m002szlg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

#### SAT 13:00 TV Dinners (m002szlk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

#### SAT 13:15 Up Against It by Joe Orton (m002szln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:15 today]

#### SAT 14:45 Borderlands (b0076q3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

#### SAT 15:00 No Background Music by Normi Noel (m002szlq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

#### SAT 16:00 On the Beach by Nevil Shute (b0120ykk)

1. Aftermath

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Marilyn Grant and Margaret Hopkins as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

A cloud of deadly radioactivity is moving slowly towards Australia, one of few places on Earth where life has survived.

Starring Claudia Harrison and Richard Dillane.

Nevil Shute's compelling account of the aftermath of a nuclear world war.

Dramatised in two parts by Mike Walker.

Mary .... Claudia Harrison

Moirra .... Indira Varma

Dwight Towers .... William Hope

Peter Holmes .... Richard Dillane

Tim Osborne .... James Gordon-Mitchell

The Admiral .... Jonathan Tafler

Ryan .... Inam Mirza

A Farmer .... Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by:

Jill Cardo

Gunnar Cauthery

Robert Lonsdale

Chris Pavlo

Dan Starkey

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

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#### SAT 17:00 Douglas Livingstone (m002szld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

#### SAT 18:30 The Milligan Papers (m002szlg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

#### SAT 19:00 TV Dinners (m002szlk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

#### SAT 19:15 Up Against It by Joe Orton (m002szln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:15 today]

#### SAT 20:45 Borderlands (b0076q3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

#### SAT 21:00 No Background Music by Normi Noel (m002szlq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

#### SAT 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vhf5y)

July and August

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

School's out for Summer for Barack Obama, Frank McCourt and Germaine Greer.

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 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010twf6)

Series 2

1. 'My partner is too controlling - a fight for the TV remote'

"My partner is too controlling - a fight for the television remote"

"I'm a non drinker with no friends - should I just buy a cat?"

Sarah Millican returns as a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion.

Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.

Sarah ..... Sarah Millican

Marion ..... Ruth Bratt

Terry ..... Simon Daye

Linda ..... Diane Morgan

Matthew ..... Will Smith

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in May 2011.

#### SAT 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b0436hkz)

Series 3

Multiculturalism

Stephen K Amos sets out to compile an idiot's guide to multiculturalism.

With assistance from some of the comedy circuit's best stand-ups:

Stephen Grant

Nish Kumar

Andrew Maxwell

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in May 2014.

#### SAT 23:30 The Harpoon (b00cmgpb)

Series 3

Episode 3

Across the Atlantic alone, and great beverages from history.

More nostalgic fun in the spoof of boys' adventure story papers - this time, incorporating 'Lathe Monthly'.

Written by Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Performed by:

Alistair McGowan

Peter Baynham

Susie Bramm

Mary Elliot-Nelson

Julian Dutton

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

### SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2026

#### SUN 00:00 On the Beach by Nevil Shute (b0120ykk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

#### SUN 01:00 Douglas Livingstone (m002szld)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

#### SUN 02:30 The Milligan Papers (m002szlg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

#### SUN 03:00 TV Dinners (m002szlk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday]

#### SUN 03:15 Up Against It by Joe Orton (m002szln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:15 on Saturday]

#### SUN 04:45 Borderlands (b0076q3t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Saturday]

#### SUN 05:00 No Background Music by Normi Noel (m002szlq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

#### SUN 06:00 Stan (b0076mjl)

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Susan Turner and Simon Brown as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

August, 1957. Death is threatening to separate the legendary, pioneering film duo, Laurel and Hardy.

Stan Laurel tries to summon up a poignant and powerful farewell to his ailing partner Oliver Hardy.

Starring Tom Courtenay and Ewan Bailey.

Written by Neil Brand.

Stan .... Tom Courtenay

Ollie .... Ewan Bailey

Uncle Cecil .... Ed Bishop

Woman .... Barbara Barnes

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

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#### SUN 06:45 I, An Actor (m002szp8)

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Keverne Smith as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Nicholas Craig is the greatest actor in the world.

He begins reading his autobiography, illustrated with less successful performances by:

\* Nigel Planer

\* Christopher Ryan

\* Chrissy Roberts

\* Christopher Douglas

Although he disapproves of awards, Nicholas relives the moment when his got a gong for his part in The Cuckold of Leicester.

He shows a group of would-be thespians how to deliver a line by Oscar Wilde and remembers, with great fondness, playing Stanley Matthews the 'demon of the dribble' in a co production with Australian TV.

Researched by Nigel Planer and Christopher Douglas

Producer Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email [radio4extra@bbc.co.uk](mailto:radio4extra@bbc.co.uk) \*\*\*\*

#### SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002szpc)

Poetry Please: Pot Luck

\*\*\*\* This programme has been suggested by Maurice Peckman as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend. \*\*\*\*\*

Roger McGough presents a pot luck of poetry from Byron and Keats to Charles Tomlinson.

Producer Sally Heaven.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the BBC poetry archive that you would like to hear again, please email [radio4extra@bbc.co.uk](mailto:radio4extra@bbc.co.uk) and tell us details of why you'd like to hear it. \*\*\*\*

#### SUN 07:30 Kenny Everett on Radio Merseyside (m002szpj)

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Paul Phippin, Alan Galliot and Adrian Dayne as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

A revealing interview with arguably Britain's most creative broadcaster first heard on his local station, BBC Radio Merseyside.

Thanks to 4 Extra, this is the first national airing of an episode of the weekly series 'Somebody In Particular', subtitled 'Whatever Happened to Maurice Cole?' (Kenny Everett's real name). The "wireless wizard" talks to Iain Mann about leaving school at 15, training to be a priest and joining pirate radio.

Kenny joined BBC Radio 1 for its opening in 1967 - but was sacked three years later after insulting the wife of a Government Minister.

He joined Capital Radio at the launch of Independent Local Radio in 1973. He had to give up the breakfast show after collapsing and saying he hoped to end his career on Radio 3 "drinking tea and slapping disc-jockeys' wrists" as "the naughty young old boy of the BBC".

At the time of the interview, Kenny was still broadcasting on London's Capital Radio at weekends having seemingly turned his back on TV after what he called "an awfully disastrous series" on London Weekend Television which "tore my soul apart", insisting "I'm a radio chap".

The Kenny Everett Video Show ran until 1981 before he returned to the BBC later that year for the Kenny Everett Television Show and a Saturday morning programme on BBC Radio 2.

Kenny moved back to Capital, helping relaunch the full AM only service of Capital Gold in 1988. He was still working there shortly before his death from an AIDS-related illness on 4th April 1995, at the age of 50.

Presenter: Iain Mann

Audio supplied by Paul Rowley

First broadcast on BBC Radio Merseyside in February 1976.

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**SUN 08:00 Gormenghast by Mervyn Peake (m0001cs3)**  
 \*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Sally Newman, John Parker and Caroline Errington as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

As young Titus approaches his destiny in Gormenghast, he faces the rise of the ruthlessly ambitious Steerpike. Second of two plays based on the Gormenghast novels written by Mervyn Peake.

Starring Sting.

Dramatised by Brian Sibley.

Steerpike .... Sting

The Artist .... Freddie Jones

Dr Prunesquallor .... Bernard Hepton

Irma Prunesquallor .... Judy Parfitt

Gertrude .... Eleanor Bron

Clarice & Cora .... Sheila Hancock

Fuchsia .... Jill Lidstone

Play .... Cyril Shaps

Barquentine .... Maurice Denham

Bellgrove .... Michael Aldridge

Nannie Slagg .... Hilda Schroder

Titus aged 7 .... Vicky Ireland

Titus aged 17 .... Julian Firth

Schoolmasters:

Mulefire .... Arnold Diamond

Cutflower .... David Garth

Shrivell .... Alan Thompson

Shred .... David Sinclair

Opus Fluke .... John Forbes Robertston

Perch-Prism .... David Gooderson

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

**SUN 09:30 Letter from America (m002szp)**

50th Anniversary Re-record of the First Ever Letter in 1946

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Fiona Mcphail, Robert Stallard, Jill Smith and Nick Stewart as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Alistair Cooke re-presents his first broadcast - describing his return from an austere Britain to a bountiful New York.

Recorded to mark the programme's 50th anniversary in 1946, with reflections on its context.

Alistair weekly 15-minute talks on American life, history and politics ran on BBC radio until his retirement aged 95.

He died a just few weeks later on 30th March 2004.

Producer: Tony Grant

First re-broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

**SUN 09:45 Hoax! (m002szpt)**

From 7/11/1986

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Phill Cranny as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

A team of celebrity panellists try to hoax their sceptical chairman Tim Brooke-Taylor.

Leslie Thomas, Maureen Lipman and Frank Thornton tell the stories.

Devised by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

**SUN 10:15 Injury Time (m002szpx)**

Series 1

Summer Christmas Special

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Nigel Wheatley,

Jeremy Forty, Ian Beadle and Richard Dixon as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Raucous and roguish sketch comedy fun.... including the ultimate TV sitcom:

'Happy Ever Not In Front of My Wife's Neighbour's Drink Problem'

Written and performed by:

Robert Bathurst

Jimmy Mulville

Emma Thompson

Rory McGrath

Martin Bergman

It's the Injury Time Summer Christmas Special....

Producer: Geoffrey Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1980.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

**SUN 10:45 John Walters: Idle Thoughts (m002szq1)**

MFC Sound

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Phil Cranny as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Stand by for MFC - Me, Fish, Cat Radio!

Radio creative John Walters riffs on Thought for the Day,

Sailing By and Composer of the Week. He then interviews his goldfish for Desert Island Discs and lets Frank Sinatra sing the football results.

Producer Cathie Mahoney

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1992.

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**SUN 14:30 Letter from America (m002szpq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SUN 14:45 Hoax! (m002szpt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**SUN 15:15 Injury Time (m002szpx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

**SUN 15:45 John Walters: Idle Thoughts (m002szq1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 16:00 East of the Sun and West of the Moon (m002szq4)**

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Jenny Bayliss as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Coronation Street's Helen Worth and Martin Jarvis star in a Norwegian fairy tale.

A polar bear's really a bewitched prince...

Dramatised by Louis MacNeice

Helga .... Helen Worth

Bear Prince / East Wind / South Wind .... Martin Jarvis

Mother .... Victoria Hardcastle

Father / West Wind / North Wind .... Christopher Godwin

Halvor .... Tony Robinson

Stepmother .... Rosalie Williams

Longnose .... Vikki Chambers

First / Second / Third crone .... Kathleen Helme

Prisoner / Parrot ... Charles Cookson

Music composed by Anthea Gomez and sung by Sally Jones

Directed by Alfred Bradley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1983.

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**SUN 17:00 Stan (b0076mj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 17:45 I, An Actor (m002szp8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002szpc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**SUN 18:30 Kenny Everett on Radio Merseyside (m002szpj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 19:00 Gormenghast by Mervyn Peake (m0001cs3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SUN 20:30 Letter from America (m002szpq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SUN 20:45 Hoax! (m002szpt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**SUN 21:15 Injury Time (m002szpx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 today]

**SUN 21:45 John Walters: Idle Thoughts (m002szq1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

**SUN 22:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b039q25j)**

Series 2

Jury

Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed has his day in court, but the judge seems unimpressed by his testimony.

Sitcom written and performed by Nick Mohammed.

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 Weak at the Top (b00tb7d)**

Series 2

Conference

John Weak designs the perfect company conference using only a video of great sporting moments and that fox from Channel 5 News.

Alexander Armstrong stars as the marketing maestro and "totty" magnet, in the return of Guy Browning's sitcom.

Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management.

John Weak ..... Alexander Armstrong

Hayley ..... Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters ..... Ron Cook

Ross Fullbright ..... Ewan Bailey

Giles Renton Willis ..... Stephen Critchlow

Marian Davis ..... Adjoa Andoh

Camilla Harma-McCall ..... Beth Chalmers

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.

**SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002b7j)**

Hannah East 1/3

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Eyllt Sears speaks to sports presenter, podcaster and comedian Hannah East.

**SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b09bysnl)**

Series 12

Diabetes Day

As the new columnist for 'Your Motorhome' magazine, Ed is enjoying a comfortable life on the open road searching out top tips for mobile homeowners.

He's finding inspiration at every turn and, in particular, at car parks - namely the hospital car park where he has to attend his diabetes clinic, and subsequently the swimming pool car park to resume a swim regime when challenged about his health by the hospital.

Will his tip of letting down one's tyres to get under car park height barriers prove a hit with the readers?

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas

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

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 (b00hq2xz)**

Series 2

Jan Ravens

Jan Ravens tries her hand at boxing, reading a book by Andy McNab - and threading hair.

But can she build a brick wall?

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

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

## MONDAY 23 MARCH 2026

**MON 00:00 East of the Sun and West of the Moon (m002szq4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**MON 01:00 Stan (b0076mj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

**MON 01:45 I, An Actor (m002szp8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

**MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002szpc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

**MON 02:30 Kenny Everett on Radio Merseyside (m002szpj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

**MON 03:00 Gormenghast by Mervyn Peake (m0001cs3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Sunday]

**MON 04:30 Letter from America (m002szpq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

**MON 04:45 Hoax! (m002szpt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Sunday]

**MON 05:15 Injury Time (m002szpx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:15 on Sunday]

**MON 05:45 John Walters: Idle Thoughts (m002szq1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jy9w)**

Miss Marple: They Do It With Mirrors

1. Danger

Miss Marple is invited to stay with her old school friend, Carrie at Stoneygates - a Victorian mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents.

As she mulls over Carrie's life history on the train journey, just what is the danger that the sleuth is sensing?

Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1952.

June Whitfield stars as the indomitable amateur detective, Miss Jane Marple.

Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield

Carrie Louise .... Ursula Howells

Ruth Van Rydock .... Jill Balcon

Lewis Serrocold .... Peter Howell

Edgar Lawson .... Rhys Meredith

Walter Hudd/Railway porter .... Stephen Lucas

Mildred Strete .... Natasha Pyne

Juliet Bellever .... Paula Jacobs

Gina Hudd .... Rebecca Lacey

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

**MON 06:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h76wt)**

1. Air Raid

The hero - an anonymous, wealthy Englishman - is now caged in a German prison with scores to settle.

But there's been an air raid....

Read by Michael Jayston.

Geoffrey Household's sequel to his acclaimed British thriller 'Rogue Male' was published over 40 years later in 1982.

Abridged in five parts by Patricia Hannah.

Producer: David Jackson Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in February 2009.

**MON 07:00 Home Again (m0005tnr)**

Poling Off

Fulton and Margaret prepare to rededicate their vows. 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 (b007jntd)**

Series 2

Getting the Bird

Lance Corporal Jones is short of meat at his butcher's shop, so Private Walker arranges a special off-ration supply.

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

The Vicar ..... Frank Williams

Sergeant Wilson's Daughter ..... Diana Bishop

Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

**MON 08:00 Boswell's Lives (b053bq4l)**

Series 1

Boswell's Life of Freud

Boswell attempts to write a biography of Sigmund Freud but finds it's Freud who is asking all the questions.

Jon Canter's sitcom sees James Boswell become a time-travelling biographer - doing for other celebrities what he did for Dr Johnson.

James Boswell ..... Miles Jupp

Sigmund Freud ..... Henry Goodman

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

**MON 08:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jzzd)**

1. Diagnosis

William Fiennes' memoir of his magical childhood in a moated castle in which he grew up with his severely epileptic brother. Five-year-old William is preoccupied with fishing for pike in the castle's moat.

His older brother Richard's seizures become increasingly worse, and a severe form of epilepsy is diagnosed.

Abridged in five episodes by Viv Beeby.

Read by Dan Stevens.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**MON 08:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00tsgs7)**

1. Abandoned

The winter of 1913 finds Frank Reid, owner of a printing company, abandoned by his wife.

First Nellie takes their three children with her, then she sends them back to Frank.

What is he to do?

Penelope Fitzgerald's novel of an English family in Moscow, first published in 1988.

Dramatised in five parts by Penny Leicester.

Narrator: Clare Higgins.

Frank ..... Richard McCabe

Selwyn ..... David Bamber

Nellie ..... Jennifer Lee

Jellicorse/Dolly ..... Charlotte Ellis

Other parts played by:

Sonia Ritter

Rachel Atkins

Samuel Barnet

Richard Bremmer

David Collins

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**MON 09:00 Unspeakable (m002sn98)**

Series 3

1. Skeddaddling Squirrels

In this episode we hear Tim Vine's word for suspicious squirrels, Olga Koch with an improvement on 'Googling oneself', and Aurie Styla's word for leaving a party early.

Ever struggled to find the right word for a feeling or sensation?

Unspeakable sees comedian Phil Wang and lexicographer Susie

Dent invite celebrity guests to invent new linguistic creations, to

solve those all too relatable moments when we're lost for words.

Hosts: Phil Wang and Susie Dent

Guests: Olga Koch, Aurie Styla and Tim Vine

Created by Joe Varley

Writers: Matt Crosby and James Farmer

Recorded by Jerry Peal

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producers: Joe Varley and Akash Lockmun

A Brown Bred production for BBC Radio 4

**MON 09:30 Letter from America (m002szmd)**

500th Letter

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Robert Stallard, Fiona McPhail, Jill Smith and Nick Stewart as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Alistair Cooke reflects on all the changes he has witnessed in his 500th Letter from America.

He also remembers Lindsay Wellington, the BBC head who came up with the idea of weekly letters in 1946 to help people in the UK understand American life.

Alistair's weekly 15-minute talks on American life, history and politics broadcast on BBC radio from 1946 – 2004.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in September 1957.

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**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002szmg)**

Flesh is weak – Tyndale 500: The spirit is willing

Christian reflection and music with Fr Philip Blackledge of

Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church in Melrose.

Reading: Matthew 26:36-41

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

(b0713m2n)

Series 6

The French Connection

An American crime classic.

Paul Gambaccini on the story behind 1971's winner for Best

Picture.

An early example of the new wave in American films, The

French Connection went on to win 5 Oscars.

It set both its leading man (Gene Hackman) and its young

director (William Friedkin) off on what were to become

glittering careers.

It was the first R-rated movie to win the Best Picture Oscar and

one of the earliest to show the newly complete World Trade

Towers.

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

**MON 10:30 Warpaint: The Story Of Camouflage**

(b00768wm)

How did artists battle to pioneer the creation of the first

effective forms of military camouflage during the First World

War?

Patrick Wright investigates.

Featuring:

\* Anthony Penrose

\* Norman Wilkinson

\* Roy Behrens

\* Richard Murray

\* Peter Gross

Producer: John Goudie

First broadcast on BBC radio 4 in August 2002.

**MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jv9w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 11:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household**

(b00h76wt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 12:00 Home Again (m0005tnr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jntd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 13:00 Boswell's Lives (b053bq4l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 13:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jzzd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope**

**Fitzgerald (b00tsgs7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b011p712)**

Series 60

Episode 4

Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where

panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without

hesitation, deviation or repetition.

With:

Paul Merton

Julian Clary

Gyles Brandreth

Tony Hawks

Subjects include: The First Signs of Summer, The Perfect

Marriage, The Reasons Not To Go On Holiday, Dividing

Household Chores, A Good Laugh, Shift Work, My Favourite

Made Up Word and Worms

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

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

(b0076hy9)

Episode 2

The mother of Anne Boleyn has a gentleman admirer.

Why should that threaten danger for the Queen?

Jonathan Coy stars as Henry VIII

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

Henry VIII ..... Jonathan Coy

Lady Boleyn ..... Diane Fletcher

Anne Boleyn ..... Lydia Leonard

Thomas Cromwell ..... Milton Johns

The Chronicler ..... Alfred Burke

Maurice Crumb ..... David Holt

Music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2003.

**MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (b00d0hw2)**

Alan and Jean's Incredible Journey by Ian Kershaw

Alan and Jean embark on their holidays with a difference.

They're spending it at home in their own bedroom.

Starring Julie Hesmondhalgh and George Costigan.

Poignant comedy written by Ian Kershaw.

Alan ..... George Costigan

Jean ..... Julie Hesmondhalgh

Dawn ..... Rina Mahoney

Barbara ..... Melissa Jane Sinden

Kid ..... Daniel Rogers

Director: Gary Brown

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

**MON 15:45 Short Works (m0012swr)**

The Riots by Dawn Watson

Two sub-editors at a Belfast newspaper connect amid personal

struggles against a backdrop of summer rioting in the city.

An original short work for the BBC by Northern Irish writer

Dawn Watson.

Read by Aoibh ann McCann.

Dawn Watson published her debut poetry pamphlet 'The Stack

of Owls is Getting Higher' in 2019.

She has short stories in anthologies including 'Still Worlds

Turning' and 'Belfast Stories'. Dawn has taught undergraduate

Creative Writing at the Seamus Heaney Centre in Queen's

University since 2018. She is a former national tabloid sub-

editor and lives in Belfast.

Producer: Michael Shannon

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2021.

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

(b0713m2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**MON 16:30 Warpaint: The Story Of Camouflage**

(b00768wm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jv9w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**MON 17:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household**

(b00h76wt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 18:00 Home Again (m0005tnr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jntd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**MON 19:00 Boswell's Lives (b053bq4l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**MON 19:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jzzd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 19:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope**

**Fitzgerald (b00tsgs7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b011p712)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

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

(b0076hy9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (b00d0hw2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**MON 21:45 Short Works (m0012swr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**MON 22:00 Unspeakable (m002sn98)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:30 Listen Against (b00tt5mb)**

Series 3

Episode 3

Michael Burke becomes trapped in the Moral Maze, and Any

Answers gets a game-show makeover.

Another week's worth of radio and TV that never happened.

Presenters:

Alice Arnold

Jon Holmes

Featuring:

James Bachman

Stephen Critchlow

Sarah Hadland

David Schneider

David Mara

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

The team launch the Naked Week Investment Portfolio for Hard Done-By Young People and go shopping, shopping and shagg...you know what, never mind.

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 a topical news-nude straight to your ears.

Written by:

Jon Holmes

Katie Sayer

Gareth Ceredig

James Kettle

Jason Hazeley

Additional Material:

Karl Mims

Vivienne Hopley Jones

Cooper Mawhinny Sweryt

Darren Phillips

Kevin Smith

Investigation team:

Cat Neilan

Katie Sayer

Becky Pinnington

Abigail Mableson

Mia Jones

Ben Stanton

Nathaniel Peutherer

Caitlin Holtzman

Paola Matha

with thanks to Richard Danbury.

Guests: Rosalie Minnitt, Jo Sanderson, and the voice of the Shipping Forecast Amanda Litherland.

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 Rob Newman (b08mb1g6)**

Rob Newman's Neuropolis

Love on the Brain

One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman, is our guide on a unique audio odyssey of the brain, taking in everything from love and guilt to robot co-workers and the unlikely importance of prehistoric trousers.

It's a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of neuroscience with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and hilarious.

Rob offers an alternative to some of the more bizarre claims in modern popular science, as well as rejigging theories of our brains in light of what we know about nature, artificial intelligence and Belinda Carlisle.

Created by the award-winning team behind Robert Newman's Entirely Accurate Encyclopaedia of Evolution.

Written by and starring Rob Newman.

Co-starring:

Claire Price

Richard McCabe

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

April 2017.

## TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026

**TUE 00:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b0713m2n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

**TUE 00:30 Warpaint: The Story Of Camouflage**

**(b00768wm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

**TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007j9w)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household**

**(b00h76wt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Home Again (m0005tnr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jnt1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:00 Boswell's Lives (b053bq41)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

**TUE 03:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00j1zdd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

**TUE 03:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald**

**(b00txgs7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

**TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b011p712)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

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

**(b0076hy9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Drama on 4 (b00d0hw2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

**TUE 05:45 Short Works (m0012swr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)**

Miss Marple: They Do It With Mirrors

2. Disquiet

Clearly something is wrong at Stoneygates.

But for Miss Marple, the most disquieting factors are the jealousies and simmering tensions within the family itself.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield as the amateur sleuth.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple .... June Whitfield

Carrie Louise .... Ursula Howells

Lewis Serrocold .... Peter Howell

Juliet Bellever .... Paula Jacobs

Gina Hudd .... Rebecca Lacey

Walter Hudd .... Stephen Lucas

Stephen Restarick .... Daniel Philpott

Edgar Lawson .... Rhys Meredith

Mildred Strete .... Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick .... Nick Waring

Christian Bulbrandsen .... Stephen Thorne

Director: Eynd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

**TUE 06:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household**

**(b00h8qlv)**

2. Flight

Facing a perilous flight across occupied Europe, the aristocratic English hero must rely on his wits.

Read by Michael Jayston.

Geoffrey Household's sequel to his acclaimed British thriller

'Rogue Male' was published over 40 years later in 1982.

Abridged by Patricia Hannah.

Producer: David Jackson Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in

February 2009.

**TUE 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00sxjmy)**

Series 2

No Sudden Moves

"It's hard enough coping with adult life as it is, without having children going about being cleverer than you are."

East meets West in an epic chess game where politics, pride and chicken nuggets are at stake...

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador MacKenzie .... Dinsdale Landen

William Frost .... Peter Acre

Helen Waterson .... Moir Leslie

Keith Branley .... Richard Pearce

Colonel Surikov .... Christopher Benjamin

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.

**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jr24)**

Series 10

Tales of Men's Shirts

It is 1942, and Neddie Seagoon must stop the Germans' secret weapon.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Spike Milligan

Peter Sellers

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 December 1959.

**TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vn0)**

A Sojourn with Mr Swift

It's festival time in Edinburgh, but in the early 18th century it's not a place for comedians and actors, but priests and storytellers like Jonathan Swift.

This young Irish clergyman wants help with his tales, and the members of the Fair Intellectual Club are keen to help him win the So You Think You're Holy competition.

Alison's idiot brother Robert needs assistance too - and an unfortunate mix-up leads to the creation of a literary masterpiece.

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

Alison ..... Jessica Hardwick

Ishbel ..... Caroline Deyga

Margory ..... Samara MacLaren

Robert ..... Simon Donaldson

Kennedy ..... Gordon Kennedy

Mr Swift ..... Keith Fleming

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 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jtxx7)**

2. Playground

Eight-year-old William makes a playground of the castle's attic spaces and is intrigued by a secret door.

Richard experiences dark mood swings, but also finds a new pleasure when he takes up pipe smoking.

William Fiennes' memoir of his magical childhood in a moated

castle in which he grew up with his severely epileptic older brother, Richard.

Abridged by Viv Beeby.

Read by Dan Stevens.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**TUE 08:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald**

**(b00ty4k8)**

2. Selwyn

The winter of 1913 finds Frank Reid, owner of a printing company, abandoned by his wife.

Frank Reid is not being helped by his accountant, Selwyn.

Penelope Fitzgerald's novel of an English family in Moscow.

Dramatised by Penny Leicester.

Narrator: Clare Higgins.

Frank ..... Richard McCabe

Selwyn ..... David Bamber

Nellie ..... Jennifer Lee

Jellicorse/Dolly ..... Charlotte Ellis

Other parts played by:

Sonia Ritter

Rachel Atkins

Samuel Barnet

Richard Bremmer

David Collins

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**TUE 09:00 Wing It (m002sn4s)**

Series 2

3. A Miracle at Spoons

Cariad Lloyd, Steen Raskopoulos, Luke Manning, and Emily Lloyd-Saini join host Alasdair Beckett-King for more improv comedy mayhem. Featuring some excited nuns, enemies who

become lovers, and a fairy godmother.

"No Script. No Prep. No Clue."

Presented by Alasdair Beckett-King

Devised by Sam Holmes

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Co-ordinator: Katie Baum

Sound Editor: Chris Maclean

**TUE 09:30 Letter from America (m002szsr)**

1000th Letter - Vietnam

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Robert Stallard, Fiona Mcphail, Jill Smith and Nick Stewart as part of BBC Radio 4

Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Alistair Cooke reflects on devastating effects of the war in Vietnam in his 1000th Letter from America.

How the national mood begins to change over the Vietnam war - and how America began to move from early indifference to the recognition of a nightmare.

Alistair's weekly 15 minute talks on American life, history and politics broadcast on BBC radio from 1946 – 2004.

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1968.

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**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002szst)**

Renew a right spirit within me

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

Theme: Flesh is weak - Renew a right spirit within me

Presenter: Imogen Ball

Reading: Psalm 51 10-17

Music:

Lord you have my heart - Elle Limbear

I will sing with the spirit - BBC Young Choristers 2022 Naomi

and Luca

Create in me a clean heart - Donnie McLurkin

**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000n5yp)**

Ruth Jones & Dominic Cooke

Writer, actor and Gavin and Stacey creator Ruth Jones and theatre and film director Dominic Cooke join Harriett Gilbert

to discuss their favourite books by Kate Atkinson, Siri Hustvedt and John Lah

Ruth and Dominic are old friends, but did they enjoy one

another's books?

And what happened to Ruth's pottery robot in her third set art class?

Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Kate Atkinson

Publisher: Black Swan

What I Loved by Siri Hustvedt

Publisher: Sceptre

Prick Up Your Ears, John Lahr's biography of Joe Orton.

Publisher: Bloomsbury

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2020.

**TUE 10:30 Gift Of The Gods (b08bgl11)**

It's the sweetest thing known to humans for thousands of years. Beekeeper and classicist Martha Kearney travels to Greece to

explore how honey shaped our world mythically, socially and politically.

Martha visits the legendary birthplace of Zeus, a cave in Crete where the baby God was said to have been raised by bees.

Then to the Archaeological Museums of Heraklion and Eleftherna to look at bee artefacts from the Bronze Age with

Professors Katerina Kopaka and Nikos Stampolidis.

Martha goes to the Ancient Agora in Athens to see where the fabled honey of Attica was sold and journeys to Mount

Hymettus on the trail of beehives at an ancient farmhouse.

She also visits Cretan beekeepers Dimosthenis Issaakidis and Mihalīs Tsigenis to compare modern beekeeping methods with those from antiquity, and discusses the impact of honey on society and politics with archaeologist Lucia Nixon over sacred honey drinks.

Producer: Dixi Stewart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

**TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 11:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h8qlv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 12:00 Flying the Flag (b00sxjmy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jr24)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vn0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jtxx7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 13:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00ty4k8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Genius (b008h5bx)**

Series 2

Carol Vorderman

Rotating rooms and a flexible retirement plan?

Dave Gorman asks TV's Carol Vorderman to choose the

public's best loopy idea.

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 Mum's on the Run (b00tgd1j)**

1. Mum Taxi

Mum's on the Run is a modern-day twist on the single-family

situation.

Starring Ronni Ancona.

It follows the hectic life ("What life?") of single mum, Jen.

Mother of two, Master of none - Jen seems to spend most of her

time as an unpaid chauffeur to a 15 year-old teenage

existentialist son, Toby, and a tonally challenged recorder-

practising 11 year-old daughter, Felicity.

She also has to cope with her jazz musician ex-husband, the

fiercely competitive and annoying downstairs neighbour, plus a

huge crush on her son's history teacher.

How Jen drops the kids off at school at the beginning of the day

but ends up collecting them from a nightclub at the end of it.

Six-part sitcom written by Alexis Zegerman.

Jen ..... Ronni Ancona

Mr. Rigby ..... John Gordon Sinclair

Shelley ..... Alexis Zegerman

Vivienne ..... Christine Kavanagh

Keith ..... Kevin Eldon

Felicity ..... Amy Dabrowa

Toby ..... Alexander Heath

Karina ..... Amaya Rowlands

Connor ..... Pip Woolley

Cashier ..... Iain Batchelor

Doorman ..... Jude Akuwudike

Leona ..... Sam Dale

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2010.

**TUE 15:00 Mr and Mrs Nobody by Keith Waterhouse (b055knqf)**

A delightful diary account which reveals the day-to-day

activities of one Charles Pooter, a London clerk, and his long-

suffering wife Carrie.

Starring Dame Judi Dench and Michael Williams.

Written by Keith Waterhouse.

Based on George and Weedon Grossmith's 19th Century comic

masterpiece 'The Diary of a Nobody'.

Carrie Pooter ..... Judi Dench

Charles Pooter ..... Michael Williams

Incidental music composed by Colin Sell.

Played by Colin Sell and Peter Ripper.

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1990.

**TUE 16:00 A Good Read (m000n5yp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:30 Gift Of The Gods (b08bbg1l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h8qlv)**

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**TUE 18:00 Flying the Flag (b00sxjmy)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 19:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00ty4k8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 20:00 Genius (b008h5bx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Mum's on the Run (b00tgd1j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Mr and Mrs Nobody by Keith Waterhouse (b055knqf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 Wing It (m002sn4s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01nwbhk)**

Series 3

Episode 1

The Kapoor visit a stately home and food for thought from

Smeeta Smitten, Showbiz Kitten.

Plus discover why the royal family are Indian...

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch

comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to

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

2001.

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

Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002tb7y)**

Hannah East 2/3

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Esyllt Sears chats again to

sports presenter, podcaster and comedian Hannah East.

**TUE 23:00 My Teenage Diary (m000hvp)**

Series 9

Shazia Mirza

Rufus Hound returns for another series of honest, intimate and

hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their

genuine teenage diaries.

Rufus kicks off with comedian Shazia Mirza as she discusses

her experiences growing up in a strict Muslim family in the UK.

In her teenage diaries, the young Shazia describes arguing with

her parents, getting a Saturday job in McDonalds, bumping into

a Rick Astley lookalike in a pub and dreaming about becoming

a grand slam tennis ace.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May

2020.

**TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b01m19nz)**

Series 8

Tim Minchin talks to Caitlin Moran

The musical comedian and the journalist in the talk tag show

where the guest is the next interviewer.

Tim Minchin is not well but still has a great time putting the

world to rights in his attempt to interview journalist and author,

Caitlin Moran, despite having no questions and no voice.

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.

### WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026

**WED 00:00 A Good Read (m000n5yp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 Gift Of The Gods (b08bbg1l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h8qlv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Flying the Flag (b00sxjmy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 The Goon Show (b007jr24)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b0833vn0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jtxx7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00ty4k8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Genius (b008h5bx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 Mum's on the Run (b00tgd1j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Mr and Mrs Nobody by Keith Waterhouse (b055knqf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvb0)**

Miss Marple: They Do It With Mirrors

3. Inquiry

At Stoneygates, a murder has taken place in the Victorian

mansion doubling as a rehabilitation centre for delinquents.

Amateur sleuth Miss Jane Marple assists the police with their

inquiries.

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield

Inspector Curry ..... Keith Barron

Carrie Louise ..... Ursula Howells

Lewis Serrocold ..... Peter Howell

Juliet Believer ..... Paula Jacobs

Mildred Strete ..... Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick ..... Nick Waring

Gina Hudd ..... Rebecca Lacey

Director: Emynd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

**WED 06:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h8x8g)**

3. Interception

The aristocratic English hero is intercepted in his struggle to

cross wartime enemy territory on horseback.

Read by Michael Jayston.

Geoffrey Household's sequel to his acclaimed British thriller

'Rogue Male' was published over 40 years later in 1982.

Abridged by Patricia Hannah.

Producer: David Jackson Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in

February 2009.

**WED 07:00 After Henry (b007jmgk)**

Series 1

The Older Man

Widow Sarah battles to bring up her 18-year-old daughter

Clare, hindered by her meddling mother Eleanor.

The debut episode of Simon Brett's comedy about three

generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of

Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Sarah ..... Prunella Scales

Eleanor ..... Joan Sanderson

Russell ..... Benjamin Whitrow

Clare ..... Gerry Cowper

Nick ..... James Griffiths

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV

- Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV

network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

**WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b000yp5l)**

Series 1

The First Night Party

The Lad throws a launch party - with cocktails and dinner - for

his very first half hour.

But things don't quite go to plan...

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life

and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With:

Moira Lister

Bill Kerr

Sidney James

Gerald Campion

Kenneth Williams.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Music recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by

Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November

1954.

**WED 08:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000tt9m)**

Series 4

6. Join Our Club

It's the biggest night of Joe Starling's life. After a rough year,

his work has been nominated for one of advertising's most

prestigious awards - an A&D Pen.

Joe, Hardacre, Amanda and Teddy arrive at the ceremony to

eat, drink, and be merry - and celebrate the agency's rise to

respectability.

But when a familiar foe resurfaces things begin to veer off

Read by Dan Stevens.

Abridged in five episodes by Viv Beeby.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**WED 08:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00tys98)**

3. Nannyng

The winter of 1913 finds Frank Reid, owner of a printing company, abandoned by his wife.

Frank Reid is not being helped by his accountant, Selwyn.

The English Chaplaincy has a scary resident and now a shop girl looks set to take on the nannying duties.

Penelope Fitzgerald's novel of an English family in Moscow.

Dramatised by Penny Leicester.

Narrator: Clare Higgins

Frank ..... Richard McCabe

Selwyn ..... David Bamber

Nellie ..... Jennifer Lee

Jellicorse/Dolly ..... Charlotte Ellis

Other parts played by:

Sonia Ritter

Rachel Atkins

Samuel Barnett

Richard Bremner

David Collins

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002sr12)**

Live from the UK

S2 E4: Shut Up About Car Insurance!

Angela Barnes traverses the country once again to the best comedy clubs in the country, bringing you the funniest stand ups around.

So if you want to know what to expect at a valleys wedding,

why being a Scottish Dr Who isn't groundbreaking, and the best way to survive a dinner party, then this is the programme for you.

In this episode, you can hear:

Ayo Adenekan at Monkey Barrel in Edinburgh

Sarah Levine at Hot Water Comedy Club in Liverpool

Priya Hall at the Swansea Grand

Jo Caulfield at Monkey Barrel in Edinburgh

Additional Material by Ruth Husko

Recorded by David Thomas and Sean Kerwin

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 Letter from America (m002t2b1)**

Groucho Marx & Bing Crosby

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Robert Stallard, Fiona

Mcphail, Jill Smith and Nick Stewart as part of BBC Radio 4

Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

Alistair Cooke remembers two great American talents who both died in 1977:

\* Comedian and actor, Groucho Marx - aged 86

\* Actor and crooner, Bing Crosby - aged 74.

His weekly 15 minute talks on American life, history and

politics were broadcast on BBC radio from 1946 – 2004.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1977.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you

would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk

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**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002t2b3)**

Flesh is weak - Made flesh

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Flesh is weak - Made flesh

Presenter: Gemma Simmonds

Reading: John 1 1-8

Music:

God of grace and god of glory - Daily Service Singers

Lux Beata Trinitas (Gjeilo) - Daily Service Singers plus Claire

Fillhart on flute

God is love - St Martins voices

**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b0075qwl)**

Alistair Cooke's Century

A portrait of the 20th century as viewed through the eyes of one of the world's greatest broadcasters - Alistair Cooke.

Combining extracts from the 2,654 editions of BBC Radio 4's

Letter from America with reflections from Alistair, the

programme follows the key elements of what is often referred

to as the American century.

Biographer Nick Clarke joins Alistair Cooke to listen to some

of the gems from his career, talking about the differences

between UK and US English, Bobby Kennedy's assassination,

golf and so much more.

Producer: Tony Grant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.

**WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvb6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 11:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household**

(b00h8x8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**WED 12:00 After Henry (b007jmgk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00dyp5l)**

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**WED 13:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000t9m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**WED 13:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes**

(b00jtxx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 13:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope**

**Fitzgerald (b00tys98)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000ndbk)**

Series 15

Episode 6

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Alice Levine

welcome:

\* Comedian Hannah Gadsby

\* Entomologist and ecologist Dr Sarah Beynon

\* Presenter and Paralympian Ade Adeptan

The Museum's Guest Committee donate a wildflower meadow,

a headtorch and a tardigrade.

Researchers: Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner, Emily Jupitus and

Lydia Mizon of QL.

Producer: Anne Miller

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

October 2020.

**WED 14:30 Turf Wars (b00zm084)**

How's Your Mother?

In a gossipy village, Humphrey Partridge is reckoned to be anti-

social, indeed stand-offish.

But he always has an excuse - namely that he has to look after

his ailing elderly mother. It raises eyebrows at work.

No-one has ever met the legendary matriarch. Not even nosy

Raj, the local postman.

But then one morning when Humphrey is at work, Raj notices a

fire in Humphrey's house, breaks in to put it out and makes an

extraordinary discovery.

Soon police are digging in Humphrey's garden.

But just what is Humphrey's dark secret?

Written by Simon Brett.

Humphrey Partridge ... Michael Maloney

Mrs Denton .... Sally Orrock

Mrs Jones .... Christine Kavanagh

Raj / Sgt. Wallis .... Adeel Akhtar

Mr Denton / Trevor .... Sam Dale

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

**WED 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000tvgw)**

Lights Up: Dedication by Nick Dear

1. Trial

Nick Dear's stage play Dedication was written for the Nuffield

Theatre in Southampton in 2016 – a year dedicated to the 400th

anniversary of Shakespeare's death. It was written to

commemorate both Nick's and Shakespeare's connection with

Southampton. Nick Dear grew up in the city.

Shakespeare's relationship with the Earl of Southampton has

been the centre of much debate. Was he perhaps Shakespeare's

lover? Shakespeare dedicated his poems The Rape of Lucrece

and Venus and Adonis to Southampton and it has been

suggested that Southampton is the fair youth of the Sonnets.

Nick plays with three possibilities that may or may not explain

an important period of Shakespeare's life, sometimes referred

to as The Lost Years, giving the audience the opportunity to

make up their own minds. Much more is known about the Earl

of Southampton than about William Shakespeare. It's entirely

possible that they never met, but it is equally possible they were

lovers. No-one knows.

Dear puts Shakespeare on trial, where he is questioned about his

relationship with the gay, cross dressing Earl of Southampton. It

is set in Elizabethan England and it is a play of intrigue, sex,

politics and power.

Writer: Nick Dear

William Shakespeare .... Alfred Enoch

Harry, Earl of Southampton .... Tom Glenister

Lord Chief Justice .... Sam Dale

Other roles played by: Nick Armfield, Tallulah Bond, Declan

Mason and Finlay Paul

Sound Designer: Lucinda Mason Brown

Director: Celia de Wolff

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April

2021.

**WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (b0075qwl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**WED 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jvb6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**WED 17:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household**

(b00h8x8g)

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(b00jtxx1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**WED 19:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope**

**Fitzgerald (b00tys98)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**WED 20:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m000ndbk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**WED 20:30 Turf Wars (b00zm084)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**WED 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000tvgw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002sr12)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 The Maltby Collection (b00mqhqt)**

Series 3

Episode 5

The museum is due to send an exhibition of its finest artefacts

around Europe.

But can Walter find a suitably experienced and diplomatic

member of staff to curate it?

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt.

David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by

eccentrics and obsessives.

Rod Millet ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt

Walter Brindle ..... Geoffrey Palmer

Prunella Edgecombe ..... Rachel Atkins

Susie Maltby ..... Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Julian Crumb-Loosely ..... Ben Willbond

Wilf Arbutnot ..... Geoff McGovern

Eva Tattle ..... Juklia Deakin

Des Wainwright ..... Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopoulos/Van Driver ..... Chris Pavlo

Barman ..... Stephen Hogan.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

**WED 23:00 Felicity Ward - Appisodes (m000q8zt)**

Series 2

Smoking

Comedy series in which Australian stand-up Felicity Ward uses

phone apps to help her cope with modern life.

In this episode, Felicity enlists the help of an anti-smoking app

"Stop Smoking with Barbara" (voiced by Fern Brady). Can a

phone app help her kick the habit and set her on the path to a

better healthier Felicity?

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**

(m001jjo0)

Series 2

Limb Broccoli

Jamie MacDonald is a Glaswegian stand-up comedian who

found himself rapidly going blind in his teens.

Jamie examines pre-conceptions about disability, challenges

stereotypes, and takes a hilarious trip down memory lane to see

how far things have come.

In this episode, he battles with officious front of house staff

who can't do too much to help, and he experiences the exact

opposite experience at the airport where he's left to find his

own way to Marseille.

Producer: Julia Sutherland

A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May

2023.

**WED 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jq8z)**

Series 2

Barbara Dickson

Sheffield's aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth takes

to the airwaves once more from his very own his front room.

Aided by his producer (and sole agent) Ken Worthington, and

his hard-to-please wife Mary, the inimitable John Shuttleworth

presents a mixture of celebrity guests, domestic chores and

music.

Bill Bailey drops in for "Impress an Impresario" while Hattie

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Turf Wars (b00zm084)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000tvgw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvbc)**

Miss Marple: They Do It With Mirrors

4. Poison

Someone is systematically trying to poison Miss Marple's old friend, Carrie Louise.

But who?

And why?

Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars June Whitfield as the amateur sleuth.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple ..... June Whitfield

Carrie Louise ..... Ursula Howells

Inspector Curry ..... Keith Barron

Gina Hudd ..... Rebecca Lacey

Mildred Strete ..... Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick ..... Nick Waring

Edgar Lawson ..... Rhys Meredith

Walter Hudd ..... Stephen Lucas

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

**THU 06:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h9112)**

4. Trouble

The aristocratic English hero makes it to Romania, but trouble is in store on the way to Istanbul.

Read by Michael Jayston.

Geoffrey Household's sequel to his acclaimed British thriller 'Rogue Male' was published over 40 years later in 1982.

Abridged by Patricia Hannah.

Producer: David Jackson Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in February 2009.

**THU 07:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k243)**

Heart of Skegness

The Honourable Clarence Green becomes more entranced as he listens to a story of a journey into the very darkest part of barbarism.

Starring Jim Broadbent and Matt Frewer.

Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series set in a very exclusive London club.

Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Curtis ..... Jim Broadbent

Johnson ..... Matt Frewer

Captain White ..... Richard Pearson

Green ..... Royce Mills

Mrs Jeeves ..... Sheila Steafel

The Boss ..... Bill Wallis

Bannister ..... Ron Pember

Welch ..... Michael Ripper

Music by Max Harris.

Producer: Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

**THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fp)**

Series 2

Make Short Programmes the Burkiss Way

The Eurovision Raquel Welch Gag Contest begins in the correspondence course that promises you one free laugh.

With short comedic instruction from:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

A short comedy script by Andrew Marshall and David

Renwick.

Short sharp production by Simon Brett.

Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.

**THU 08:00 All Those Women (b086tfbm)**

Series 2

Episode 2

It's time for some well-earned relaxing after Maggie won some vouchers to a spa.

But what should be the opportunity for a bit of a lie down soon gets a bit fraught. There's a fine line between a spa day and a detention centre isn't there?

Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations of women living under one roof.

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. Every week we 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

Sylvia ..... Clare Perkins

Producer: Alexandra Smith

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

**THU 08:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jtxx3)**

4. Problems

Richard's behaviour becomes increasingly problematic, but his interest in Hilaire Belloc's Cautionary Tales gives him and his

family an unexpected moment of pleasure.

William Fiennes' memoir of his magical childhood in a moated castle in which he grew up with his severely epileptic older brother, Richard.

Read by Dan Stevens.

Abridged in five episodes by Viv Beeby.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

**THU 08:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00tz3yw)**

4. Too Beautiful

The winter of 1913 finds Frank Reid, owner of a printing company, abandoned by his wife.

Frank Reid is not being helped by his accountant, Selwyn.

The English Chaplaincy has a scary resident and now a shop girl is taking on the nannying duties.

Lisa, the new nanny, is too beautiful for Frank, even with her plaits cut off.

Penelope Fitzgerald's novel of an English family in Moscow.

Dramatised by Penny Leicester.

Narrator: Clare Higgins

Frank ..... Richard McCabe

Selwyn ..... David Bamber

Nellie ..... Jennifer Lee

Jellicorse/Dolly ..... Charlotte Ellis

Other parts played by:

Sonia Ritter

Rachel Atkins

Samuel Barnett

Richard Bremmer

David Collins

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**THU 09:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002sr53)**

Series 2

The Politics of Incentives

Governments are constantly trying to nudge, cajole, bribe and even threaten people into behaving differently. Sometimes it works. Sometimes it goes badly wrong.

Top comedian Matt Forde convenes his Focus Group in front of a live theatre audience, with a politically eclectic panel —

Baroness Ayesha Hazarika, former Tory MP Dehenna Davison, and Green Party MP Sián Berry — to dig into one of politics' most fascinating and frustrating puzzles: why do incentives so often produce exactly the opposite of what was intended?

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 Letter from America (m002t2fp)**

2000th Letter

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Robert Stallard, Fiona Mcphail, Jill Smith and Nick Stewart as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

1987, 21:30 on BBC Radio 4 FM

By the age of 78, Alistair Cooke had continued - almost without interruption - to send his weekly observations on American life and politics.

For his 2,000th letter, the veteran broadcaster reflects on health, illness, the AIDS epidemic and longevity.

His weekly 15 minute talks on American life, history and politics were broadcast on BBC radio from 1946 – 2004.

Producer: Margaret Hill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1987.

\*\*\*\* To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk \*\*\*\*

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002t2fr)**

Flesh is weak - Inner conflict

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

Theme: Flesh is weak - Inner conflict

Presenter: Jay Hulme

Reading: Romans 7:15-25

Music:

May You Find a Light - The Brilliance

One - Sleeping at Last

I Wait - All Sons and Daughters

**THU 10:00 Great Lives (m0007qzh)**

Caroline Quentin nominates Sir John Vanbrugh

Marking the 300th Anniversary of Sir John Vanbrugh's death From acting in TV's Men Behaving Badly and Jonathan Creek to restoring dozens of period properties and touring India for TV, Caroline Quentin loves variety.

When she discovered the life of the playwright and architect Sir John Vanbrugh, she had found a kindred spirit.

Caroline appeared in an RSC production of The Provoked Wife by Vanbrugh - who also designed Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard.

Architectural critic and broadcaster, Jonathan Glancey, joins Caroline and presenter Matthew Parris, to explore the full and meandering life of this flamboyant figure.

Producer Camellia Sinclair

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2019.

**THU 10:30 Loud Organs His Glory (b0103wvx)**

Anyone who has watched a BBC Prom or visited St Paul's or Salisbury or Hereford or Truro Cathedral will have seen a "Father Willis" organ.

Discover the story of the man who through a blend of engineering ability, musical ambition and massive self-confidence became the dominant organ builder of the Victorian era. It was an era in which huge organs were suddenly required in both cathedrals and the new town halls appearing all over the country.

Simon Townley tells the story of 'Father' Henry Willis from his relatively humble beginnings as the son of a London builder to the heights of Victorian society. By winning a competition at the Great Exhibition in 1851, Willis set himself on a road which was to lead to the building of over a thousand organs. Many are still working today, even if they've been altered over the years. What makes the Willis organs special, and makes organists today acknowledge their greatness in hushed tones, is the subject of this programme.

Simon visits the current Willis factory in Liverpool where new organs are still built and old Willis machines are revitalised.

He plays the organ in Winchester Cathedral, the organ that won the Great Exhibition competition and was squeezed into the cathedral by the then organist SS Wesley, and he finds out more about the man whose love of yachting was matched only by his belief that anything was possible when it came to the building of organs. If that meant splitting an organ in two, putting the two parts on either side of a cathedral transept and linking the whole lot through a system of subterranean pipes then that's what he would do... and he did, in the case of St Paul's Cathedral.

But essentially the Father Willis story is about the details that earned his reputation. The reed technology that no one at the time could match, the use of new steam-generated wind and the design of organ consoles that gave organists like Willis himself a control that they'd never enjoyed before.

It's a story of the king of instruments built at a time of supreme national self-confidence by a man who embodied the spirit of the age and gave it voice.

Producer: Tom Alban

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

**THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvbc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h9112)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fp)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00tz3yw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b00766zc)**

Series 6

Episode 3

Martin Young chairs the biographical quiz show about the noteworthy and notorious.

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis

Wheen and Fred Housego.

With guests:

Geoffrey Durham

Jenny Colgan

Teams battle to prove that it's not what you know but who you know that counts.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

**THU 14:30 Ballylenon (b00yqtqm)**

Series 8

Crime Fiction

A writer finds the local denizens of Ballylenon ideal for a salacious work of fiction...

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in the 1960s.

Ballylenon, County Donegal. Pop. 1,999 was founded by St Lenon of Padua, when he fell into the river at this spot in 953.

Ballylenon is situated on the shores of Lough Swilly with entrancing views of Muckish Mountain, in the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe. (Note: Ballylenon is a fictional name, but the other landmarks are identifiable.)

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Muriel McConkey ..... Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey ..... Stella McCusker

Phonsie Doherty ..... Gerard Murphy

Mrs Vivienne Hawthorne ..... Aine McCartney

Rev. Samuel Hawthorne ..... Dermot Crowley

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

Guard Gallagher ..... Frankie McCafferty

Daniel O'Searcaigh ..... James Greene

Monsignor McFadden ..... Niall Cusack

Aubrey Frawley ..... Chris McHalleam

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 February 2011.  
**THU 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000tvl)**  
 Lights Up: Dedication by Nick Dear  
 2. Aftermath  
 Nick Dear's stage play Dedication was written for the Nuffield Theatre in Southampton in 2016 – a year dedicated to the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. It was written to commemorate both Nick's and Shakespeare's connection with Southampton. Nick Dear grew up in the city. Shakespeare's relationship with the Earl of Southampton has been the centre of much debate. Was he perhaps Shakespeare's lover? Shakespeare dedicated his poems The Rape of Lucrece and Venus and Adonis to Southampton and it has been suggested that Southampton is the fair youth of the Sonnets. Nick plays with three possibilities that may or may not explain an important period of Shakespeare's life, sometimes referred to as The Lost Years, giving the audience the opportunity to make up their own minds. Much more is known about the Earl of Southampton than about William Shakespeare. It's entirely possible that they never met, but it is equally possible they were lovers. No-one knows.  
 Dear puts Shakespeare on trial, where he is questioned about his relationship with the gay, cross dressing Earl of Southampton. It is set in Elizabethan England and it is a play of intrigue, sex, politics and power.  
 Writer: Nick Dear  
 William Shakespeare .... Alfred Enoch  
 Harry, Earl of Southampton .... Tom Glenister  
 Lord Chief Justice .... Sam Dale  
 Other roles played by:  
 Nick Armfield, Tallulah Bond, Declan Mason and Finlay Paul  
 Sound Designer: Lucinda Mason Brown  
 Director: Celia de Wolff  
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.  
**THU 15:45 Short Works (b0952svn)**  
 BBC National Short Story Award 2017  
 Dear Mister Burke by Tea Obreht  
 Mrs Mary Winters determines to get to the bottom of the mystery concerning Colonel McCabe. Does he lie at Elk Point, after all?  
 Originally broadcast as one of a series of commissioned short stories to celebrate the 2017 BBC National Short Story Award. Tea Obreht is an American novelist who won the Orange Prize for Fiction in 2011 for 'The Tiger's Wife', her debut novel.  
 Reader: Sara Kestelman  
 Producer: Duncan Minshull  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.  
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**THU 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000tvl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**THU 21:45 Short Works (b0952svn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]  
**THU 22:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002sr53)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**THU 22:30 Brian Gulliver's Travels (b01mqg6h)**  
 Series 2  
 Kognitia  
 Brian Gulliver, a seasoned presenter of travel documentaries, finds himself in a hospital's secure unit after claiming to have experienced a succession of bizarre adventures.  
 More memories as Brian relives his experiences in Kognitia where selective memory is taken to a new extreme.  
 Brian Gulliver .... Neil Pearson  
 Rachel Gulliver .... Mariah Gale  
 Kalmena .... Debra Stephenson  
 Lamet .... Duncan Wisbey  
 Door .... Harry Livingstone  
 PA .... Amaka Okafor  
 Producer: Steven Canny  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012.  
**THU 23:00 At Home with the Snails (b007k2ql)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 2  
 Alex is obsessed with snails, but can women ever replace them

in his affections?  
 Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Gerard Foster.  
 Gerard Foster's surreal comedy about the eccentric and dysfunctional Fisher family.  
 Alex .... Gerard Foster  
 George .... Geoffrey Palmer  
 Beverly .... Angela Thorne  
 Rose .... Miranda Hart  
 Colette .... Magali Domec  
 Producer: Jane Berthoud  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.  
**THU 23:30 Small Scenes (b04mcw89)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 3  
 A man gets lost in a breakfast buffet and a stag party goes very wrong.  
 Symphonious sketch show.  
 Starring:  
 Daniel Rigby  
 Sara Pascoe  
 Mike Wozniak  
 Cariad Lloyd  
 Henry Paker  
 Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak.  
 Additional material from Olly Cambridge.  
 Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

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**FRI 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000tvl)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:45 Short Works (b0952svn)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]  
**FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jvbc)**  
 Miss Marple: They Do It With Mirrors  
 5. Killer  
 A chance observation by one of the family gives Miss Marple a key to try and finally solve the mystery.  
 June Whitfield stars as the amateur sleuth.  
 Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit.  
 Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.  
 Miss Marple .... June Whitfield  
 Carrie Louise .... Ursula Howells  
 Inspector Curry .... Keith Barron  
 Gina Hudd .... Rebecca Lacey  
 Mildred Strete .... Natasha Pyne  
 Alexis Restarick .... Nick Waring  
 Walter Hudd .... Stephen Lucas  
 Lewis Serracold .... Peter Howell  
 Ruth Van Rydock .... Jill Balcon  
 Stephen Restarick .... Daniel Philpott  
 Juliet Bellever .... Paula Jacobs  
 Director: Enyd Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.  
**FRI 06:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h9128)**  
 5. Vengeance  
 Fuelled by unremitting vengeance, the aristocratic English hero's personal war with the Third Reich finally comes to an end.  
 Concluded by Michael Jayston.  
 Geoffrey Household's sequel to his acclaimed British thriller Rogue Male was published over 40 years later in 1982.  
 Abridged by Patricia Hannah.  
 Producer: David Jackson Young  
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in February 2009.  
**FRI 07:00 No Commitments (b007jv5t)**  
 Series 1  
 Empty Vessels  
 Anna agrees to babysit for Charlotte, but an uninterrupted evening was never on the cards.  
 Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.

Anna .... Rosemary Leach  
 Victoria .... Nicola Pagett  
 Charlotte .... Celia Imlrie  
 Delia .... Maxine Audley  
 Patrick .... Andrew Wincott  
 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 (b007jmlj)**  
 Series 4  
 The Three Feathers  
 Harold Steptoe is convinced a commode will make him rich.  
 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:  
 Douglas Blackwell  
 Leslie Heritage  
 Producer: Bobby Jaye  
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.  
**FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001btgs)**  
 Series 12  
 The Isles of Scilly  
 Mark Steel visits the small archipelago off the southwestern tip of mainland Cornwall, The Isles of Scilly.  
 Mark Steel is back 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, Mark writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience.  
 In this third episode Mark visits The Isles of Scilly, dipping into local history and tales of shipwrecks.  
 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 September 2022.  
**FRI 08:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jtxx5)**  
 5. Leaving  
 William, now 17, prepares to leave home. Richard enjoys holidays with his parents and his days find a more even keel, but sadness looms.  
 William Fiennes' memoir of his magical childhood in a moated castle in which he grew up with his severely epileptic older brother, Richard.  
 Read by Dan Stevens.  
 Abridged in five episodes by Viv Beeby.  
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.  
**FRI 08:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00tzmqn)**  
 5. Question  
 The winter of 1913 finds Frank Reid, owner of a printing company, abandoned by his wife.  
 Frank Reid is not being helped by his accountant, Selwyn.  
 The English Chaplaincy has a scary resident and now a shop girl has taken on nannying duties.  
 Frank Reid has something to ask beautiful new nanny Lisa Penelope Fitzgerald's novel of an English family in Moscow.  
 Dramatised by Penny Leicester.  
 Narrator: Clare Higgins  
 Frank ..... Richard McCabe  
 Selwyn ..... David Bamber  
 Nellie ..... Jennifer Lee  
 Jelicorse/Dolly ..... Charlotte Ellis  
 Other parts played by:  
 Sonia Ritter  
 Rachel Atkins  
 Samuel Barnett  
 Richard Bremner  
 David Collins  
 Producer: Tim Dee  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.  
**FRI 09:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cq4l)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 2  
 Miles Jupp and guests with whimsical sketches.  
 In this episode, the Auctioning of the Sequestered Cattle... Miles interviews the BBC's social mobility tsar, helps Seann Walsh launch his new podcast Who Would You Like to Have a Pint with?, and tries to persuade David Suchet to revisit a familiar role.  
 Starring Miles Jupp.  
 With:  
 Vicki Pepperdine  
 Julia Davis  
 Seann Walsh  
 Jocelyn Jee Essien  
 Philip Fox  
 Justin Edwards  
 Dominique Moore  
 David Gower  
 Written by Miles Jupp & James Kettle.  
 Script edited by Graeme Garden.  
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd

A Random Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2022.

**FRI 09:30 Letter from America (m002t2gr)**

Last Letter

\*\*\*\* This programme was suggested by Robert Stallard, Fiona McPhail, Jill Smith and Nick Stewart as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend \*\*\*\*

58 years after his first broadcast, Alistair Cooke's final letter considers how the war in Iraq is a key element in the run-up to the US Presidential Election.

His weekly 15 minute talks on American life, history and politics were broadcast on BBC radio from 1946 – 2004. Alistair died in New York, on 30th March 2004, aged 95.

Producer: Tony Grant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

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**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002t2gt)**

Flesh is weak - Walk by the spirit

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

Theme: Flesh is weak - Walk by the spirit

Presenter: Leslie Griffiths

Reading: Galatians 5 13-18

Music:

We walk by faith - Daily Service Singers

O for a closer walk with God - St Martin's Voices

Guide me o thou great Jehovah - Rachel John

**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00mw5v5)**

Richard Strauss' Four Last Songs

An exploration of the impact of Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss, which deal with the themes of love and death.

Richard Strauss was 84 when he completed his last work. It was the Four Last Songs, which, although about death, convey a sense of calm acceptance. It was written of its time in 1948, but it still touches the hearts of many listeners today.

As the soprano voice delves ever deeper into the richness of the music, interviewees tell how the Four Last Songs have brought calm and beauty at key moments in their lives.

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Contributors

Alan Yentob

Michael Kennedy

Gillian Weir

Margaret Nelson

Jamie Nichols

Gabe Meline

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

**FRI 10:30 Passports Please (b08nrzpr)**

Migration researcher Katy Long tells the extraordinary story of what Bertolt Brecht called 'the most distinguished part of man's anatomy': the passport.

Katy shows how out of step today's modern, biometric, highly securitized and nationalized idea of a passport is with the document's origins, and how it came to be this way. She reveals a document which was once merely to demonstrate personal identity, how in the 18th century many British citizens travelled on French passports because they were cheaper; while after the French revolution, French citizens were often issued British passports.

Not only were passports personal, and optional, but Katy shows how they were also intended to be temporary, and how Britain was the greatest opponent of the system.

As so often, it was the First World War which changed everything, and Katy travels to Geneva to the archives of the League of Nations which, tasked with abolishing passports, instead laid down the rules for a new international passport system which still largely operates today.

Presenter: Katy Long

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.

**FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jvbg)**

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**FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b00mk68l)**

Series 2

Rick Wakeman

Progressive rock legend, Rick Wakeman quizzes a panel about all things Wakeman.

With:

Sue Perkins

Will Smith

Robin Ince

Lucy Porter

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 (b00jzy3h)**

Series 3

Filling In

Supply teachers may come in all shapes and sizes, but, whichever, they're invariably in short supply.

But is King Street lucky to get Mrs Harper..?

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

Mrs Harper ..... Jillie Meers

Daniel ..... John McCrea

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 August 2004.

**FRI 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000vpxw)**

South on the Great North Road by Michael Chaplin

"Many have gone before us now. Many have tried and failed somehow. Many souls on the Queen's highway. Where many a tail light glowed. With the promise of a better life. Heading South on the Great North Road, South on the Great North Road."

The drama is inspired by the song Going South On The Great North Road from Sting's 2016 album 57th and 9th. Sting says both the road and the journey to London have resonances for him: 'It's about my journey from Newcastle to make my fortune. In my young life I covered enough road miles to recall that relentless gravitational pull, the promise of a different kind of life down that road'.

Down the centuries, countless young people from the North and other points of the compass have made similar journeys. The central character in this play is one of them, and the drama reveals how that journey threatens to tear Peggy Charlton apart.

In her 30s, Peggy (a long-standing name for the Charlton family girls) has the Great North Road in her blood and bones.

Sting's haunting song, which he has performed acapella for the production, is the counterpoint to this drama written by Michael Chaplin.

Peggy ..... Jessica Johnson

Steve ..... Stephen Tompkinson

Kelly ..... Laura Jane Mathewson

Joe ..... Tom Glenister

Jean ..... Judi Earl

The Singer ..... Sting

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

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

**FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b00mw5v5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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**FRI 22:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cq4l)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 22:30 Unnatural Acts (b00jz5yt)**

Series 1

Chips With Everything

Is Kit really married to a dirty ruskie commie pinko lefty agitator agent?

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 and Steve Punt.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1987.

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002tb8j)**

Hannah East 3/3

From 10.00pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Esiyllt Sears chats once more to sports presenter, podcaster and comedian Hannah East.

**FRI 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (m0018x7h)**

Series 4

Jon Plowman Show

Do the bright lights of television beckon for Mel and Vicki?

Written by and starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Jim North

Additional material by Paul Kerensa, Rhodri Crooks, Jim

North, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell

Music by Richie Webb

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.

**FRI 23:30 Hal (b08n22ry)**

Series 2

Exes

Hal's vision of himself as a romantic partner are confounded as Sam reveals she's catching up with a 'blast from the past'. And refugee housemate Mahmoud causes a stir.

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

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